

Morning Rundown: Prophetic Word, Yom Kippur and Atonement: 'A Divine Urgency'

"Tonight, as I sought the Lord in prayer, I was granted a vision that stirred my spirit profoundly. I saw a branding iron, its metal glowing with an intense, holy light, engraved with the scripture from Isaiah 48:10: 'Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.' This vision speaks to a transformative season we have just emerged from – a season of divine testing and preparation," Shamp wrote on Facebook.

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Jamie Buckingham: Facing Fear, Finding Purpose

In March 1975 I received an impassioned plea from an ad hoc committee of missionaries in South Vietnam. The letter was written and signed by a Christian and Missional Alliance missionary representing a large number of missionaries from many denominations.

It said, in essence,

The communists have started their final push, and it is no obvious we are going to have to leave. The sad part is, all we've worked for and accomplished so far will be destroyed when we pull out. The communists will burn the Bibles we leave behind; they will turn the church building into communist meeting halls; they will take over our hospitals; they will disband the churches and kill the pastors. There is nothing we can leave behind which will have a lasting effect.

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The Old Wooden Cross Still Stands Amid Helene's Devastation

The damages from Hurricane Helene have left many families and communities broken. Many people are still searching for loved ones and have no place to call home. But there are stories of hope and heroism emerging that not only reflect the resiliency of the survivors but reveal God's faithfulness and that He is "here for His people."

One encouraging story is about a well-known landmark in Greenville, South Carolina.

The Category 4 storm severely damaged the beloved Pretty Place Chapel.

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