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He's *STILL Got The Whole World In His Hands

In Un Certain Times

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Big Idea: Uncertainty is nothing new. Times are uncertain, but God is not. He's still got the whole world in his hands.

Intro: A 400 years drought from God.

1. The uncertain times of the Disciples

1. Mark 14 - 17 & 18 When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me [hand me over] . . .

19They were saddened [disappointed], and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?"

20It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with 21 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him.

But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.

The Bible was written in environments of extreme uncertainty.

The Bible is filled with stories of people facing uncertainty and discovering that not only is God not absent, he is often diligently at work accomplishing his will in this world and in the lives of those he loves.

The fact is that We are challenged to trust him when it's hard to find him/understand him/manage him.

2. The Event that changed Everything.

22While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." 23Then he took the cup, and when 24 me. he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "This is my blood of the He foreshadows the event that will be celebrated for 2,000 years-buildings built because of it, wars fought, a worldwide movement begun. God is about to make his move on behalf of the world, but everything seems to be moving backwards and getting worse. As they are leaving, the news gets worse . . . 27"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: " 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' 28But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Closing - Reverend Otis Moss was born in 1935 in rural Georgia. He was raised in LaGrange and orphaned at 16. He saw and experienced the worst of what America had to offer. He came to faith early and became a pastor at 19. He befriended Martin Luther King Jr. and joined him in his fight against racism. He marched with King in Selma, Alabama, and Washington, D.C. and even in the most recent of times when Racism revealed its ugly face in our nation yet again.

Romans 8:28.and we know . . . that in all things God works for the good of those who love him . . . and who have been called according to his purpose.

Rev Moss then said - He said: "That's right . . . but sometimes it takes him awhile."