

# Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Ride out and round up the lost cowboys and cowgirls  
Everywhere so they can know our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

### November 8, 2015 ~ Earning Your Keep

Stumble – the Greek word means to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust.

***Mark 9:42-48*** <sup>42</sup>*“If anyone causes one of these little ones (a new baby Christian) those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.*

<sup>43</sup>*If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.*

<sup>44-45</sup> *And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.*

<sup>46-47</sup> *And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell.*

<sup>48</sup> *where the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.*

Jesus said these harsh things because he sees life very differently than we do. We see it from birth to death, but Jesus sees it from the perspective of eternity, our lives are a speck in terms of eternity.

Moses is going to tell us his perspective on how to view time, context is everything. Moses viewed time in the context of eternity.

### ***Psalm 90: 1-12***

<sup>1</sup> ***Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.***

<sup>2</sup> ***Before the mountains were born, or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

(Moses is saying the only way to understand the purpose of your life is to see it from everlasting to everlasting with God in the middle)

<sup>3</sup> ***You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”***

***4 For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night***

***5 You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning –***

***6 though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered***

***7 We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation***

***8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.***

***9 All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish your years with a moan.***

***10 The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow for they quickly pass and we fly away.***

***11 Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you*** (If we could see God as he is, we would give him the honor he is due – or if we could see God as he is we would view this life in context of eternity.

Here's what he says in a prayer ...

***12 Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom***

Question: If you knew that hell was a reality, wouldn't you say something?  
That's what Jesus did all the time!

***John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.***

#### **What we need to know**

- 1. God Loved**
- 2. God Gave**

#### **What we need to do**

- 1. We believe**
- 2. We Receive**