Welcome to Heart-to-Heart!
Trusting God’s Blueprint
for My Heart and for My Home
PENN STATE PROUD
Woe to the obstinate children, declares the LORD, to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin, who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh’s protection, to Egypt’s shade for refuge. But Pharaoh’s protection will be to your shame, Egypt’s shade will bring you disgrace. Though they have officials in Zoan and their envoys have arrived in Hanes, everyone will be put to shame because of a people useless to them, who bring neither help nor advantage, but only shame and disgrace.

Isaiah 30:1 (NIV)
• The enemy, Satan has a plan
• The world has a plan
• Your Flesh has a plan
• God has plan
Woe: trouble, misfortune, woe, evil, sorrow
Egypt: the world

D – work!
I – fun!
S – peace!
C – rules!

Pharaoh: the voice you give authority to
God give us a warning through Isaiah
He warns us that we should not …

… carry out plans that are not His
… form an alliance, but not of His Spirit
… go down to Egypt without consulting Him
… look to Pharaoh for help or to Egypt for refuge
Alliance:
a union between people, groups, countries
a union in which people agree to work together
the state of being joined in some activity or effort

Alliance (Hebrew): a covering, a web or a veil
...The king’s power reaches from the city of Zoan and as far south as Hanes. But Egypt can not protect you, and to trust that nation is useless and foolish.

Isaiah 30:4,5 (CEV)
Why do we go down to Egypt?

1. We go down to Egypt because our heart is afraid. Verse 2

“God is more interested in changing your thinking than in changing your circumstances. He wants you to have the same attitude as and the very mind of Jesus Christ (see Philippians 2:5-8). To pull that off is a miracle larger than splitting oceans or tossing mountains into them. It is akin to raising the dead. Yet this is the daily occupation of the Spirit – leading us into all truth, reminding us the things of Christ taught, taking the things of Christ and making them known to us again. And this is the one area above all where we are urged to keep in step with the Spirit – to move in the direction he’s moving so that, seeing differently, we are free to live differently (see Galatians 5:22-25)” - Mark Buchanan, The Rest of God
2. We go down to Egypt because our pace of life is haste. verse 15-16

We don’t consult God because our harried pace does three things:

• Makes us undisciplined in going to Him habitually.
• Keeps us distracted from going to Him regularly.
• Forces us to remain distant from Him chronically.
Chronos is the time of clock and calendars
Chronos is the preceding deity of the driven.

Karios is a gift; opportunity, as season
Karios is time pregnant with PURPOSE
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)

There is a time for everything,
   and a season for every activity under the heavens:
   a time to be born and a time to die,
   a time to plant and a time to uproot,
   a time to kill and a time to heal,
   a time to tear down and a time to build,
   a time to weep and a time to laugh,
   a time to mourn and a time to dance,
   a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
   a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
   a time to search and a time to give up,
   a time to keep and a time to throw away,
   a time to tear and a time to mend,
   a time to be silent and a time to speak,
   a time to love and a time to hate,
   a time for war and a time for peace.
“What time is it?”
“What is this time for?”
3. We go down to Egypt because of our impatience in waiting on God. verse 18

“Don’t just do something, stand there.”
4. Ultimately, we go down to Egypt because of our old patterns of thinking. verse 20,21
Isaiah 30:19-29

- Freedom from strongholds and idols
- Plenty of what is needed
- Healing for the soul
- A song in the night and gladness of heart
- Ability to hear God’s voice
“We follow a Savior who calls himself the Word and yet we are such bad listeners.” – Pastor Dan Nold
He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)
“Chronos betrays us, always. It devours the beauty it creates. But sometimes *chronos* betrays itself: it sets in us a longing for Something Else – Something that that the beauty of things in time evokes but cannot satisfy. Either we end up as the man in Ecclesiastes did: driven, driven, driven, racing hard against *chronos*, desperate to seize beauty but always grasping smoke, ashes, thorns. Seeking purpose and finding none, only emptiness. Or we learn to follow the scent of eternity in our hearts. We begin to orient toward *Kairos* and start to sanctify some of our time. This is a gift of God – to experience the sacred against the common place.”

- Mark Buchanan, *The Rest of God*
(will be a song video unless Becky Eveleth is able to come and sing live)