

## **December 9, 2007 - "Don't Quit Too Soon" - Rev. Sandi Rice**

"Is your life green and blossoming? If it's "deadwood", it will go into the fire."

- \* God's agenda isn't always my agenda
- \* "God,...open the eyes of our hearts...keep trusting and keep believing..."
- \* It doesn't always have to end up with us falling short
- \* Man's Search for Meaning - Viktor Frankl
  - book about concentration camps under Nazi regimes, author wrote first-hand account
  - many suicides, due to the fact that they were waiting for allied forces to rescue them, and when they did not arrive when expected, believed that they would not arrive at all. The allied forces did arrive to liberate them. Those who died, according to Frankl, did so because they lost hope.
- \* Frankl quotes Friedrich Nietzsche, "That which does not kill me makes me stronger."
- \* What got him through is the philosophy that while they can torture his body they cannot take his mind or soul.
- \* Have faith - God is vesting in our future - God has taken care of me in the past - so He will take care of me in the future. Try trusting over distrust.
- \* Let us hope for you before you can hope for yourself.
- \* ABOUND in hope
- \* Hold on
- \* For you, the universe was created