

MONDAY 06.08.26 - John 14:27

I do not need to ask if you are experiencing worry, stress and fear today. A more appropriate question would be what you are worried about, stressed over, and fearful of today. I believe that two words more than any other result in producing anxiety in our Christian lives. Those two words are "what if". What if I lose my job? What if I cannot make my house payment? What if that spot is cancer? What if my son continues down the road he is on? What if...? You fill in the blank. God has promised to take care of whatever situation you are facing today. He has also promised to take care of whatever situation you may face tomorrow. He has not promised to take care of tomorrow's situation today. We need to learn to live in the present and let God take care of future. Only then will we be able to truly experience God's peace.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 06.09.26 - Hebrews 13:6

One might consider that being content with current conditions is an easy thing. For some it may, indeed, be easier than for others. But the desire to possess, to accumulate, to achieve and then compare with others, is as innate as it is sinful. And sinful it is. The scripture admonishes us to 'do not covet' in the 10 Commandments. Coveting comes to us naturally; we do not need to learn it nor to practice it. We just have it inside us. Trouble is, it is not a godly trait and must be curtailed and restricted.

The Spirit of God in us aids and spurs believers to behave differently from the world. Entertain strangers, visit those in prison, keep marriages pure and be content with whatever we have. In short, let brotherly love, agape love, blossom and grow. Of course, this occurs only as God grants by grace.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 06.10.26 - Psalm 73

We sure like things to be fair, don't we? As kids, everything needs to be equal. As adults, we realize life doesn't work that way. Yet, like the psalmist in Psalm 73, we drift to discouragement when life seems unfair. Others seem to have it all, while we quietly endure the ordinary struggles of life. Before long, jealousy and envy creep in. We start judging what others have and wondering why they seem so blessed while we feel overlooked. Deep down, we protest, "That's not fair."

Success is temporary. God is eternal. Envy melts away as we remember our treasure is not what we possess, but who we belong to. God has not promised us a perfectly balanced life. He has promised His presence, grace, and an eternal inheritance in Christ. If God gave us only what was "fair," none of us would stand. Instead, He gives mercy. Praise Him for that!

SPACE FOR REFLECTIO

THURSDAY 06.11.26 - Deuteronomy 31:6

He will never leave you nor forsake you

Moses could have closed his life under a dark cloud of discouragement. Instead, he gave encouragement to his people as they faced the challenge of a new land under a new leader. Moses encouraged the people not to be afraid of the enemy because the Lord would go before them and give them victory (Deut. 31:1-6). He gave a similar word of encouragement to Joshua (vv 7-8). It would not be easy for him to take the place of

a great man like Moses, but he still had the God of Moses as his help. God changes His workers, but His work goes on. No matter who our spiritual leaders are, we must love the Lord and live according to His Word. That is the secret of blessing and success. It is also the secret of being and encouragement to others.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 06.12.26 - Psalm 37:1-6

Verses like these that encourage me to Trust in the Lord even when life seems unfair or nothing is going my way seem uncomfortable and stretch my faith. I have difficulty:

- envisioning a time when the wicked will ultimately face judgment, while the righteous will be rewarded.
- surrendering MY plans to God which ensures HIS guidance and support.
- resting in the Lord with patience and peace, even in the face of adversity.

Isn't it ironic that I can Trust the Lord for my salvation and I will one day spend ETERNITY with Him in heaven, yet when asked to yield and trust EACH DAY I stumble?

Trusting in the Lord and doing good means having faith in His plans and His timing, It involves surrendering our worries and fears to Him, knowing that He is in control and has a perfect plan for us. It is there that we find joy!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Beginning June 7th - 9am in Room 2

Ecclesiastes: "Finding Meaning When Life Feel Meaningless"

By Lydia Brownback.

This 10-week study helps women understand the themes of sin, vanity, enjoyment, and death, ultimately encouraging believers to follow the will of God for their lives, no matter their current circumstances.

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

Kids CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level

Youth E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults **SUMMER QUARTER** - Sunday Mornings

LOCATION: B8-10 - June 7th - August 30th

EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Joshua; Judges; Ruth

By studying these books, we see that God is still at work, raising leaders from the most unlikely places. We are challenged to reserve our loyalty for our ultimate Leader. Teachers: Joel Day & Lane Kemler

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

Youth **ON SUMMER BREAK**

Adults LOCATION: Worship Center

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Began June 3rd at 6:30pm - Room B8-10 - with Barry Wills

"The Power of God's Names" by Tony Evans (6 Sessions)

Get to know the names of God because it is in knowing His character and His capacity that you will rest and discover both peace and power in His covenant care.


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USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

PSALM 46

I. God is our _____ when creation collapses.

II. God is our _____ when nations rage.

III. God is our _____ because He reigns.

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



June 8 – June 12

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Sunday, June 7th, the message will be from Psalm 46, "Help in Troubling Times". Sunday, June 14th, we will hear a message from Psalm 73, "Trusting God's Provision".

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power
Ephesians 6:10