

Don't Fear the Future Sunday 03-20-2022 Handout

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1 (NKJV)

People have many fears: lack of provision, physical harm, and end of life

I Life under the Balcony (Hebrews 12:1)

- In the world you will have tribulation, ...but
- Count it all Joy
- A lion seeking to devour
- The terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day
- You will be persecuted and hated
- Take up your cross and follow
- **Matthew 24:9-13** (NKJV) "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. {10} "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. {11} "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. {12} "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. {13} "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.
 - The world around us will not be going our way... to them we are the Odd ones
 - Even some other "Christians" (real or fake) will become your enemies
 - Endurance is a must

II Fear or Faith?

- **Psalms 27:13-14** (NKJV) I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. {14} Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!
- **Luke 12:22-31** (NKJV) And He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. {23} "Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. {24} "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? {25} "And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? {26} "If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? {27} "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. {28} "If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? {29} "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. {30} "For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. {31} "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

III They That WAIT

- **Isaiah 40:27-31** (NKJV) Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? {28} Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. There is no searching of His understanding. {29} He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. {30} Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, {31} But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
 - Don't say God has forgotten you or can't see what you are going through
 - The one speaking is: Eternal, Creator, and He does not get tired
 - He gives strength to the weak
 - Waiting and trusting is what will cause us to endure

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VI Jesus is with us

- **Mark 4:35-41** (NKJV) On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." {36} Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. {37} And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. {38} But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" {39} Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. {40} But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" {41} And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

{37} Trouble comes on the way *And a great windstorm arose*

{40} Jesus asks 2 questions *"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"*

Your focus can be on the forces that powerful enough to destroy you OR on the one who rules over them

V More than a conqueror

- **Luke 12:32** (NKJV) "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- **Romans 8:35-39** (NKJV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? {36} As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." {37} Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. {38} For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VI To Those Who Endure to the End

- **Revelation 3:7-13** (NKJV) "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": {8} "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. {9} "Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie; indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. {10} "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. {11} "Behold, I come quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. {12} "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. {13} "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

- The one speaking is: Holy, Truthful, and Powerful
- He sees and knows exactly where we are at
- It may seem like things are taking a long time but you will see Jesus before very long
- Don't let anyone take away what He has promised to you

VII Our Heavenly Father's desire: GOOD for His Children

- **Matthew 11:28-30** (NKJV) "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."