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YOUR FUTURE IS IN GOD'S HANDS by Pastor Ray

Since most of us are worriers, let's see if we can learn how to trust God for our future so that we waste less time worrying about things out of our control.

Remember, Jesus serves as our High Priest, and intermediary who goes before God on our behalf. Now that's what I need all the time! "This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced **all** of the same testing we face, yet He did so without sin" (Hebrews 4:15).

In Jesus' life as a man living on earth, He had many things He could have worried about. He understands exactly why you feel overwhelmed by your circumstances, your responsibilities and your uncertainty about the future. Lay it all out for Him. As in any relationship, your honesty will build intimacy. Then thank God that He is in control of all that worries you, that He lives in the future and will be there when you get there, that nothing confuses Him. Be still and allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of what the Bible teaches us about God's character and capabilities. Reminisce about the specific ways God has taken care of you and others in the past. Develop that intimacy in your "Secret Place with God".

Express your confidence in God's wisdom and love, even when life is a bruised and bloody mess. Acknowledge that God is not your nurse, butler or a genie! He does not live to implement our plans, which produce our own comfort and happiness. Reaffirm

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Special points of interest:

- July 4th Event
- ONE AT A TIME on Wednesday Nights

LADIES DAY OUT

Our July Ladies' Day Out will be **THURSDAY, July 21, 2022 10:00 AM**. We will be heading out early to get peaches at the orchard and eating at **Cattfish Charlies' Restaurant** it's always fun, eating and visiting together as we travel on our trips. You never know what side roads we will go down, Please come and join us.

We're hoping for good weather: no rain and not too hot! Please sign up on signup sheet. Hope you can make it.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 8:00 AM at IHop in Blue

Springs, Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join us. It's a good time to fellowship with other men in our community.

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your commitment to trust Him and to reject worry, and ask for His help in Living up to that commitment. Then accept His peace and focus on what is required of you next.

Living in God's peace does not mean denying reality. Faith and trust in God can give us the courage to face reality with greater boldness than we could muster on our own. As with Job, your worst fears may become reality. "What I always feared has happened to me. What I dreaded has come true" (Job 3:25). But as with Him, God will give you strength and grace to declare in faith, "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the Earth at last" (Job 19:25).

When your future seems threatening, imagine the worst outcome and make peace with it as a possibility-but at the same time, recognize it's probably unlikely (my Physicologist taught me that). Also recognize that your worrying can't prevent it. Then look at it in light of God's truth and promises. Even if the worst does happen, He'll be with you and will grant you a kind of strength you won't know until you need it. **Your future in in God's hands.**

ONE AT A TIME by Kyle Idleman

Nobody grows up dreaming of waking up, going to work, heading home, watching Netflix, scrolling through social media, and then doing it all over again the next day until their last breath. We all want to be used to change the world. We don't want to spend our lives being time-wasters, or space-takers, or binge-watchers, or game-players, or even book-readers. We want to be difference-makers. But it's easy to get caught up in the everyday stuff of life until the years slowly go by, and with each passing year, the question seems to get louder: *Am I making any difference in this world?* We want to make a difference, but there are so many opinions on the way to do that. Maybe there's a different way to make a difference, and we're just missing it. Without a doubt, Jesus is the person who has made the biggest difference in all of history. So, how did Jesus make such a difference in this world? If we study the story of his life as recorded in the Gospels, there are a number of answers we could highlight, but there's one particular phrase that captures how Jesus had such an impact, and this phrase is how he wants to use us to make a difference: *one at a time*. Making a difference isn't measured by a viral post or a name on a building. It isn't determined by a following or a fan base. Making a difference isn't dependent on what's in your bank account or who's in your contacts. Want to make a difference? Focus on the one. That's it. That's the secret of the way of Jesus. *One at a time.*

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM.

YOU DON'T NEED OTHER PEOPLE'S APPROVAL TO BE HAPPY by Chrissy Kirkman

You can be happy in life if you don't let other people control your attitude.

In Philippians 1:15-17, Paul talks about different kinds of people who are affecting his ministry while he is a prisoner in Rome. Some encourage him in his ministry and he considers comrades. Others are criticizing, competing with, or conspiring against his ministry.

"Some of them preach Christ because they are jealous and quarrelsome, but others from genuine good will. These do so from love, because they know that God has given me the work of defending the gospel. The others do not proclaim Christ sincerely, but from a spirit of selfish ambition; they think that they will make more trouble for me while I am in prison" (Philippians 1:15-17 GNT).

Few things rob your happiness faster than being criticized or feeling like others are working against you. Why? Because we all want to be loved. We all want approval. We all want people to like us.

Yet even with the negativity toward his ministry, Paul says in Philippians 1:18, *"It does not matter! I am happy about it—just so Christ is preached in every way possible, whether from wrong or right motives. And I will continue to be happy"* (GNT).

You don't need other people's approval to be happy.

You're as happy as you choose to be! If others are unhappy with you, that's their choice. If you haven't earned someone's approval by now, you're probably not going to get it—and you're going to be miserable if you try to live for the approval of everyone else.

Paul later explains in verses 29 and 30 why you can be happy no matter what: *"For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for Him. We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it"* (NLT).

Paul says it is a privilege to suffer when you're doing the right thing, because that's when you're most like Jesus.

Don't let what other people say or do control your happiness. Your joy comes from the Lord!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!**Wednesday night dinners begin at 6:00 PM.**

The cost is \$5.00 a person for ages 7 years through adult. 6 years and under are \$3.00. The menu for the month is listed on the right.

Please sign-up on the list on the information table each week. If you are running late that night, please call the church so we can set aside the proper number of meals for you.

- **July 6, Beef Stroganoff**, mashed potatoes, corn, cottage cheese, salad & dessert.
- **July 13, Smoked Turkey**, baked potatoes, veggie mix, rolls, salad & dessert
- **July 20, Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, cottage cheese, roll, salad & dessert
- **July 27, Hamburger & Hot dogs**, chips, baked beans, potato salad, deviled eggs & dessert



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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: REJOICE! Philippians 4:4

JULY 4TH FAITH & FREEDOM RIDE & COOK OUT/ HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

We would like to invite you to join us July 4, 2022, for our annual Faith & Freedom Ride. Anyone with a motorcycle or trike, is welcome. We will be leaving promptly at **9:00 AM from the church**. Please sign up on sign up sheet so we won't leave you.

That evening at 7 PM we will be gathering at the Ray & Darrell's shop for hot dogs, chips, home made ice cream and desserts. We will provide hot dogs, buns, chips & water. Please bring *home made ice cream* and *4th of July side dish*. You also may want to bring a lawn chair . Please sign up on sign up sheet. So we will know how many hot dogs to grill.

What Does 4th of July Mean?

The 4th of July is, in the simplest sense, the birthday of our country. It was the day we, after long years of struggle and months of debate, the duly elected representatives of the original Thirteen Colonies announced to the world that they had formed a new nation.

