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INSECURE? Philippians 4:6-7 “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the **PEACE OF GOD**, which surpasses all understanding, will **GUARD** your **HEARTS** and your **MINDS** in Christ Jesus.”

The peace of God is only known as we deepen our relationship with Him. That peace is often cultivated in soil of situations that are out of my control. It is when I tell the Lord, “I can’t do it” that He says, “That’s exactly what I wanted to hear.” God wants me to recognize His hand in impossible situations, not my cleverness or tireless work. When I recognize things are out of my control and that He is in control, it is then I can see His hand at work in my life. I can’t, but He can. With the Apostle John, I must truly learn that “He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30

WHENEVER YOU FEEL
UNLOVED, UNIMPORTANT
OR INSECURE, REMEMBER
TO WHOM YOU BELONG.

Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

3rd Monday each month—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA

November 8—Community Bible Fellowship, Kettle Falls, WA

December 27—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA / CANCELED TO DO PARISHINER ILLNESS

CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT GOD WILL OPEN MORE DOORS FOR SERVICE IN THESE CHALLENGING DAYS.

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY, EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

We are available for creative outreach programs, AWANA or Kid’s Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid’s camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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Resting Secure in an Insecure 2021 World

There are countless reasons to feel insecure in an ever-changing world: Covid-19, the current political scene, earthquake frequency and intensity, volcanoes, solar flares that can knock out satellite communications, space junk falling, asteroids hitting earth, air and water pollution, potential terrorist attacks and worldwide financial disaster looming are but a few potential disasters that can cause insecurity.

Fortune tellers, professionals who predict trends and modern-day prophets guess the future at best. This is man’s vain attempts at playing God. **Ecclesiastes 8:7** “Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come?” **Ecclesiastes 7:14** “When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future.” Life is filled with questions and uncertainties that tend to make us insecure.

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THE WORD “LIFE” ITSELF REVEALS THE TRUTH OF MUCH OF OUR HUMAN EXPERIENCE. HALF OF “LIFE”

IS “IF.”

“IF’s” do not provide us with security, certainties. We can respond to life’s uncertainties in many ways. We can stay under the covers and never get out of bed. We can perpetually clutch a security blanket. We can blissfully ignore situations, or we can face life’s challenges head on and trust God for the outcome. I saw a cartoon showing a chick in several stages hatching. The last stage showed the chick mostly out of the shell, looking around and then pulling the shell back over itself. If it were only that simple.

The Psalmist gives us our answer to the insecurities of life. Psalm 46:1-3: “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, **WE WILL NOT FEAR**, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.”

The three basic human emotional needs are acceptance, security and significance. This is part of God’s design. The incredible truth is that our acceptance, our security and our significance are all found in a personal relationship with Christ.

Security is to be free from danger or harm, to be safe, free from care or anxiety. The reality is that anxiety, care, stress and concern over security are constant threats to emotional mental and physical health. Insecurity can never be eliminated. The challenge is how to deal with insecurity and uncertainty. 1 Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety/care on him because he cares for you.”

For any building, a solid foundation is essential to bear the load of the structure, to anchor it against natural forces like earthquakes and to isolate it from ground moisture. A foundation must be secure to protect a structure. A solid belief system is essential to build a meaningful life. God’s **PLAN**, His **PROMISES** and His **PROTECTION** provide the foundation for my **SECURITY**.

1. MY SECURITY RESTS IN KNOWING GOD HAS A PLAN

God has a master plan. He is our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in troubling situations. Only God knows the future.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” My responsibility is to learn to trust Him and to remember this life is temporary. My trust is deepened as I fill my mind with his word (principles of scripture). The “threat” of Heaven looms before each of us.

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Philippians 3:20-21 "But our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

A second thing to remember is how God worked in the past with Israel and how He has worked in my life. God was faithful to Israel despite their repeated stubborn disobedience. **Joshua 1:2; 10-11** "Moses my servant is dead . . . get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to the Israelites. So, Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ". . . 'Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.'"

I must think back to specific instances when God has shown Himself to me in unique ways. He has helped me through past challenges and insecurities. It is a fact, the balance between temporal and eternal priorities is a constant struggle. **Proverbs 16:3** Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

2. MY SECURITY RESTS ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.

God is always true to his nature. He must keep his word. We know there is power in His word and that God is active in directing my life as I seek His will. **Psalm 46:7** The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Joshua 1:5,8** "No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Worry is negative meditation. A worry-filled mind is exactly what the enemy wants. He whispers, "Why be in God's Word when I can worry?"

My responsibility is to trust God to tell the truth and keep his word. That truth is foundational to my security of mind and heart. I must stay in the word and allow Scripture to become the very life's blood of our soul. I must maintain confidence his word. I must allow God's word to not only enter my mind but to penetrate my heart and guide my life. **Psalm 112:1-8** Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Surely, **he will never be shaken**; a righteous man will be remembered forever. **He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is SECURE, he will have no fear . . .** **Romans 8:38-39** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. MY SECURITY RESTS IN RECOGNIZING THE PROTECTIVE HAND OF GOD.

Remember that God is sovereign; He is in control. God has never been surprised or caught off guard. He has never said, "I didn't see that one coming." My (physical, spiritual and eternal) life is in the protective hands of God.

John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **Isaiah 43:13** Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

To make this security a reality, I must do what God's word says, to put into action what I know I should **DO**. Three times Joshua 3: 6,7,9 the Israelites are commanded to "Be strong and courageous." Courage is not the absence of fear or insecurities, but the willingness to do what we know God wants us to do. **James 2:17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

My security is founded on the character of God and truth of his word. I can learn to trust the mind, heart and hands of God and to submit to His **PLAN**, His **POWER**, His **PROTECTION**, no matter what the "IF's" in **LIFE** may bring.

ESM VAN PROJECT UPDATE

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, there were some repairs needed on our ESM van. Our mechanic let me know that every time he sees our van come in, he says, "Oh, no." I was planning on driving it to Kettle Falls to speak at Community Bible Chapel, so few days beforehand, I checked out the van. It barely started. I pulled out of the drive and there was no power. I drove 11 mph to our mechanic at Autocraft.

When the van was checked on the computer it showed nothing wrong, but when inspecting the brakes, there was a major problem. The brakes should have been fine for at least another 20,000 miles. The pads had separated from the metal. There was no reason that should have happened, but it did. I was told that if I had driven it any distance, the brakes probably would have locked up. Who knows what that would have led to? This was once again, God's hand of protection. The brake replacement was more expensive than planned, but that need was met. This repair also seems to have taken care of the inconsistent "clunk." I am waiting until spring to investigate the leak in the air conditioning system.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN TO MEET THIS NEED AND WHO PRAY FOR OUR SAFETY ON THE ROAD.



Thoughts from Diane . . . THE SEARCH



One cousin of mine has made the effort to keep in contact with me. She was my maid of honor at our wedding over 51 years ago. There have been gaps over time, but we've been able to maintain that connection over the years. Many years ago, she became interested in the Haw side of the family and told me some interesting things she had found about our genealogy. She said she always liked my Dad. I believe she used words like kind, nice and friendly in describing him. I honestly loved her dad, my uncle, as well. I got to know him more when our ministry took us to a church in San Francisco. He even visited my church when they were showing a "Left Behind" movie. Another time he bought ice cream and then rode his bike several miles to our house where we consumed the melted remnants and laughed about it.

This isn't about her Dad though. It's what she told me about my Dad that made me angry. I realized she didn't know my Dad and spoke about him from what she knew. I texted a good rant at her and ended up apologizing later. We Haw kids all knew a different person. I saw my Dad in anger break a broom over the back of my oldest brother. When my dad sent my brother out to cut grass with a scythe, my brother's thumb barely remained attached to his hand. He taped it up. When I became unable to walk from Rheumatic fever my dad had no mercy on me. My mother didn't stand for it and told him she was taking me to the hospital with or without him. I almost died.

I know of beatings on another brother. I'm not aware of how he treated my other brothers, not even my youngest brother. He was only eleven when I left. My Father's sinfulness had been forgiven by me many years before and those few words from my cousin brought back bad memories along with anger. I proceeded to condemn my Dad all over again, even though he had been forgiven not only by me but by Jesus also at the end of his life. Forgiveness is a hard concept for many. Some live their entire lives without ever experiencing the peace that comes from forgiving. I know the peace of God. I know of His grace in sending His only Son to a cross to suffer, not only experiencing the physical pain that was inflicted upon His body but the pain of the rejection from God and the rejection of the very mankind He chose to die for on that dark day.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. God forgave me for all my sinfulness, in a way I couldn't understand. I knew what I had done, even by fourteen years. He even forgave me knowing in advance what I would do and He still forgave me. How could I withhold forgiveness from a man knowing what he'd done and even what he did in his future? It began where it began for me. God died for my Dad's sin as well.

You may be searching for the ability to forgive now. I hope you didn't just hear an account of my life. If you withhold forgiveness from another person, remember the sacrifice Jesus made for your life and forgive them now. If you don't yet know Christ and His forgiveness, I hope you will consider what He's done for you.

I Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you . . ."

From here into eternity, Diane



- Diane is currently on a different inhaled antibiotic, Caystan. This is a 28-day regiment on and 28 days off. When in use, this involves 3 dosages daily for that 28-day cycle. This also involves a different delivery system that we have had to learn. There are negative side-effects, but it seems to be helping. Pray with us that this is effective.
- **PRAISE:** Our 2020 ESM budget was met. All accounts are current with funds in savings.
- Continue to pray additional board members and for a "Timothy" to partner with us.
- Pray for open doors to serve even with Covid-19 restrictions.
- Pray that the heart of our nation will turn to God. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS.**