

TRUSTING DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

Matthew 6.25-34 // March 15, 2020

PEOPLE OF FAITH

Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow,
it empties today of its strength.

- C.H. Spurgeon

1 Peter 5.6, 7

Casting Cares: Peter was a fisherman by trade. The word "casting" is commonly used as a fishing term. Fishermen would use a net that was weighted down in order to trap and capture fish. For us, our anxieties spread over us like a net and weigh us down, trapping and capturing us. But when we cast the net of our cares and anxieties upon the Lord, He is not trapped by them, but rather He overcomes them, and breaks that net of worry into pieces.

It is our work to cast care, and it is God's work to take care.

- Thomas Watson

MAKING GOD CENTRAL

Worrying is praying to yourself.
Pray instead to God, and let God do the worrying.

Worry is something we do when we feel like we need to find the solution, or we need to find a way out of something. Or we look to ourselves to somehow fix an issue, or when we realize we are not in control. We look inward for solutions, as if we are praying to ourselves, and that brings fear and anxiety.

Ultimately, it is something we do when we don't believe that God is good and in control. It reveals that something else is our god, our idol: what we worship.

Worry, fear, sadness, and depression
are smoke from the fires rising from the altars of idolatry.

-Augustine

TURN YOUR EYES

Instead of worrying, we ought to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

We need to REALIGN our worship.

- From trusting in the empty promises of health or money.
 - To trusting in the unfailing promises of God to give us all we need.

We need to REFOCUS our eyes onto something greater than temporary comforts.

- From focusing in on physical health and financial security
 - To focusing in on spiritual health and our eternal security

Psalms 119.37, 28 // Philippians 4.4-9 // Isaiah 26.3
Romans 8.31, 32 // Isaiah 50.2 // Jeremiah 10.23

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Matthew 6.25-34. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It would be best to spend some time in prayer with your Group (in whatever way you may be able to be together). But before doing that, read through these sections of Scripture to get ourselves reminded of Gospel promises that we need to align our hearts with and our eyes towards:

Psalm 119.37, 28 // Philipians 4.4-9 // Isaiah 26.3
Romans 8.31, 32 // Isaiah 50.2 // Jeremiah 10.23

Encourage One Another

Spend some time sharing thoughts, fears, and requests for prayer, and encourage each other with these promises and other promises that may come to mind that you can point each other towards.

Write down any particular prayer requests you may have, or use the space below to write down the prayer requests of others so that you can remember them later in the week.

Your Life Mission

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for all the churches that are making similar changes as us, pray for our own church unity, pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with others as they face fear amid uncertainty, and pray that God would be glorified in many ways through all of this. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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