



Rescued from fear #4
Overcoming our fear of the future
Genesis 12:1-9

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'
Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

I. WE DON'T NEED TO FEAR THE FUTURE:

1. Because God is _____ over me.

'The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.'
Genesis 12:1-4 NIV

'With whom there is never the slightest variation or shadow of inconsistency.'
James 1:17 Ph

2. Because God is _____ with me.

'Go to the land I will show you.' Genesis 12:1 NIV

'So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.' Genesis 12:4 NIV

'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light.' Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

II. HOW TO TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FUTURE:

1. Start listening for God to _____ to you.

'Be still and know that I am God.' Psalm 46:10 NIV

2. Put God _____ in the present.

'So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.' Matthew 6:31-33 NIV

3. Learn to live life with God _____ at a time.

'Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.' James 4:14 NIV

'So don't be anxious about tomorrow -- God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.' Matthew 6:34 LB

'My future is in your hands.' Psalm 31:15 NLT

4. Celebrate each _____ with God.

'This day belongs to the Lord! Let's celebrate and be glad today.' Psalm 118:24 CEV

'Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day.' Lamentations 3:23 NLT

'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.' Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Each week we will produce the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions, as we would do normally. But as these aren't normal times, we encourage you to use the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions in a different way. Here are some suggestions:

- Immediately after the online experience has ended, grab a cuppa and then sit and discuss the questions with your husband/wife/family. If you are on your own, arrange to ring another person and chat through the questions over the phone or Skype etc.
- If you are able, meet virtually as a small group through the various free online conference resources such as Microsoft teams, Skype, Zoom etc.
- Personally, take some time through the week to quietly reflect and go through the questions on your own and apply the message to your life.

Discussion Questions:

1. We live in restless culture; we all have busy lives, what are some of the things that keep people awake at night, the restlessness people experience?
2. Read Matthew 11:28-30. How do you feel/react to that verse?
3. Read Genesis 12:1-9. How would you feel if you were Abraham?
4. We don't need to fear the future because God is watching over us. That means your life is safe and secure in God's hands, and if we take this seriously, we have absolutely nothing to fear. Why? See James 1:17.

5. How does God provide for us?
6. What do you find difficult about waiting on God, the what if's of life, and at times the uncertainty of life?
7. We need to learn to trust God with our future. It begins by starting to listen for God to speak to you. What are some of the ways we can do that? See Psalm 46:10.
8. Why shouldn't we presume upon tomorrow?
9. What are some of the practical ways we can live one day at a time with God?
10. We need to learn to celebrate each moment with God. How can we do this?