

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

November 6, 2022

All You Need

Our minds can move in many different directions every moment of the day. This makes it hard to keep our minds fixed on what the Word of God teaches (2 Peter 1:3-4). We say that the Word of God is our anchor, but many people are still fearful, stressed, or feeling insecure about the times we are living in.

As I sit in my home writing this pastor's corner, I know our family is in constant prayer for our nephew, the son of my brother and his wife, who has been struggling with cancer for three years, constantly in and out of the hospital. We have seen him hooked up to numerous machines, weight loss, great reports, and not-so-good reports—test after test. Many people have struggled in the same manner; many among us have lost loved ones, and several struggle every day to release their children to school, not sure if they will make it back home safely.

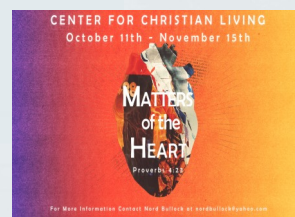
Some believers even struggle as to whether or not the Lord is listening even though they would quickly admit He knows everything and makes intercessions for us every moment of every day (Romans 8:26, 28; Hebrews 8:1-2). David felt the same way when he was experiencing much turmoil, danger, and anxiety, but David made a willful decision to believe God in this manner; "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them....; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing" (Psalm 34:7-9; NIV).

Our overwhelming, persistent, and troubling experiences can create all kinds of fears. Joshua felt the same way when he had to fill some of the big shoes of Moses and take on the big city of Jericho with large giants in the land. The Lord remedies Joshua's fears by instructing him to; "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:7-10; NIV) Trusting the Lord's Word guides us to understand; "My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my strength; He is all I need" (Psalm 73:26; 23).

Satan's greatest victory is when He can rattle our lives so much that he is able to keep our minds away from God's Word and the Lord's church (Ephesians 4:11-16). Allow the Lord to be your Shepherd (Psalm 23).



UPCOMING Events



CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING—TUESDAYS 12 P.M. & 7 P.M. - NOV. 8TH & NOV 15TH
Join us for the next two Tuesdays for Center For Christian Living for Bible Study at noon in person and LIVE on YouTube and Facebook. Tues, Nov. 8th at 7 p.m. CFCL will feature a special segment on Marriage by Terry and Sherrie Randle; and on Tues. Nov. 15th at 7 p.m., - Licensed Therapist and Believer Rashaun Cowan will conduct a special segment on grief. For more info visit www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/center-christian-living or email **Nord Bullock** at nordbullock@yahoo.com



LEGIT FRIENDSGIVING— NOV. 12TH AT 6 P.M.
Young Adults, join us on Nov. 12th for Friendsgiving! Register today to sign up to bring items and so we can have an accurate headcount. To register visit <http://bit.ly/3B3drqG> For more information, contact **Keron Brown** at keron.brown@lwfellowship.org.



THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY NOV. 19TH 9-11 A.M. AT THE REACH NOV. 20TH 12-2 P.M. AT LWFC
The Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway will be Nov. 19th & 20th. Sign up with your Deacon to donate items, sign up to volunteer during the weekend of events or if in need, sign up to receive a basket. For more information visit the thanksgiving giveaway page on our website at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org/thanksgiving



LWCA PRESCHOOL—\$85 PER WEEK BEFORE/AFTER CLUBS—\$35-\$55 PER WEEK
Would you like your children to learn to be a little more like Jesus? Then, join the Living Word Christian Academy for preschool and before and after school programs and clubs including: robotics, chess, tennis, music, culinary arts, academic enrichment and much more! For more information, call (713) 686-5538 or register at www.lwcacademy.org



TECH TRAINING—SAT., NOV. 12TH 9:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
Join us for a FREE basic technology training that will cover the basics of how to use Apple/Android iPads, laptops, mobile phones and Social Media including privacy settings and how to keep yourself safe online and on social media channels. Register on the events page of our website or contact **Shani Smothers** at shani.smothers@lwfellowshipchurch.org



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Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

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Special Music

"Unmoved"

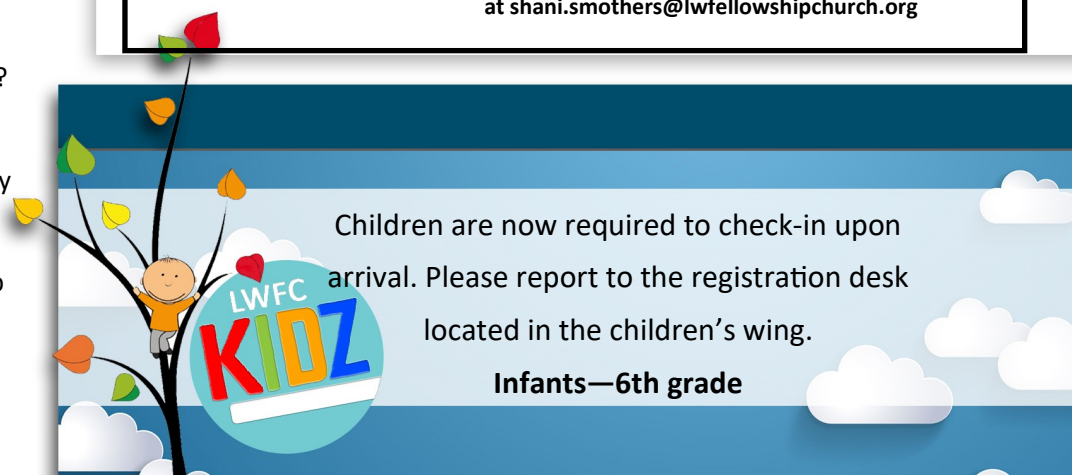
Isaiah 26:3-4

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Call to Discipleship

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Benediction



Unmoved
Isaiah 26:3-4

A. Steadfast (v. 3)

1. The Spirit of God does a lot to help us stay on track (Philippians 2:13):
 - a) He reminds us of God’s Word (John 14:26).
 - b) He helps us understand the Word (1 Corinthians 2:10-15).
 - c) He guides us to obey God’s Word by convicting us when we sin (John 16:7-11).
 - d) The Spirit is a shield against the forces of satan (1 John 4:4).
 - e) The Spirit prays for us when we are in deep pain (Romans 8:26).
 - f) The Spirit remains with us forever (John 14:16-17), so the Lord never leaves us, nor forsakes us.
2. Our minds can be controlled by our emotions affecting our imaginations and the understanding of every issue we face. This can shape our attitudes and our actions.
3. When our feelings and opinions are contrary to God’s Word, we will remain faithful to preserve ourselves and those around us by continuously leaning on the assurance and power of God’s Word empowered by the Holy Spirit.
4. The process of gaining perfect peace grows the Spirit of God in us to become such a dominant force in our lives. God’s presence transforms our feelings so that we know His peace, providing a sense of well-being.
5. To trust is to have complete confidence, not constantly having anxiety because one constantly relies on the power and the hope that the Lord provides (Proverbs 3:25-26).

B. God, An Everlasting Rock (v. 4)

1. When we trust the Lord, it allows the inner working of the Holy Spirit to empower us. This inner strength becomes our confidence so that we do not live with constant anxiety (Psalm 28:7).
2. Knowing that the Lord is powerful over all things strengthens us to endure moments of anxiety, fear, or uncertainty (Psalm 29:25).
3. We can trust God forever because He is sovereign, rules over all, is supreme, and reigns forever. No one, no power, can supersede His authority and might.
4. Isaiah uses the personal name for the Lord that is descriptive of His nearness and passion for redeeming man back to himself.
5. No matter how long the circumstances may persist, our future is not uncertain. Our decisions, because we chose to trust in Him, have His guaranteed results for generations to come because the Lord’s existence is timeless (Psalm 118:5-8).
6. The Lord being representative as a Rock means He is unmovable. He represents a huge boulder, which means His Word stands the test of time (Psalm 18:1-3).
7. Nothing can separate us from His love, and when He stands for us because we willfully decide to remain in His Word, nothing or no one can defeat us (Psalm 27).

LEGIT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

FRIENDSGIVING
NOV. 12TH 6 P.M.

REGISTER AT [HTTP://bit.ly/3B3drqG](http://bit.ly/3B3drqG)
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KERON BROWN AT KERON.BROWN@LWFELLOWSHIPCHURCH.ORG

Decor Team Training
Saturday, Nov. 19th
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Legacy Sanctuary
\$10 Per Person

✓ Cost will cover decor training supplies

Register at <https://bit.ly/LWFCDecorTraining>
For more information, contact
Elizabeth Ellis or Verna Mitchell at
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: The family of Andre Waldrup, the family of Joseph Brown, Paul Gates & family, the family of Clara Bell, the family of Leola Moore, the family of Angelica Joyce Roberts, Terry McCoy & family, Shirley Harris & family, and Nathan and Evelyn Harvey & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptists, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Barbara Gordon, Eric White, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Lakessia Davis, Rutha Patrick, the Tillis family, Betty Goode, Latifah Brown, Tanisha Collins, Eric Prichett, Rufus Hadnot, Pat James, Kevin Carey Lori Lee, Nikisha Doyle, Jessie Austin, Patricia Jackson, Sherri Love, Clara Williams, Deborah Smith, Patricia Jackson, and Elizabeth Clark.

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ISAIAH 26:3-4

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