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**May 31, 2020**

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# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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## PRAISE & WORSHIP

- MY LIFE IS IN YOU, LORD
- HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD
- I WORSHIP YOUR HOLY NAME

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 1:3-10

## MESSAGE

## LIVING IN A WORLD OF STRESS

By Pastor Randy Thomas

### PLEASE NOTE:

Please send prayer requests through mail, email, Facebook, or text.



# LIVING IN A WORLD OF STRESS

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-10 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup>For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup>Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. <sup>7</sup>And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation. <sup>8</sup>For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. <sup>9</sup>Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, <sup>10</sup>who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us... you and your sons live on the rest.*"

## I. LOOK FOR A MINISTRY TO ENJOY

### 2 Corinthians 1:3-6 (NLT2)

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. <sup>5</sup> For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. <sup>6</sup> Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.

### 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (NLT2)

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. <sup>24</sup> Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. <sup>26</sup> I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. <sup>27</sup> I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. <sup>28</sup> Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

## II. LEAN ON SOMEONE FOR SUPPORT

### **2 Corinthians 1:7 (GW)**

We have confidence in you. We know that as you share our sufferings, you also share our comfort.

### **Hebrews 10:25 (NLT2)**

<sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

### **John 15:12 (NLT2)**

<sup>12</sup> This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

### **Galatians 6:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

## III. LISTEN FOR A MESSAGE TO PASS ON

### **2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (NLT2)**

<sup>8</sup> We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. <sup>9</sup> In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.

<sup>10</sup> And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.

### **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT2)**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Teddy Hodgson wrote: "The Lord Jesus illustrated and commended a Christianity that bent its back, soiled its hands and blistered its feet in stooping to help fallen man. Just as positively He denounced and condemned a professional religion that passes by on the other side when man's need is at its greatest. Some are called to be Apostles, but every Christian is called to be an Epistle (A love letter of God, read of men.)"

Notes:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

### NEXT STEPS

     I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

     I just recommitted my life to Jesus today.

     I will help others by finding someone going through struggles I have had.

     I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

### MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Happy Birthday Bob Sadler June 3rd, Myrtle Campbell June 4th, and Johnnie Rivera June 6th!
- With God's grace we have the sermon posted online <https://www.fsfumc.com>
- If you're on Facebook, find our page, [facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc](https://www.facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc), and "Like" and follow us for updates, we're also on Twitter.
- Our website [FSFUMC.com](https://www.fsfumc.com) will also be a source for information
- Office hours are the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine: Any items you donate are greatly appreciated.
- Our Food Bank is running low on the basics, as are most grocery stores, if you have any extra canned or dried goods you'd like to donate, please let us know. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help during regular business hours.

## WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service (Views as of Thursday).....42

**Please leave a comment to let us know you watched with us and what you thought of the service!**

## FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

## WITH OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for continued healing for: The Neylands. Johnnie & Olga Rivera. Kay Magee. Blaine Ward. Denna Sadler. Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom. Sara Borden. Melba Ward. Sylvia Thomas. Eva Gail Abington. Terri Klutts Young, Jim & Beth Ivy's friend, who fought cancer ten years ago, and it has returned. Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece. Graham & Tara Bowman. Kelli Neeb Kemp. Wesley Robbins, David's nephew. Mark Walker, Cheryl Neeb's brother, who is in critical condition.

