

## Occasional Update #2

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### FACING TODAY and trusting for Tomorrow

*This* is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

As we know, change is always with us. Decisions, large and small – personal, family, friends, church, work, community, government, etc. – always need to be made, and these decisions may affect us all, in different ways.

As we also know, Jesus said, “It is the Gentiles who strive for all these things [daily needs], and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” (Read Matthew 6:25-34 slowly, and seek to apply it!)

*Jesus also knew that this is easier said than done!*

**When things are tough for us, remember and pray for those who are far worse off than us!**

As we all know well, the world is in a very troubled time and place. There is fear, confusion, conflict, pandemic, climate change, etc. – actually, not too unlike what it always has been! We need to commit our lives and ways “daily” into God’s hands, for He is Sovereign over all things.

Jesus came into this world physically, to teach and demonstrate to us how we should live in hope and trust, with faith in God’s power, guidance, provision, protection, and love.

“Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.” (Psalm 37:3-5)

**Verses (from four songs) encourage us in Facing Today and Trusting for Tomorrow ...**

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.  
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Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
and things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know He holds the future, life is worth the living just because He lives.*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer.  
Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.

### FOR MEDITATION and PRAYER

- Praise God, we can trust Him for today – and every “today”!
- Praise God that He is our Saviour, Example, Leader, Provider, and Lord.
- Thank God He knows all things, He is with us always, He has all wisdom and power, He is Creator of all things, and *He loves us, and cares for us, with an everlasting love!*
- Thank God for what He has already done for us ... and what He is about to do!
- Pray for people who face dreadful situations, physically, mentally, spiritually: people who face great difficulties with lack of food, shelter, health, poverty, unemployment, ...