



Good Morning ElbridgeCC Followers!

FINDING SECURITY

Ecclesiastes 2:17-18

HATED LIFE

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. Eccl 2:17-18 (NIV)

Solomon didn't find security, joy, happiness, meaning in the things of the world.

TROUBLE, COUNT ON IT

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 (NIV)

GOD ALWAYS COMPLETES HIS PURPOSE

The LORD Almighty has sworn, Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand. Isaiah 14:24-25(NIV)

PURPOSE WILL STAND

I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are far from righteousness.

Isaiah 46:10-12 (NIV)

GOOD AND BAD

Who can speak and have it happen, if the Lord has not decreed it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?

Lam 3:37-38 (NIV)

GOD IS IN THE CALAMITY

When a trumpet sounds in a city, do not the people tremble? When disaster comes to a city, has not the Lord caused it? Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. Amos 3:6-7 (NIV)

Truly you are a God who hides himself, O God and Savior of Israel.

Isaiah 45:15 (NIV)

BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING

You asked, Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge? Surely, I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

Job 42:3 (NIV)

KNOWLEDGE

Job realized that He could not understand to ways and plans of the Lord. He repented of his arrogance. We should be careful when it comes to trying to understand what God is doing in a situation. Maybe it is best for us to not understand. One thing I believe we should do is to open our eyes and learn from the situation.

THINGS GOD WANTS US TO KNOW

Everything Happens according to His will.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.

Eph 1:11 (NIV)

What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. Isaiah 46:11 (NIV)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE BELIEVER

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

FOR GOD'S GLORY

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36 (NIV)

God is in the Coronavirus. What is going on is according to His purpose, for the good of the believer, and to the glory of God. Let's place our trust in Him. What can we learn through this time of trouble?

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

To the unbeliever God is calling you into relationship with Him. God is calling you to seek and find him.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. declares the LORD. Jer 29:13-14 (NIV)

TESTING THE STRENGTH OF OUR FAITH

Then the LORD said to Moses, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.

Ex 16:4 (NIV)

God doesn't test us for His Knowledge, He test us for our own Knowledge.

HUMBLE US

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh. 2 Cor 12:7 (NIV)

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor 12:10 (NIV)

WEIN OUR DESIRE

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
Col 3:2 (NIV)

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Col 3:5 (NIV)

REFOCUS US ON HIM

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor 4:17-18 (NIV)

REVEAL TO US WHAT WE REALLY LOVE

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, Abraham! Here I am, he replied. Then God said, Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about. Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. Gen 22:1-3 (NIV)

ENABLE US TO HELP OTHERS

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)

SUFFERING CAN BRING GROWTH

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

God has given us an opportunity to grow spiritually. It is time to let our light shine.



God Bless you throughout this week!