

Living with confidence in uncertain world

Remember...

1. Who **God** is – look **up!**

“When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?” Psalm 8:3-4

“Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?” Isaiah 40:12

“...for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.” Isaiah 40:15

“Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.” Isaiah 40:26

2. God is in **control** – recognise what he is **doing**

“The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.” Hebrews 1:3

*“He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.” Colossians 1:17
See Acts 17:28, Nehemiah 9:6 & 2 Peter 3:7*

3. God has a **plan** to accomplish his good purpose – **trust him**

“He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. ²⁶ From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.” Acts 17 25-26

“His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.” Acts 17:27

****Macbeth – who killed King Duncan? Macbeth or Shakespeare?**

Example of Joseph in Genesis 37-50

“But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.” Genesis 45:5

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.” Genesis 50:20

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28

4. God gives us the privilege of being **involved** in his plan – get fully **involved** by prayer

“Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God” Acts 16:25

“Yet you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it. ³ And even when you ask, you don’t get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.” James 4:2b-3