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How do we respond to the plan of God?

How should a Christian respond to God's plans? We are continuing to look at that question. After we have done our best to try to understand how God operates, and we have let what we know about God determine our mindset we must take the next step. I just finished watching a very moving interview with a man in Gatlinburg who most likely had lost his house in the fires. During the interview he said "I am a Christian, and there is hope!" His focus is what I want us to think about this week.

Even though the last 48 hours had been devastating to him, he decided to focus on the future knowing that God will take care of His own. We cannot always control what happens to us in the present, but we know who holds the future. Sometimes we can only survive today. I think of Paul's encouragement in **Philippians 3:13** *Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Many times, the past can hold us down if we let it. We must understand that in order to fulfill God's will in our lives, we must forget the past and reach on toward the future. The best way to reach the future God wants for us is to live for Him today. To do this Paul says we must press on toward the goal which is the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. We must focus on Him (Hebrews 12:2) to reach the future God wants for us. Let's all decide to press on toward the goal today trusting God to take care of tomorrow!

John

Future Glory

Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Suffering - no one likes it. As I read this verse I imagine a football team that all summer long lifted weights. After straining their body then they are able to begin practicing in the hot August heat. This is followed by a few games and a lot more practice. It is hot, exhausting and sometimes painful but what is the mindset if the championship is won? To be crowned the champion, the players will say it was all worth it. The Apostle Paul went through much suffering. On one occasion, Paul described himself as having no rest, harassed, having conflicts and facing fears. Later he would describe physical sufferings due to receiving 39 lashes on five occasions, three beatings with rods, a stoning and danger at every turn on his journeys. Paul would actually refer to these as light and momentary troubles that would lead to a glory that far outweighs them all.

As Christians, we may face suffering in various ways. We can be harassed for our beliefs, name calling can take place and outright lies can be told. Christians still face conflicts and fears as well. Our bodies can wear out and cause a tremendous amount of pain. What helps us to make it through these trying times? It is the hope of the glory that is to be revealed. The hope of being with God in the perfect environment of heaven is a constant source of encouragement. Are you persevering and enduring day by day? Once the crown of life has been won, we, like the athlete, will declare that it was all worth it.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 240
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Teri Hill - recovering from surgery
- Myrna Jett
- Clifford Johnson - sick at home
- Ed Johnson - recovering from back surgery at home
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Katherine Nicholson
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - **No Chemo this week!!!**
- Barney Roland - Columbia Health Care, Rm. 102, Dec. 2
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White - home
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers, Marie Skelton, Polly O'Bryant - Life Care, Rm. 240, Pam Burgett - daughter of Bill & Peggy Jones, Eunice Oliver - Life Care, Rm. 210, Jeanne Nicholson - chemo, JoAnn Posey, Alene Cox, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge & John Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage - Life Care, Rm. 114, Clarence Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - NHC Columbia Rm. 106, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 4, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Randy Jones
Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
Prayer.....Daniel Thomas
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Greg Gray
 Tracey Wilkins Cheyenne McNeese
 Lee Winchester John Massey
 Ed Johnson Larry Nicholson
 Brennan McNeese Tommy Skelley
Read: John 1:5-9.....Bobby Daniels
Sermon: Brought Life and Light.....John Thomas
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Donnie G. Davis
Prayer.....David Morgan
Read: Job 29:11-17.....Benny Bolton
Sermon: Righteousness is My Clothing.....Joe Macer
Presiding.....Ryan Massey
Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jody Pritchett

Ushers: J. W. Gilliam, Brennon White, Barrow Brown
Greeters: David & Jan Thomas, Linda Porter, Lisa Kelley
Visual: Chase Thomason, Jimmy Quirk
Security Team: A.M. & P.M. Jason Kelley, Addison Duff

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Jennifer Winchester & Kate Hixson
P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderJacob Pollard
Prayer.....Chris Mobley
Announcements/Speaker.....John Thomas