

HOW DO WE APPROACH OUR FUTURE?

Various Scriptures (NLT)
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Matthew 6:30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

³⁴ “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Lamentations 3:18b Everything I had hoped for from the Lord is lost!” ¹⁹ The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words. ²⁰ I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.

²¹ Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: ²² The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

²⁴ I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him. ²⁶ So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord. ²⁷ And it is good for people to submit at an early age to the yoke of his discipline:

Deuteronomy 31:8 Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Personal comments about preparing for new pastoral leadership.

Change is inevitable and change is good.

Healthy churches adapt to new opportunities of ministries. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment never change.

Accept the new leadership as God-ordained. Understanding and trusting in the process.

Never make a comparison. "He is alright but I miss ..."

Give God the opportunity to do something that will bring Himself great glory.

Encourage your new pastor. Affirm that God is using him to bless your life.