

## VICTORY VOICE OF THE KINGDOM

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## ***Don't Worry, God Has it All Under Control!***



Eric Susberry  
Pastor

I have discovered that far too many believers in Christ spend far too much time consumed with worry. We worry about this, we worry about that, we worry and worry and worry some more.

And the tragic thing is that as a result, many have experienced a lack of peace, joy, hope, good health, rest and all God's orchestrated and divine opportunities to get to

know Him. I'm reminded about Martha's worry for her brother Lazarus who died, "Lord if you had been here my brother would not be dead". Jesus responded to her worry with His words, "Your brother shall rise again".

Many times, we don't see all of what God is doing initially, until the end of what God is doing. Another example of this can be found in the book of Habakkuk 1:1-5.

This Old Testament prophet, though he was God's choice, was a Worry Wart. He was such a worrier that he is described as the "Burden

Prophet".

Habakkuk worried about all the things that were wrong with society, so much so, that God said to him in verse 5... "For I will work a work in your days, which you would not believe, though it were told you".

God was trying to convey to Habakkuk that there was no need to be worried because He was in charge and in control of things. Even though Habakkuk could not see it at the time.

The Gospel of Mark, chapter 4, teaches that

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## ***A Show of Kindness***



Caren Susberry  
Assistant Pastor

Kindness powerfully touches the hearts of people! It leaves an indelible impression on them and can be a mighty tool for witnessing. You may not see the effects instantly but be assured they are there.

A woman, who met me once, reached out to me in an act of kindness that changed my life. Over 44 years ago, I traveled 1000 miles to attend a college in

a town where I knew no one. Initially excited, but later after things seemed to go amiss, I felt alone and not so enthusiastic about the decision I had made to attend the University of Northern Colorado. Frustrated after being assigned to a dorm where there were already three young women who did not want me for a roommate, I sat and pondered whether I had made the right decision.

What I did know was that God had opened up this door and that my first year was paid in full. So I thought the wise thing for me to do was to stick it

out. But then I got a call from this older Christian woman I had met in Chicago through a mutual friend. The woman, Joyce, had gone through great lengths to find me, she drove 100 miles to pick me up and take me to spend the weekend at her home in Estes Park, Colorado.

It became a house I would frequent often over the next four years. This act of kindness met a need and made a lasting imprint on my heart. We became good friends and she became a spiritual mother to me.

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*"Look among the nations and watch—be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you." (Hab 1:5). NKJV*



## Don't Worry...cont.

when the disciples were out on the water, and the water got rough, Jesus rebuked the wind and told the sea to be still.

The good news is this: Jesus is still rebuking winds in our lives and telling the sea to be still. He ever lives to make intercession for us.

Every now and then our lives are tested by fire and we will go through fires, Jesus said so in John 16:33. But know this, the same God that hung the sun and the moon, and

put the twinkle in the stars, can take the heat out of the fire. Psalm 46:1 teaches that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

Translation: Since He is our strength, refuge, and help, we can trust Him and turn our problems over to Him. And not only that, but since He is a "present help", we don't have to wait for Him to come because He is already here!

In closing, there are

times when I worry too. However, when I do, I allow it to be a sign or signal to me to really stand up and fight with my faith in God's promises such as those found in Psalm 119, 91, 37 and Isaiah 41:10.

When I do this, I always experience God's peace, rest and love, knowing that He is still in control.

My prayer and faith is that you too will do and experience the same.

## A Show of Kindness...cont.

II Samuel 2:4-6 "And they told David, saying, 'The men of Jabesh Gilead were the ones who buried Saul. So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, 'You are blessed of the LORD, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him. And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing.'"

Acts of kindness touch

people's hearts deeply. Kindness is a byproduct of love according to I Corinthians 13:4 "Love suffers long and is kind..." It is what our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ extended to us.

We are living in a devastating time with the worldwide spread of COVID-19 and all the challenges this has brought. People are hurting. They can use some kindness especially at this time. What can you do to show kindness?

First, pray and ask the Lord what He would have you do at this time! Some ideas: Send a card to those who would not expect it, call and pray for someone, check on someone just because, meet a need that you know about, show support to others, extend a listening ear to someone hurting or lonely, give a gift, bake a cake, when you go shopping ask if you can pick up something for them, etc. Let God use you to touch the hearts of others with kindness.

*"And now may the Lord show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing." II Samuel 2:6 NKJV*



## Quarantine & Children ~Min. Theresa Bowen

COVID-19 has been a stressful time for everyone. But I think it has to be particularly stressful for parents—especially parents of small children. Parents now find themselves balancing work, becoming schoolteachers, and raising their children all at the same time.

Parents and those of you who find yourselves at home with the children, how *are* you doing during this time of quarantine?

I've been calling this time period the "coronacation". This is a vacation from our daily routine that we did not request. From young children to the

older teens, this can be and is for some a very challenging time. You have probably had to cook or send out for food more.

The home is probably more active and noisier than you are used to.

Then you can become frustrated wondering what

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shall I do about my children? It is very important to be aware of our thoughts about the children during this time. We must see our being home more hours with our children in a positive light. It is important to have some structure and activities planned for them. What an opportune time to engage in family devotions with them; especially if this is not a consistent part of your family life. It doesn't involve a lot.

Begin with singing praise and worship songs with them; especially songs they enjoy singing.

Then either using the Bible or a children's Bible briefly read them a passage. Bring out some important points from the passage. Let the passage lead your discussion with them. Close your session out with prayer and one or two more songs. The time spent with this is according to the attention span of the children. If the child is younger, spend less time with the lesson and more with songs and creative activities such as simple art projects.

If you have teenagers, reading through the book of Proverbs (or another book of the Bible) can be very

rewarding. The most important thing is to make sure it is relevant to your teenager(s). God will give you the anointing to make it both exciting and interesting.

For those of you who do not consistently have devotions with your children, my prayer is that you will begin to be faithful in this area. Here are some Scriptures you can meditate on:  
Prov. 22:6;  
Deut. 6:5-9;  
Deut. 4:9-10;  
Ps. 34:11;  
Ps. 78:2-4;  
Eph. 6:4;  
Mt. 18:5-6.

Victory in Christ Kingdom Church Hopes That All Mother's had a Wonderful Mother's Day!

Please keep an eye out for Our Sister's Keepers' Prayer Conference Calls!\*



## Upcoming Events

### Young Adult Elevate Bible Study



**Every Thursday at  
7pm on Zoom\*!**

### Children's Ministry Bible Study



**Every Monday at  
7pm on Zoom!**

### Come Join Us in Celebrating Father's Day



**June 21, 2020  
at 10 am!**

Dear Mother Eunice, while I've been able to watch the pastors via the internet, I'm still missing that sense of community that I receive from actually attending church. Do you have any suggestions as to how I can be the church within my home?

*The church is in an interesting season. The one thing that we would have thought would always be around—the ability to gather together—is gone. But God has a history of doing amazing things through cataclysmic change. I am reminded of the early church in the book of Acts. They met regularly and were on fire for the things of God...and then persecution started, scattering everyone everywhere. It wasn't what they wanted, it wasn't what they expected, but God used their movement to spread the Gospel all over the world. I challenge you to not look for the familiar but to take this time as an opportunity for you to spread the Gospel through different means.*

*Here are two suggestions as to how you can do just that: 1) Start your own Bible study group. Find two or three people within the church or outside of it and set a time to study the word of God together. A lot of people are hurting and/or worried, and you might find that your request to start a Bible Study is met with less resistance than you would have received prior to Covid-19; and 2) Reach out to your neighbors. Start a conversation, go with them for a walk, take that time to talk about Jesus. You have access to some people now in a way you never would have before. Don't waste it. Be the Church!*

\*Please contact the church for more information regarding all electronic meetings; answering service is 24/7.

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### SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday Service\*

at: 10:00 am

#### Sunday School

at: 8:45 am

#### Midweek Service

Wednesday at 7pm

\*The Nursery is open during  
Sunday & Midweek Services.

## Want to Know More About Our Church?



**Praise God we paid off our  
church last year and now we can  
do some much needed repairs to  
our church building!  
Don't forget to finish your  
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**Coming in 2020:  
Bookstore**

### Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

Every Sunday 8am

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
10am-12pm

Every Tuesday  
6:00-7:00pm

Fast Day Every Tuesday  
Fast until Noon

Every other Wed at  
6:15pm

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. at 10pm-  
6am

Every Saturday 7-8:30am

### Sunday Bible School has classes for everyone!

- Adult Class
- Teen Class for Boys
- Teen Class for Girls
- Classes for children of all ages!

**It's not to be missed!**



***Victory in Christ Kingdom a place  
where you can walk in total success in  
all areas of your life!***