

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK 6 NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM DR. ROBERTS

When God allows a crisis in the life of a believer, He doesn't want to waste it. He wants to use it for our good and His glory. The NASV translations of Romans 8:28 is, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." The current pandemic didn't surprise God. He not only knew about it, but He wants to see good things come from it. Many miss God's blessings in times of trial because they spend their time asking "Why?" Most of the time, there is no answer this side of heaven.

It is profitable to ask, "Lord, what do You want to teach me in this mess?" It would be awful to go through difficult times and not learn and grow. Some are so focused on their pain and suffering that they never even think about what God would teach them. In one sense, such a crisis is a waste, because nothing good comes from it. The promise in the verse above is that "God causes all things to work together for good." When a follower of Jesus encounters troubles, he turns to the Lord for help, strength, and guidance, and asks, "What can I learn in this? What do You want me to do?"

So, what are you learning in this coronavirus? What is God teaching you? How are you growing in the Lord? Don't spend your time complaining and asking "why?". Seek Him, and He will "cause all of (these) things to work together for (your) good" and His glory.

Happy Birthday!



MAY 3

WILBUR ROBERTSON

MAY 5

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MAY 7

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Contact the church office to let us know how many you would like, who they will be dedicated to, and if you'll be picking them up or donating them to the nursing homes.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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5 Steps for Trusting in God's Plan During Difficult Times

Accept where you are.

One of the most challenging things when facing difficulty is accepting where you are. You may not be in the ideal situation. You may not like the cards that you have been dealt or understand why they have been dealt to you. You may not deserve it. It may not be your fault but this is where you are. This is what you are facing. Accept it so you can start moving through it. Once you can come to grips with your current situation, then you're able to surrender it to God and begin to move forward.



Surrender it to God.

While you are in the middle of a struggle it is often not possible to even comprehend why it is happening to you, let alone how you will survive the challenge physically, mentally, and emotionally. Common advice during this time is to just "Let go and let God." It is such an easy thing to say and yet is it really so simple? Our faith in God is not a magic pill. It does not make all of our struggles, all of our difficulties, disappear. It is through our faith that we come to understand that there is a bigger plan which can only be seen from a much higher perspective. We may be feeling the flames from the fire and wanting to jump out but we are unable to see that if we jump at this moment we will only be moving into a situation that is even worse. Once you have accepted your current situation, surrender it to God. Knot that there is a greater purpose, a greater plan.

Pray from a place of power.

Pray from a place of power as if your prayers have already been answered. Give thanks in each prayer deeply and from the heart, overflowing with the gratitude for the blessings that have been bestowed on you in the past, in the present, and that you know will be in the future. Pray from a place of power knowing that all things are part of a greater plan which has your best and highest interests at heart.



Be open to receive guidance.

Pay attention and be aware. Notice any intuitive nudges or any repetitive messages that you may encounter during your day. This is the Holy Spirit speaking to you. Notice it. Be open to it. Do not discount something just because it is not what you expect. Sometimes the greatest blessings, the most amazing gifts, come in the most unusual packages.

Take guided action.

You must not only be open to receiving guidance but then you must take action. Take guided action daily, even a small step each day toward your goal is a demonstration of your faith. Respond to the intuitive guidance that you receive through your actions and your behaviors.