

# Sermon Outline: Face Your Future With Confidence January 12, 2025

All of us from time to time think about our future.

The future often is a big unknown to us – and for some, this can be a "fearful" thing.

Fear has detrimental effects on our being. Consider two aspects:

### FEAR BRINGS BONDAGE

### Hebrews 2:14-15

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Fear holds people as captives, as slaves.

The Lord Jesus releases us from fear.

# FEAR CAN BE TROUBLING AND CRIPPLING

In addition to bringing bondage, and holding us captives, fear can also be troubling and crippling. Anxiety, sleepless nights, and a lot of other problems can arise because of fear of an uncertain future.

Today we are specifically addressing facing our future with confidence, without any fear or anxiety.

# YOU CAN FACE YOUR FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE.

How can we have confidence, courage, good cheer, optimism, a positive outlook, a healthy anticipation about our future.

We base our confidence on God's Word and what He has spoken to us about our future.

# **#1, BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE THE LORD IS WITH YOU.**



This is what God told Joshua, when he had to take on a huge assignment, which could have been quite overwhelming:

### Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

### Proverbs 14:26

In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

Walking in reverence toward God, in a relationship with God is a place of strong confidence. It is a place of refuge and safety, a safe place.

Declare: I am confident, because the Lord is with me.

### **#2, BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS GOOD THINGS PLANNED FOR YOU.**

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

God has things planned for each of us.

As the Psalmist said in Psalm 139:16-17: "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"

To His people who were in captivity and in exile in Babylon, God spoke reassuringly through the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the thoughts that I think* 



toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a *hope"*. We can be sure God speaks similarly to us, even when we find ourselves in unpleasant circumstances now.

Declare: I am confident, because the Lord has good things planned for me.

### **#3, BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE THE LORD ORDERS YOUR STEPS.**

### Proverbs 37:23-24,37

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

37 Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace.

God is involved in ordering our steps, as we walk with Him. God delights in the path we are taking and is intimately involved in our journey.

Even if we make mistakes and fall, we have this assurance that God will hold us up.

We are confident that our future is filled with peace (shalom).

# Psalm 25:15

# My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

There may be times we fall into a "net", a trap, a difficult situation. We have the assurance that God will bring us out!

### Psalm 31:15 My times are in Your hand;...

The times and seasons of our lives are in God's hands.

Declare: I am confident, because the Lord orders my steps.

#4, BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE THE LORD IS WORKING AND ORCHESTRATING THINGS FOR YOU.



# 2 Chronicles 16:9

# For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. ...

God is showing Himself strong, exerting His power on our behalf.

We are confident as the apostle Paul stated in Romans 8:28 that "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose".

As in Philippians 1:6 we are "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"

### Psalm 138:8 The LORD will perfect that which concerns me;...

Declare: I am confident, because the Lord is working and orchestrating things for me.

### <u>SUMMARY</u>

- #1, BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE THE LORD IS WITH YOU.
- #2, BE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS GOOD THINGS PLANNED FOR YOU.
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**GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL** 

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME Minister as the Spirit leads





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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### Preparation

*Life Group Leader:* To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our sermons page. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

### Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

### LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: Joshua 1:9; Proverbs 14:26; Proverbs 37:23-24,37

### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*#1, Why do we sometimes become fearful, worried or anxious about the future (our own future)?* 

#2, How does fear, worry and anxiety about the future affect us in our day-to-day lives?



#3, Review and discuss these four simple statements made based on Scripture, that empowers us to be confident about our future:

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Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

### FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

### ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.* 

Close by thanking God together.





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### SERMON OUTLINE

As believers we sometimes could become fearful, worried or anxious about the future (our own future). Fear, worry and anxiety about the future can have a debilitating affect in our day-to-day lives. Fear about the future, holds us captives, cripples us and can trouble us in many ways. We consider God's Word and His assurance for our future. We are encouraged as we discover that we can face our future with confidence.

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### KEYWORDS

Face your future boldly, confident about your future, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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