

SERMON NOTES

WE CAN'T STAY HERE
Week 1

PRAY FIRST

Sunday, August 2, 2020

(Isaiah 61:1-4 NKJV)

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(2 Corinthians 6:10 NIV)

...sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The First Choice

(Philippians 4:4-5 NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

(Philippians 4:6 MSG)

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

1. Prayer replaces _____.

(Matthew 6:27 NIV)

Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

(Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)

...by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2. Prayer relinquishes _____.

(1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

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3. Prayer regulates _____.

(Colossians 3:2 NLT)

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

(Philippians 4:12 NIV)

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

4. Prayer reveals _____.

(Psalm 23:1 NLT)

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

(Philippians 4:13 NIV)

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

(Philippians 4:19 NIV)

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

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