

SERMON: "How to Face The
Future" "With Faith"

Sermon Text: HEBREWS 3:15-4:6

Supporting Scriptures:

Psalms 129 Psalms 16:1

Psalms 27:1 Romans 8:28

2 Tim. 1:7

{Hymn #262}

Prov. 3:5 & 6

{Newer Home}

Rom. 12:1 & 2

1 John 5:14 & 15

Invitation: Just As I Am

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Watts (3:10:00) 1/7/94 w/m. Czech.

Let me ask you how are
you looking at the
future?

With hope of faith or
fear of trembling?

You know my friends
are entirely up to the
eyes in the sand

I am not a
believer

And - to be honest
I am not a
believer

Read Hebrews 11:6 Devt

As You Know, This is the First
Sunday of 1996 - God has let
us see the Beginning of Another
Year -

And perhaps the one thing
on the mind of most people
today is, "What does the future
hold for me" //

Well my friends we have no
idea about that, but for those
who believe the word of God,
"We know who holds our future"
Amen

Who is the One you read about in
Psalm 139 / The One David spoke
of As ① Searcher of hearts -

② The One who knows where
we are and what we are
doing at all times -

③ The One who knows our very
thoughts / The One who reads
our minds -

Let me tell you my parents,
"I'm so glad that this one
is holding our future" Aren't
you — And I'm so thankful
that I put my future in his
hands 59 years ago —

^{Now} As we consider the future, I
Remind you that in the end,
there are only 2 ways to face
the future — With faith or
with fear. // Let me ask, How
are you facing it //

If a person is looking at the
future with faith, chances are
they are looking at the present
with faith also —

And chances are, that if a
person is looking at the
future with fear, and with
uncertainty, they are doing
the same in regard to the
present — // One will be happy,
the other sad — //

2/ The Happy
~~The~~ Person Will Agree With
PSALM 16 Verse 1 "Preserve Me
O God, for I have put my
whole self in your hands"

The Person who is living by faith
will agree & rejoice with the
Psalmist who said: "The Lord
is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear, The
Lord is the strength of my
life, of whom shall I be
afraid?" Psalm 27:1

Let me Ask, Can you say it in
all Sincerity? // Does the life
you live Bear witness of it? //

As you look to the future,
Can you agree with the Apostle
Paul who wrote in Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things
work together for Good to
those who love the Lord, to
them who are called according
to His purpose"

Am I talking to someone who
Agrees with that today / If so,
Let me see your up lifted
hand. // Amen

Just last Sunday I talked to a
man (who is in this service) who
said, "Chaplain, I don't claim
to understand it all, but
I'm trusting God to do all
the promised" // And feel good
about it //

Listen // That's Looking at the
Future with Faith = // That's
Looking to the Future with
Confidence = // That's Walking
By Faith, Not By Sight //

Today
That man has a smile on his
face / And Faith is real / And
his word put it there //

And that same smile ought
to be on the face of
every saved person in this
place. //

3/ let me tell you I have
seen faith in God determines
the way a saved person looks
at the future. **And lack
of faith determines the
way a doubter or lost
person looks to the future.**
One will be happy - the other sad.
If a person has fear about
tomorrow, you can be sure
they have fear about today.

**Listen my friends, the word of
God says this: "God has
not given us the spirit
of fear - (the devil does
that, and we have to let him)**
"God has given us the spirit
of power (or victory) the spirit of
love, and of a sound mind"
(2 Tim. 1:7)

How are you facing the future?
**Who are you facing
it with?**

If you say "God" / you are
going to have a Great Year,
No matter what the ~~circumstances~~
Circumstances — God will
Not let you down if you
trust Him completely —

If you say "God" And mean
it, you can sing "Faith is the
Victory" Every day of your life —

If you say, "I'm facing the
Future, trusting God all the
way" you can sing "Never
Alone" And Believe it —

Listen, you need to look at
Hymn # 262 in your Song
Book. And you need to let
those words lift your heart
up — God's promise And Jesus
promise to those who look
to the future in faith is "I
promise never to leave you alone"
promise God —

4/ Oh Listen, there will be
dark days, / difficult days -
Days that will be hard to
take // But Remember, Jesus
said, "I'll Never leave you Nor
forsake you, I'll be with you
always, even unto the end
of the world" Praise God

Now
There are many things a person
must do, in order to face
the future with faith - // I
want to mention 3 of them. //

#1 Remember where you were //
when God brought you from //
And "Spiritually Speaking", where
you are today -

God Always Calls us to Remember
He did it to old Testament People,
And He does it today -

God Reminded the Children of
Israel of how He had
Delivered them.

How He had provided for them — And As they looked back they were able to see the hand of God at work in their lives —

Oh listen, God is at work today — He's delivering people — He's providing for people — And when we admit these things, our confidence in God will grow — Our trust in Him will manifest itself in our lives — And the future will be much brighter when we walk around in trust with God —

#2 "To face the future with faith, we must understand the present"

Let me tell you "God has a Plan of Purpose for our lives"

He has a will or desire for our lives —

And His word tells us what it is —

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We Need to Believe Romans
8:28 And Ask Him to Reveal
His Calling to Us ~~we need~~
to Ask Him to Reveal His
purpose for our lives

And
To Understand the Present, we
must first Submit ourselves to
God // How? Totally // Completely //
Unconditionally

Listen to Romans 12:1 & 2: "I
Beseech you therefore Brethren
By the Mercies of God to Present
your Bodies a Living Sacrifice,
Holy, Acceptable unto God which
is your Reasonable Service" / And
Be Not Conformed to this World,
But Be ye transformed by the
Renewing of your mind, that ye
may prove what is that Good
And Acceptable, And Perfect
will of God"

Unconditional Surrender is the
only way to please God

To Understand the "Why" And
"What Purpose" of God's Purposes
plan, // To Understand the
Present // We must look to
And Submit ourselves completely
to, the will of God — Unconditionally

Do you know why you are where
you are today? // Do you know
God can use those things to your
benefit? // Do you want Him to
do so? // I have read Proverbs
12:1 & 2 And do what it
says. // And listen, I must do
it too

Let me tell you, And I know
from experience — when we
come to understand the "Why"
of the present — we will
allow God to equip us for
a "Faith Walk in the Future"

Let's Stop saying "Why God" And
Begin saying "God, show me the
purpose of all this?"

6/ Lets Stop Saying "Why" And Start
Saying "God, help me understand
the Present, so I may face the
Future with faith" //

And #3 If We Are to Face the
Future in Faith, We Must
Trust God for the Future"

One of the most rewarding things
I've found about the word of God
is this — "It tells us what
the future holds and how
things will eventually work out"
Also who holds our future //

Let Me Give You a Scripture that
will help you plan for the
future — Proverbs 3:5 & 6

"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart, and lean not
unto your own understanding —
In **ALL** your ways acknowledge
Him, and He shall direct
thy **PATHS**" (Listen, It'll work)

Napoleon Once Conquered a
Very Strategic Island in the
Mediterranean Sea - And
his Generals were discussing the
Victory when a young officer
appeared at Napoleon's tent -
when the young officer was
finally admitted in to see Napoleon
he said, "Sir, Give me this Island"

And to the Amazement of everyone
Napoleon signed a title to the
island over to the young officer.

His Generals Couldn't Believe it,
And Asked "How could you do it?"
What made him worthy of
the island?

Napoleon said: "I gave him the
island because he honored me
with the magnitude of his request"

I wonder what would happen if
we honored God the same way -

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Not in Asking God for An Island,
But By Asking God to help
us face the future with Faith

The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 5:
Verse 14 & 15 "And this is the
confidence that we have in
Him, that if we ask anything
According to His will, He
heareth us. And if we know
that He heareth us, whatsoever
we ask, we know that we
have the petitions that we
desire of Him"

My Dear Friends, We need to
discover God's Divine Purpose for
our lives. We need to know
that He is not limited as we
are. We need to understand
how much He loves us and
how good He wants to help
us face the future with
Faith. And we need to ask Him
for His help.

God has promised to save all
who call on His name & who believe
on His Son & who submit their
will to His. **Letters, you'll never
be able to force the future with
faith until God's Son becomes
your savior and you allow Him
to be Lord of your life.**

Do you need to take this 1st step,
the step of faith in accepting Jesus
as savior? **If so, and you'll admit
it come down here right now
as a sign of your sincerity, so we
can have someone talk with you
and pray with you.**

Our Missionary will say "Just
As I Am" #217 - **It's the
only way to come to Jesus.**

You need to be saved I know
if I ask you to come down
here right now and let someone
help you find Jesus.

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Perhaps you are here and are
downed — But your faith needs
bolstering — Would you come
to this altar right now and
talk to God about it — His
word says, "Ask in my name"
Will you — God will bless your
request

You can walk by faith — Trust Him
#1 Remember the past but don't
let it defeat you.

#2 Understand the present (Ask
God & He'll help you)

#3 Trust God for the future
Walk by faith, not by
sight

As they play, man come —