

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases.....



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...His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23

Does Worry and Anxiety Plague You?



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We have all sorts of caring people encourage us to "not worry" but many times that is very difficult to do. I grew up in a family of worriers so it's easy to pick up that attitude from others. The Greek word for worry and worry's companion, anxiety, is "Merimnao": The verb merimnao means "to have concern for something" or "to be troubled, anxious, or fretful". Merimnao is a combination of the words merizo ("to divide") and nous ("the mind"). It is usually translated "to care, to be anxious, to be concerned."

Worry drains us of energy and purpose. Jesus said this about worry in Matt. 6:26 "...I tell you, do not worry..." Then He presents all the things His disciples were experiencing that caused them to worry. This was a command Jesus gave His disciples and applies to us, too.

Another important scripture is Philippians 4:6-8, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

A closer look at anxiety and its definition:

- An uneasy feeling of uncertainty, agitation, dread, worry or fear; the common human reaction to stressful circumstances. Anxiety can manifest itself in ungodly concern about provision, performance, or reputation. It appears to be rooted in incomplete knowledge, lack of control over circumstances, or failure to take an "eternal" perspective on things.
- Occasionally, anxiety can be a symptom of guilt. ([Psalm 38:18](#))

Steps to take to be set free from worry:

1. Confess that it is not God's will to worry. When worried thoughts come to mind, respond with "Worry, you have to go from my mind. I am talking to Jesus about this matter and He will help me". Anxiety is a subtle insinuation that God is either unable or disinclined to see to our welfare. We have a watchful caring heavenly Father who is ever mindful of our daily needs.
2. Recognize the futility of worry, we cannot add an inch to our stature. ([Matt 6:27](#))
3. Cultivate a growing understanding of God's power and fatherly disposition. ([Matt 6:26](#) [Luke 12:30](#))
4. Entrust to God the things that we cannot control ([1 Peter 5:7](#)) "Casting the whole of your care – all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concern, once and for all – on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully."
5. View things in eternal perspective. ([Matt 6:32-34](#))
6. Substitute prayer for worry and then think on scriptures about Jesus meeting our every need. ([Phil. 4:6-8](#), see above)

Jesus, knowing that when "worry" tries to come against me, I will call out your Name to focus on you. Amen.

Love,

Judy

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New Location!
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Friday & Saturday
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LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025!

WHAT TO EXPECT: SHARING FROM NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024.

“The theme verse this year is one of my life verses. I knew there would be an anointing this weekend.”

“I was filled to overflowing during every session – every speaker caused me to want to seek the word and search the word for what he has for me.”

“Having someone pray for me. It is hard for me to ask for prayer, but here you don’t have to ask.”

“I have rededicated my life to God.”

“This was a holy, remarkable weekend! The best!”

“Loved getting to know new people and share our love of God.”

“The music hit my soul ... and I felt God’s presence.”

“The fellowship is always so sweet.”





This is my first conference to attend, so I don't know what could be added. This was a great weekend. The speakers' words spoke deeply with me and helped me to answer some questions I have been struggling with.

The Lord has lit up my path this weekend. He knows me and wants the best for me. The entire weekend was a great reminder that I have to build my relationship with Jesus. I have to be filled up daily for my own strength and to have the opportunity to introduce Jesus into all aspects of my life. All the ladies I encountered from the first general session to the closing service have built me up.

This is my third year at Celebration's Conference. Each time the Lord and the Holy Spirit changes me and brings me closer to my calling. There is always a word that sustains me.

"The praise and worship was perfect for welcoming the Holy Spirit into the sanctuary."

"I felt the presence of the Lord..."

The Heart of Worship: Reverence and Expression through Faith



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Worship is an intentional act of reverence, praise, devotion, and intimacy with God. While perspectives on appropriate worship expressions may vary due to cultural norms, theological interpretations, and personal beliefs, scripture consistently emphasizes that true worship is rooted in the posture of the heart, faith, and openness toward God.

We might think it strange to imagine a dignitary or the president of The United States dancing profusely before the Lord in a church service. However, A profound biblical example of uninhibited worship is found in the story of King David. As the Ark of the Covenant symbolizing the tangible presence of God was brought into Jerusalem, King David danced and shouted before the Lord with all his might (2 Samuel 6:14-22)! His display of exuberant devotion was met with mockery and criticism, as some deemed his behavior undignified for a king. However, King David remained unapologetic, declaring that he would become even more undignified than this. Despite his imperfections, David was described by God as a man after [His] own heart, reflecting the freedom found in worship when motivated by genuine reverence rather than the fear of human judgment.

The prophet Jeremiah similarly captured the intensity of encountering God when he described God's Word as fire shut up in [his] bones (Jeremiah 20:9), signifying the overwhelming desire to express and share the divine experience.

In the New Testament, a notable expression of worship was recorded when a woman poured out an alabaster jar of expensive ointment on Jesus, weeping at His feet and wiping them with her hair! Her act of devotion was met with scorn by legalistic and religious onlookers who considered it wasteful and improper. Yet, Jesus commended her (Luke 7:37-50), revealing again that true worship transcends societal expectations. Similarly, in Matthew 21:16, after Jesus healed the blind and the lame in the temple, children were found crying and praising Him, prompting complaints from religious leaders who deemed their expressions inappropriate and sinful.

After the resurrection of Christ, the Apostles were out healing the sick and preaching the gospel; One man, after being healed was found leaping and praising God.

On the day of Pentecost, when the believers were gathered in unity, they experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). The encounter was so extraordinary that bystanders accused them of being drunk. These accounts demonstrate that genuine encounters with God often defy human logic and societal norms and may appear unconventional and be rejected by onlookers.

Despite the criticism and mockery faced by those who worshiped passionately in scripture, each individual decided to worship God freely by faith. From David's dance to the believers at Pentecost and after, their worship was a conscious decision to seek and honor God with open hearts and complete surrender. Their experiences illustrate that authentic worship requires a willingness to abandon the opinion of others and embrace the presence of God fully.

As believers grow in their revelation of God's perfect love, they can become more attuned to the Holy Spirit and less concerned with spectators. Supernatural encounters with God may challenge human reasoning and cultural expectations, but they reveal the profound intimacy and transformation that is available through the decision to worship. When faced with criticism or persecution, we can take comfort in knowing we stand among a great cloud of witnesses, including Jesus Himself.

May we be completely open to the Holy Spirit, unashamed and fully devoted in offering our deepest love expression to Him, for He is certainly worthy.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS SHARE

Starting 2025 with Faith and Expectation!

Bristol, VA Chapter - Julie Puckett

The 3 main areas in Celebration that the Lord has put His hand upon are Salvation, Healing, and Equipping. We have always strived to have our meetings cover one of these areas. We will continue to do so in 2025. With prophetic words coming forth for a Great Harvest of Souls - Salvation, and a Great outpouring of His Healing Power - Healing, we definitely want to make ourselves available to the move of the Spirit. We have had 2 healing meetings in the past, one being this past November, and the Lord blessed both wonderfully. Salvation will be our next meeting topic and we pray that many will be drawn into His Kingdom. And to God Be the Glory!!



Huntsville Celebration Chapter - Dorothy Kyle

The Huntsville Chapter was founded 25 years ago, and we will celebrate this milestone at our next chapter meeting. Using Romans 10:9-10 and John 14:6 as a reference, our goal is to provide a worship experience that will help women grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and understand that salvation is through Him. Through praise and worship, our hope is that women will learn to worship our Savior by singing praises to Him and not just about Him. We are trusting God for direction and to enlarge our attendance in the new year. We praise God for Celebration and the opportunity it brings to witness to the women of our church and community.

Ninety Six, SC Chapter - Gail Wilson

We are going to see an increase this year, in number and lives changed, as we continued to share the love of Jesus, and that they will sense His overwhelming Presence from the time they enter the room. We will continue to provide opportunities to inspire and equip women to discover God's purpose for their lives. There is no greater time than now to see and witness what God is doing and going to do in the church and in Celebration.

Trinity, TX Chapter - Becky Hernandez

We continue to partner with First Methodist Church in Trinity, hosting Quarterly events, and we are looking forward to hosting our "Mother / Daughter Tea" on Tuesday, March 11th! We are inviting Mothers and Daughters of ALL ages, hoping to expand our Fellowship of Sisterhood in this community, and to inspire, encourage and motivate younger women to embrace and serve with us, as we continue to share our CELEBRATION ministry of SALVATION, HEALING & EQUIPPING! We have already begun to invite our Sisters to the Celebration National Conference in April, and are excited about it being hosted in the Woodlands, so much closer to our communities! We so appreciate all the planning and efforts being made every year by all of you! It is also such a blessing to have your national support when needed! May God continue to bless you and your entire National Celebration Board and Team with continual good health and a prosperous New Year!



Wisconsin Eureka Chapter - Karen Neuman

By faith, God will continue to grow our events in the number of attendees, as well as making known to us a location where we would continue our programs. Our current location, a town hall in a rural community, is beginning to feel tight. By expectation, God will continue to provide a varied audience of women and multicultural speakers as more people of faith and diverse nationalities take residence in surrounding communities. We expect that God will bring those seeking freedom of faith into our events so that we might continue to share the Gospel and Glory of Christ.



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25 Eureka, WI Chapter Event
8:30-11:00 AM | Rushford Town Hall
Contact: Karen Neuman - neupine@gmail.com

April

4-5 Celebration National Conference
Christ Church The Woodlands
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