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Facing trial in Faith, hoping of a future that is in God’s hands!

Never let a little inconvenience called trouble determine the course of your future. When trouble comes and fear and anxiety strikes into your overburdened heart – take it all to the Lord in prayer!

I wish for you all – all that is enough in God’s grace for your living! May we be always mindful to count our blessings and thank the Lord that our future is secure in His hands. Keep the faith...

NB:

This is the last of our Bible Studies to appear on the notice cover sheet in this way. Whilst I have received constructive feedback from those who do use these weekly notes, I am also mindful of the fact that we have been at this for four years and at this stage (give or take a couple of months where our theme was different) we have covered the whole of the three year lectionary. I purpose (God willing) to produce a monthly study and prayer leaflet entitled: ***Ways to staying alive...*** (all scripturally based, using various writers like Bonhoefer, St. Augustine, Moltmann, etc and also using bible study literature e.g. ‘Closer to God’). I suggest that if anyone wants to receive a copy, you must place a booking with either Enid or Mabel or via email at hemc@hah.org.uk.

We will begin the “*Ways to staying alive*” series after my return from Sabbatical towards end of December or beginning January 2010.

I thank and praise God for all He has encouraged us to achieve thus far and I pray that the next phase will inspire us more into knowing God’s love and truth for our daily living;

Blessings, ♥✠ *Revd. Jongi.*

God's word makes a difference in our lives –through Faith.

Welcome: *Share a Bible verse that you know of by heart (i.e. can recite without having to look it up in the Bible).* Does this verse mean anything to you and how often do you live what it says?

Worship: The Lord's Word abideth, guiding the footsteps of those who believe and live what it says. Worship God our Father for always being there to guide and sustain us in life.

Word: Psalm 145: 10 – 21 & Ephesians 3: 14 – 21;

✘ God's steadfastness toward us is revealed in His Word. God's Word comes to be understood by people through other people who extol His virtues (see verses 10-12 of Ps.145). The Psalmist tries hard to express for us that God's Word speaks of His unfailing love toward us. Ours is to have faith that what God promises in His Word will come to pass. *Allow yourself enough time to learn to trust in the Lord and His promises for you will come to pass!*

✘ *God is Good – All the time, we say!* That is why towards the end the Psalmist echoes this in verse 17-20. In order to understand His goodness, we only have to look into His Word, the Bible and we will find countless examples of how under inconceivable situations, God continued to be there for His wayward people and provided for their needs even when all hope was gone (Read the other two readings of this week to get a sense of this, i.e. II Kings 4:42-44 & John 6:1-21).

✘ The passage of Ephesians this week can in some ways be linked to Romans 8:35 *Who shall separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus?* NOTHING at all! And the reason is as Ephesians clearly depicts in verse 17(b)-19: *God's Word remains true for us through all circumstances and teaches us to have faith in His unfailing love that surpasses all known measurement.* When in faith we hang on God's Word, we are filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Our **Witness:**

✘ *Celebrate belonging to God's family with Faith, not doubt!*

Prayer: Lord God, may Your Word guide my stumbling feet, inspire my failing heart and sustain my weak flesh as You remind me that *nothing is going to happen to me this week which You together with me, cannot handle;* in Jesus' mighty name... Amen!