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PHILIPPIANS 4:5-7**

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The Cure to Worry

By Ray Stedman

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There is nothing more prevalent in the age in which we live than the increasing problem of worry. Worry is a powerful force to disintegrate the human personality, leaving us frustrated, puzzled, baffled and bewildered by life. Sometimes you hear the expression: "sick with worry", and anyone who has experienced it knows it is no empty expression. You can be literally sick with worry. Paul's answer to this is a blunt, "Do not be anxious about

Upcoming Events

January 6th 8am

Mens Breakfast

January 7th After 11am Service

Fine Arts Informational Meeting

January 7th

Harvest Kids 21 Day Fast

January 7th 6pm

Rooyal Ranger 2018 Kick Off

January 14th-17th

Spiritual Emphasis Week

January 20th-8am

Girls Ministries Yard Sale

January 20th @ Florida First Assembly, Wauchula

JBQ Match

January 21st After 11am Service

Fun Arts Informational Meeting

January 26th and 27th

Girls Ministries Refuel Conference

Mens Breakfast

anything." The entire Word of God is a constant exhortation to believers to stop worrying. It is everywhere forbidden to those who believe in Jesus Christ, and I think one of the most serious areas of unbelief is our failure as Christians to face the problem of worry as sin. Because that is what it is. Worry is not just something everyone does and therefore it must be all right. It is definitely labeled a sin in the scriptures, and the exhortation is everywhere: stop it!

Well you say, this is all very well to say don't worry, but how do you stop it? Every time I try to stop worrying I worry all the more. You can't stop it just by the exercise of will power. Again, that's the secret of running the race - here it is: "In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

I love those words "in every situation." That means there is nothing too small to bring to him. Someone asked, "Is it alright to bring small things before the Lord? Is he concerned about the small things in our lives?" The answer is: is there anything that looks big to God? Everything is small to him, so take everything to him in prayer. Prayer is the expression of our dependence upon his promises. It isn't necessarily on your knees, or in the closet, but it can be simply that quiet, "arrow prayer" of the heart, in continual recognition that you need to lean back upon his grace and strength in everything, constantly relating to that indwelling life of God the Son in you.



Saturday, January 6th at 8 AM

All of our Harvest Men are invited to attend our first Mens Breakfast of the New Year. Grab a friend and come enjoy this great time of food and fellowship. For more information please contact Dennis Rosario at hoorahmarine50@yahoo.com

Fine Arts Informational Meeting



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Sunday, January 7th After the 11 AM Service

If you have a student that is interested in being a part of the Fine Arts Ministry this year, then please

"Petition" means, keep it up, over and over again. Whenever problems develop lean back again in prayer to the one who is able and competent within you through his indwelling life. Thanksgiving is that forward look of faith that thanks God for the answer before you see it. Knowing his character, you know something - the right thing, the perfect thing - will be done.

God is not saying we should ask for everything we want. Instead, we're to ask for everything we need. Frequently we find ourselves praying for things he never promises. For instance, if you are up against some kind of trial, or some catastrophe strikes in your life, our perfectly understandable, natural human reaction is to say, "Lord, take this away." But God never said he would do that. He does not always want us to have it taken away. Sometimes he will, sometimes not. That kind of prayer must always have appended to it what our Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done."

But there are things for which we can immediately ask, and know that we will receive. His grace, his strength, insight, wisdom, patience, love and compassion. And as we lean back upon him in that inner dependence of faith which is prayer, we can also begin to give thanks that the answer has come, and in our thanksgiving we discover the experience of it as well. So, as in everything where we

attend this important meeting. The meeting will be in the Youth Building immediately following the 11am service. Contact Pastor Kaleb or Lisa Jones for more information.

Harvest Kids 21 Day Fast

21 DAY FAST

Starting Sunday, January 7th

We would love for all of our families to join us in the 21 day Fast! For more information contact Pastor Sydney

Royal Rangers 2018 Kick Off Meeting



Sunday, January 7th 6 PM

If you have a desire to be a part of an awesome Royal Ranger discipleship ministry in any capacity then this meeting is for you. For more information please email Zadok Mills at rrop314@gmail.com

let our requests be made known to God, the result is peace. The peace of God that passes all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Are we learning to confess our anxiety as sinful distrust in the character of God? Are we choosing to pray with thanksgiving, affirming our trust in God's wise and faithful care?

I confess, Lord, that I so often prefer worry over prayer. Thank you that you invite me to cast all my cares upon you. I pray that I may learn to do that with a heart of continual thanksgiving.

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Girls Ministries Refuel Conference



Friday, January 26th through Saturday, January 27th

Spiritual Emphasis Week



Sunday, January 14th through Wednesday, January 17th

We are kicking off the new year with our Spiritual Emphasis Week. We will have services each night, Sunday at 6pm and Monday through Wednesday at 7 pm. The guest speaker will be Johnny Jernigan. We encourage you and your family to come as we seek God for His will this New Year. Childcare will be available for each service for the nursery and preschool age kids. Also, dinner will be served on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Fun Arts Informational Meeting



**Sunday, January 21st
after 11 AM Service**

If you have a kid that is in 2nd through 5th grade that loves to sing, dance or just wants to develop their gifts, then this meeting is for you. The meeting will be held in the

This conference is for Girls Ministries Sponsors and Helpers. It will be at Masterpiece Gardens in Lake Wales and the cost is \$68, which includes lodging and food. Please contact Krystal Elliott at krystal@harvestassembly.org, if you are interested in attending.

Service Times

Saturday

7 pm Adult Worship

7 pm Embrace Children's Church

Sunday

9 am Early Morning Worship

9 am Christian Education

11 am Mid Morning Worship

11 am Harvest Kids Church

11 am Special Needs Church

6 pm Evening Worship

6 pm Student Ministries

Wednesday

7 pm Adult Worship

7 pm Girls Ministries and Royal Rangers

We look forward to seeing you!

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Conference Room and will be quick and informative. For more information about Fun Arts contact Pastor Sydney at Smorrow@harvestassembly.org

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