



WESTVIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH
Making Passionate Disciples of Jesus



10 September 2017

1 Peter Series:
Certain Hope in the Midst of Suffering
(1 PETER 4:12-19)

What do you do as a suffering agent who is both a Stranger and an Exile, and who is deep in a foreign country who is at war with you?

Keep on rejoicing because the suffering is not a surprise but a part of a plan.

Join with us this Sunday as we open this section of 1 Peter together.



REGULAR MEETINGS

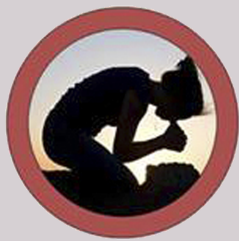
SUNDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.....8:15am on 1st Sunday of the month
WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.....weekly at 9:45am
WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP.....Thursday from 10am
THURSDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 6:30pm
COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT.....7pm on 4th Sunday of the month

QUESTION BOX SUNDAY:

24th September

There are some difficult things in the Bible and when it comes to thinking about Christian living. Some things are particularly hard or puzzling. But God has given us His Word, His Spirit and His people to help us to understand better. We never want to shy away from the 'hard parts' but do our best to seek to study and understand what God has revealed to us in His Word. Because Truth gives birth to worship and fruitful living.

If you have a question why not **drop it in the box or email it to us** and we will seek to address it on the day.



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.

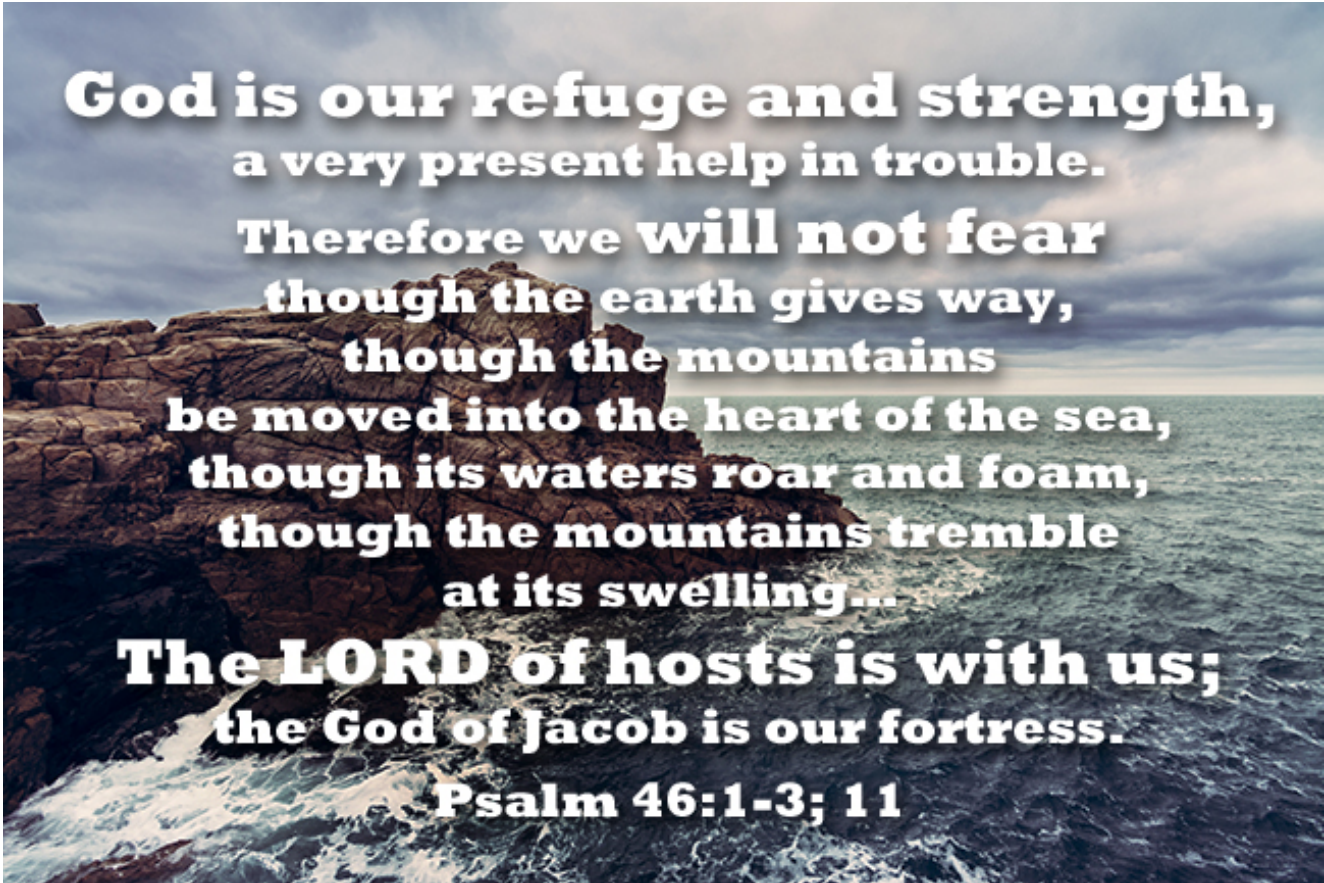
Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

James 5:13

- For the Calman family with the news this week of Tony's Dad being diagnosed with liver cancer. Time seems very short. Please pray for God's blessing and comfort with the shock of this news, and for their hearts at this difficult time.
- For Darren Kwan, his wife Vanessa and daughter Layla and the whole Kwan family as Darren continues to receive his chemo treatment.
- For Colin and Pudge and their family as they continue to sit through the difficulty of Colin's cancer. Pray for endurance and for the joy of their salvation in Christ to strengthen them through this difficult time.
- For Nelly who continues to struggle after her hip surgery to recover - especially with fluid retention in her leg.
- For a greater dependency on God in prayer as a church community.

...FOR OUR PRAYERS

- That during these times of difficulty that we would see more clearly and enjoy more dearly that *“our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”* (Philippians 3:20-21).
- For discernment for us as a church as we ask if planting a church in the next two years is the best way for us to fulfill our vision. Prayer for wisdom in this, for leadership in discussing with others, and for Satan not to have a hold in any way.
- For a greater awareness of our gifts and how to use them to serve one another.
- For Mary as her body continues to battle cancer.
- For Liza and Jerry as Liza continues to battle the pains in her body and as she tries some new medication to try to help.



**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear
though the earth gives way,
though the mountains
be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble
at its swelling...**

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:1-3; 11



NEXT CHURCH PLANTING DISCERNMENT NIGHT: Sunday 24th September 7pm

We will be joining together again on Sunday 24th September from 7pm at the church property as we seek to continue to discern God's leading regarding planting a church in the next two years.

A huge thank you to those who came along to our first meeting a few weeks ago. If you have not been able to have a look at this **minutes from the night they are available** [online](#) and there are some copies on the front table.

Please consider coming along. Our hope is to make a **final decision** about the way forward by the **October WRAP Meeting on the 29th.**

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