#### **One Sure Way To Deal With Your Stress**

Dr. Jack Graham

Isa 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

There's a man I heard about who went to the doctor one day suffering from stress. The doctor gave him a regimen of exercises to do. But one thing he told him to do first was to go off by himself for a while and look at something big.

"Look at something big?" the man asked.

"Yes," replied the doctor. "The first step in dealing with stress is to get perspective on yourself."

In Jesus' life on earth, He often slipped away from the crowds to spend time with His Father and reflect upon His greatness. We, as believers in Christ, can learn from His example, taking time away by ourselves to gain perspective on our own lives and reflect upon the greatness of God.

The key to overcoming stress is to walk humbly with God every day. Take time at the beginning of your day to reflect upon His infinite vastness. When you do, you'll find that reflection will energize you and melt away whatever stresses you face!

SPEND TIME DAILY REFLECTING UPON GOD'S GREATNESS AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME WHATEVER STRESS YOU FACE.



# Sermon Notes



### **God Wants to Encourage You**

Acts 18:1-11

### **God's people need Encouragement!**

### Examples:

M	Numbers 11:15	
<u>J</u>	Joshua 7:7	
<u>E</u>	I Kings 19:4	
J	Job 3:3	
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Р	Acts 18,	
	I Cor. 2:3, II Cor.12:15	

# 3 Thoughts for those who are Discouraged:

- 1. He is With Us v. 10a
- 2. He is Shielding us v. 10b
- 3. He Has <u>Surrounded</u> Us v. 10c, I Cor. 6:9-11





March 19, 2023



If you are visiting with us for the first time, we hope that you have already received a warm welcome from our Church Family. Our prayer is that the singing, teaching and preaching of the Word of God will meet a need in your heart and life.

# HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Harvest Baptist Church 'Where church still feels like church'

## Worship Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer Choir Special Psalms 98: 1

There's Power In The Blood - 50
It's Amazing What Praising Can Do
Greetings & Brief Fellowship
It's Amazing What Praising Can Do
Announcements
At The Cross - 55

Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary - 59
Offering and Offertory Ministry
Rock Of Ages - 185
Prayer

Message: Pastor Cook Invitation

**Closing Prayer: Pastor Cook** 



#### **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES**

are available for use during the church services. Please see Robert in the sound booth if you wish to use this equipment.

## **Events and Opportunities**

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all our church members who give of their time, energy and talents to keep our church looking nice.



- Men's coffee fellowship—HBC Fellowship Hall: Tuesday 8:15 am
- Ladies Discipleship class:
   Weekly on Thursdays at 10 AM.
- Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 9:00 am 1:00 pm, HBC Parking Lot
- Sunday evening, May 7th, WCBC Tour Team will be preaching/singing. A meal will need to be provided after the evening service for the ministry group.

"IF YOU WISH TO KNOW GOD, YOU MUST KNOW HIS WORD. IF YOU WISH TO PERCEIVE HIS POWER, YOU MUST SEE HOW HE WORKS BY HIS WORD. IF YOU WISH TO KNOW HIS PURPOSE BEFORE IT COMES TO PASS, YOU CAN ONLY DISCOVER IT BY HIS WORD."

# Charles Spurgeon

#### **OFFERING UPDATE**

	For The Week of 3/12/2023 - 3/18/2023	Month Total March
General	8,698.08	17,141.41
Missions	1,150.00	2,561.00
TOTAL	9,848.08	19,702.41
Deacon Fund		1,667.00
Native American Missions, Inc.	2,250.00	2,620.00
Love Offering Kim Gray		1,732.50
Special Projects	200.00	1,100.00



Trust Me in the midst of a messy day. Your inner calm, your peace, in My Presence, need not be shaken by what is going on around you.

Messy is a very apt description

of this day. Many things feel out of control, but I'm trying to trust You to help me. My yearning to restore order in my little world tends to give me an outward focus on my circumstances. I confess that my inner calm is easily shaken by what is going on around me. I know Your peace is still available to me, but I'm having trouble accessing it

Beloved, your honesty appeals to Me and draws Me near to you when a messy day interrupts your peace. You discover that your sense of security is quite dependent on circumstances. This is a very common problem, and there are ways you can overcome it. The best way is to stop what you are doing and seek My assistance. Even a brief timeout from the confusion is extremely beneficial. As you turn your attention to Me, I help you see from My perspective. You realize you are not in the midst of an emergency, so you give yourself permission to slow down. This slower pace makes it easier to stay conscious of Me when you return to the messy situation. Sometimes it is impossible for you to leave the situation even briefly. In this case, your challenge is to retreat to a place of inner calmness, while your mind and body remain largely engaged in problem solving. This is difficult, but it is still possible. Since I live in your heart, My peace is accessible to you there. Ask Me to increase your awareness of My peaceful Presence. Keep returning your thoughts to Me by whispering, "Jesus." My name is a strong tower as you run to it. You know you are safe.

John 16:33 Psalm 121:2 Proverbs 18:10

Sarah Young