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Certainty in Uncertain Times

“Do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble.”

Matthew 6:34

I have repeated this verse in my head many times over the past six months—trying to get it in my bones. We are living in a season where it feels the world has flipped on its head. The insecurity of broken relationships, unemployment, disappointment, and illness is rampant. What we thought we knew no longer exists and each day seems to bring new revelations that fail to lift our spirits. It seems impossible to anticipate or control what tomorrow will bring. How do we live in certainty in uncertain times?

Recently I read the book of Ruth, a story of a family who moves from Bethlehem to the country of Moab to escape famine. Following their arrival, the father dies. His sons marry Moabite women and ten years later the boys also die leaving three women widows and childless. The story is fraught with uncertainty and anxiety. The man’s wife, Naomi, decides to go back to Bethlehem and tells her daughters-in-law to return to their families in Moab. One does, but Ruth vows to stay with Naomi.

*Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge.
Your people shall be my people and your God my God.*

Ruth 1:16

To make what we believe stick and transform the way we live we need to repeat it often. What is it you believe? What words do you speak that are altering your life? For what is in our heart will come out our mouth. I am making a daily choice to say, **“I Trust In You God.”** Say it with me...

It was Ruth’s vow that led her to follow Naomi to Bethlehem where the Lord guided her to a godly man named Boaz. They had no idea they would become great-grandparents of King David and part of the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Their repeated faithfulness, loyalty, and commitment to follow the Lord in the little things turned into something unexpectedly amazing! Like Ruth, what we do and affirm in the seemingly insignificant moments of our private life will establish our public legacy.



Does this look familiar?

Praise Report:

- Holy Spirit changing ♥’s
- Strength in the wilderness
- Technology!!



Zoom, Zoom!

We may never know what the Lord will accomplish through our story of loss or injustice in this lifetime. But when we faithfully follow the Lord with our entire being and not just assent to faith in some belief, we open the door for God to do the miraculous—even when times are uncertain. Let me encourage you to continue to do the right thing, the faithful thing, the godly thing, and watch the Lord change your heart as He affirms His incredible love for you.

Ministry Update

The last few months drastically modified what serving looks like for us and it didn't alter the creativity of the Lord to reach people with the hope of the gospel. Zoom calls are a wonderful way to continue our women's Bible studies, host FCA virtual events, and stream services. And I can't wait until we are face to face again!

A highlight of August was our Sunday morning outdoor concert at **TriPonds Family Campground** in Michigan. My godson Dominik was our sound tech for what was a gorgeous morning of worship. While many other in person events have been postponed—including a number of **Under The Fig Tree** trips to the lands of the Bible—we believe the Lord is doing something new in His church and we want to be a part of it.

That said, we are personally inviting you to participate in our first **NW Indiana FCA 5k & Family Run** to be held Saturday, October 10th at Rogers-Lakewood Park in Valparaiso, Indiana. More information can be found at nwindianafca.org/5k Thank you for your support and prayers as we continue to mentor coaches, athletes, serve in women's ministry, and participate on worship teams.

For updated information check out terrimcfarland.org

We hope you are enjoying the music we have uploaded to our YouTube channel. Keep watching...there is more to come! ❤️



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God's rainbow of hope!

Please Pray for:

- Eyes to **see** & ears to **hear**
- Everyday **faithfulness**
- **Certainty** in uncertainty



With Dominik at TriPonds



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