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Pastoral Message

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Staying The Course

On the night of August 31st, 1983, South Korean Airlines 007 (747 aircraft) left Anchorage, Alaska on a direct flight to Seoul, Korea. During its flight, unknown to the crew, the coordinates of the computer navigation flight system was directing the flight off course by 1.5 degrees. The mistake wasn't noticeable at take-off. Even at one hundred miles from take-off the deviation was still undetectable.

The giant 747 plane continued through the Aleutian islands and out over the pacific, however the plane continued to stray and travel 1.5 degrees off course and eventually entered the air space of the then Soviet Union. Soviet radar picked up the plane intruding into their air space and sent out fighter jets to intercept it, thinking it was a military spy plane. The jets fired on the plane, shooting it out of the sky, into the sea of Japan, killing all 269 passengers aboard. Eight of them were Canadian citizens.

At the point of impact, the aircraft was 720 km off its course! The incident heightened tensions in the cold war which was going on at that time in history.

God has set a life course for all of us! However, wrong decisions and choices we make may not hurt us at the beginning, but later on in life it can cause us a great deal of harm, which we may regret.

Many wrong decisions are unnoticeable at first, but as we keep straying considerably off course, it is then we find how much our decisions and choices has gotten off track. At that point, we regret those choices and find it may take a long time getting things straightened out and getting back on course.

Let me encourage you all today by telling you, God in heaven will help us keep life's coordinates straight and help keep us from wandering off the right path, he has destined for us.

Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, lean not on thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths"

No matter who or what we are; job or profession, God will always be there to give us direction. Life has so many distractions to get us off course and perhaps cause us regret later on in life. It is all the more reason we need the Spirit of God and His Word to guide us through life.

John 10:10

Jesus said, I am the door, by me if anyone enter in they shall be saved and shall go in and find pasture.

"THERE YOU SEE" in 2023

Through Jesus, we can always stay on the right path in life. He is the door where we enter and find true life. He is the Great Shepherd who leads and guides us to abundant life; keeps our life on track to eternal life. Just follow Him, our Great Shepherd.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a Word behind thee saying, this is the way walk ye in it when ye turn to the right and turn to the left.

Through the light of God's Word we receive truth, guidance and instruction to keep us from making wrong choices and getting off the wrong path, God has given us.

Psalm 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

So if you think your life has strayed off course, know that God is the best flight coordinate you will find to get you back on the right path... no matter what your flight pattern may be.

Canada Day

Canada Day, formerly known as Dominion Day, is the national day of Canada.

A federal statutory holiday, it celebrates the anniversary of Canadian Confederation which occurred on July 1, 1867, with the passing of the British North America Act, 1867, when the three separate colonies of the United Canadas, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were united into a single dominion within the British Empire called Canada.

Originally called Dominion Day, the holiday was renamed in 1982, the same year that the Canadian constitution was patriated by the Canada Act, 1982.

Canada Day celebrations take place throughout the country, as well as in various locations around the world attended by Canadians living abroad.



What's Happening at NFC



Word Nuggets Join the Pastor every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM on Canoe FM - 100.9 For his weekly message and devotion

Bible Basics

Monday evenings at 6:30 PM being held weekly in our Welcome Centre. With our Summer Break, Bible Basics will resume on September 11th.

Ladies Fellowship Bible Study

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 AM With our Summer Break, Ladies Fellowship will resume on September 5th.

Midweek Manna

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM being held weekly in our Welcome Centre With our Summer Break, Midweek Manna will resume on September 6th.

BBQ and Salad Sunday

Our BBQ and Salad Sunday is on July 16th following our regular service in our Welcome Centre. Salads and BBQ will be provided. Please coordinate with Wayne for deserts

Baptism by Immersion

Sunday August 12th - Water Baptism followed by our BBQ! If you are interested in being Baptised in water that day, please see Pastor Bev or Pat

Jonathan Edwards

Evangelist Jonathan Edwards will be coming to visit us again on Sunday, September 17th. This date also marks the 15th Anniversary of NFC

July Birthdays

Bob English, Joel Hicks, Rachel Hicks, Liane Roberts,

July Anniversaries

Roger and Brenda Bain, Karl and Terry Upton,

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MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

I heard a wise Christian man say..."When a person stops dreaming and they don't have anything that motivates them... they start dying." This is why we need to ask ourselves the question...**WHAT IS THE DREAM IN 'MY' HEART**? During the past 3 years I have noticed a lot of people just got in a survival mode and lost sight of the dream in their heart of a better and brighter future. They say..."If we can just make it through the day...through the week....and through this month...I will be happy! So many got the wind taken out of their sails. They really don't think that their Father God can bring anything extra to pass in these circumstances. They say... "times are too tough for anything extra! Nothing good can ever happen for me! " They have 'limited' their Father God because of what they see right now with their eyes and what they are saying with their words. But our FATHER God 'specializes' in what people say is impossible. I am reminded of the scripture..."With man it is impossible but with God...all things are possible.!" He is called "El Shaddai"...He is the God in whom "nothing is impossible!"

FRIENDS...this is where our **FAITH** comes in....we just have to stir up our Faith and stir up our dreams and go forward with our Father God leading the way. We keep standing...keep believing... keep decreeing...keep sowing toward our dream and without a doubt...our Father God will honour our **FAITH** and He will cause our dreams to come to pass. But we can't give up because it doesn't happen overnight. Not only that..we don't give up because we experience a lot of opposition shortly after we dream the dream. If our Father God gives us a dream then He is certainly capable of fulfilling the dream and bringing it to pass... in HIS time.

Let's be encouraged today and never stop getting excited about our future. If we put our future in our Father God's hands...it will always be the best future we could possibly have. The Bible says..." He will bless us with a future filled with hope... a future of success!" So we can never stop dreaming... because if we keep dreaming the dream He puts in our heart and we take the direction He tells us to take.... we'll be able to say to all those looking on ...**MY DREAM CAME TRUE... LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE**! Praying for you and your family. May all your dreams come true.

Praying for you and your family...Love Julie H. TODAY FAITH MATTERS!



WE ARE IN A FIGHT!

If you hadn't noticed we are in a fight here on this earth. No it's not a fight with flesh and blood but it is a fight in our own minds to keep our thinking straight. There is so much garbage being thrown at us every day in the news or on the internet or just people talking crazy. Our big job every day is to keep the junk out of our minds and keep thinking on the right things. I always pray for you and my family that we will be drawn to truth, whatever the truth is. Sometimes we don't know the truth but our Father God does...He is truth and His Word is truth. I know the best way to keep our sanity is to constantly meditate on scriptures that edify and build us up and draw us closer to our Father God. If we keep thinking about what's going on around us we could get a little rattled and then we gradually lose our peace and joy! **Our Father God does not want His children living in turmoil.**

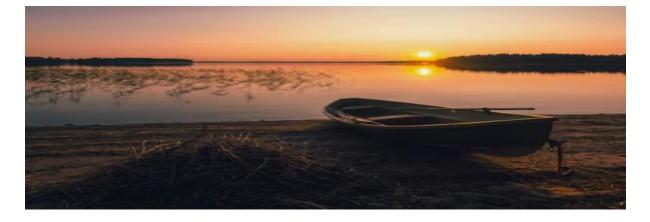
Phil.4:6-7 Do not be anxious about 'ANYTHING, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Always remember the level of peace and joy in our lives is dependent on what we constantly think about or...our most dominant thoughts. I love the peace of God too much to compromise so when that peace starts to slip away I know that I am thinking on the wrong things and I am going down that slippery slope to confusion, worry, fear...and **NO PEACE** and **NO JOY**! I have deliberately opened the door and let the devil come into my life to steal from me! No way! I refuse to let that happen.

Be encouraged my friend! The Bible says "Be sober-minded, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around 'like' a roaring lion seeking someone to devour." No! He can't just devour us but he will first try to fill our thoughts with his garbage if we let him. Our job is to stop him in his tracks and refuse to let him get in our thoughts. The Bible says to "cast down every vain imagination and every high thought that exalts itself above the knowledge of God."

2 Cor.10:3-5 We fight to keep our thoughts focused on the good things and on the God things! Yes we are in a fight my friend but it's a fight that WE WIN!

Praying for you and your family...Love Julie H. TODAY FAITH MATTERS!



Pickled Cucumber Salad In A Jar

Ingredients:

- 3 Medium cucumbers unpeeled
- 1 Sliced red onion
- 1 1/2 Cups sliced red peppers (or any colour)
- 1 Tbsp salt
- 1/2 Cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 Cups of water
- 1/2 Cup of sugar (or Splenda)

Instructions:

- Thinly slice cucumbers and onions.
- Divide between two jars.



- Combine vinegar, water, salt, and sugar in a bowl and mix until sugar is dissolved.
- Pour vinegar mixture over the vegetables, put on lids and shake well.
- Refridgerate.

Note:

- By leaving in refrigerator for 2 days before serving the brine will soak into the vegetables providing better flavour.
- Able to store in refrigerator for up to 2 months.

Macaroni Tuna and Pea Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 Pkg. Elbow macaroni (7 oz.)
- 1/2 Cup green peas thawed
- 1 Can drained tuna (9 oz.)
- 1 Cup mayo
- 1 Cup cheddar cheese shredded
- 1/4 Cup sweet pickle relish
- 2 Tsp. Lemon juice
- 3/4 Tsp. Salt
- 1/4 Tsp. Coarse ground pepper
- 1/2 Cup of chopped celery
- 1 Small chopped onion



Instructions:

- Cook macaroni as per instructions adding peas during the last 5 minutes of cooking
- Rinse with cold water and drain.
- In a large bowl mix macaroni and peas with remaining ingredients.
- Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving to blend flavours.