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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Season of Easter

28 April 2024

In Him I have an offering, an altar, a temple, a priest, a sun, a shield, a Savior, a Shepherd, a hiding place, a resting place, food, medicine, riches, honor, wisdom, righteousness, holiness, in short, everything. —John Newton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Matthew 28:20

Jesus said, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Sung Response—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah! Vs. 1

Christ is ris - en! Hal-le - lu - jah! Ris - en our vic - tor - ious Head!

Sing His prais - es! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore Him, as His light once more ap - pears,

Bow - ing down in joy be - fore Him, ris - ing up from grief and tears,

Sing His prais - es! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

CCLI #2844402 Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863; Music: BEACH SPRING (FOUNT OF GLORY),
attr. B. F. White, 1844, R.W. Thompson, 1854, arr. Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

Call to Worship—Psalm 121:1-5; 94:14-15

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

All: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Reader 1: He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

Reader 2: Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

All: **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.**

Pastor: For the Lord will not forsake His people; He will not abandon His heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

Congregational Psalm—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;

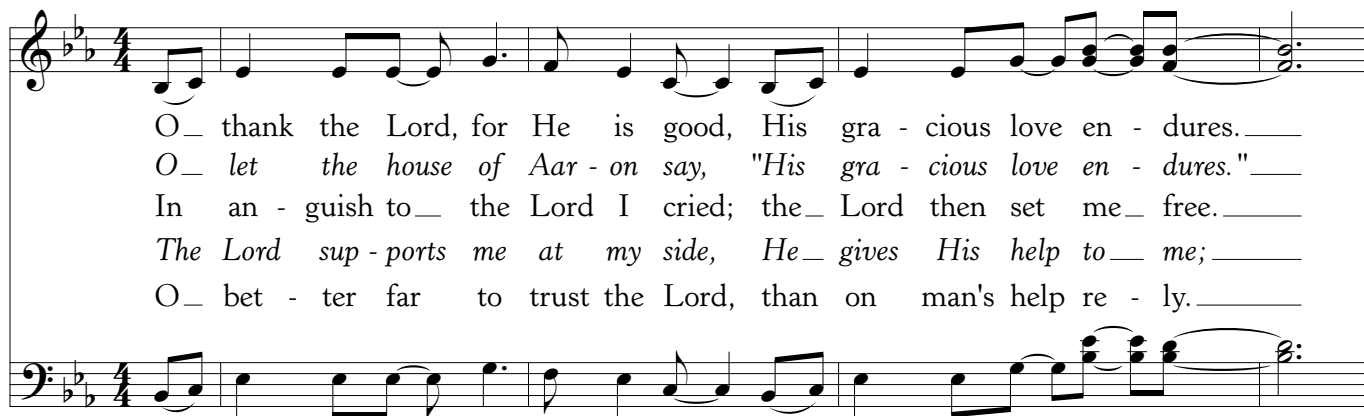
He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146:1-10, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

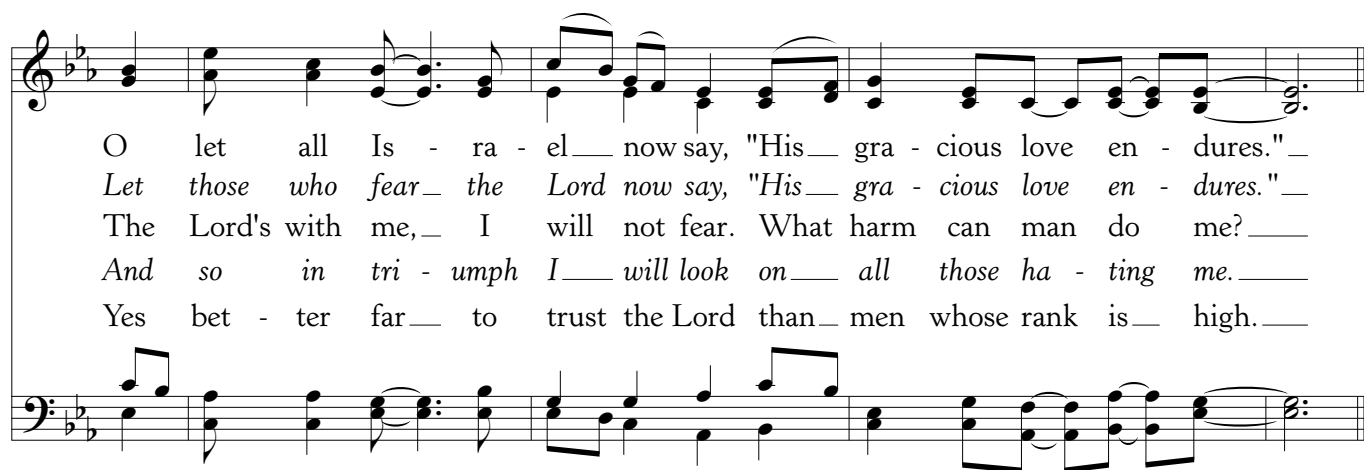
GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)



O_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures. ____
O_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures." ____
In an - guish to_ the Lord I cried; the_ Lord then set me_ free. ____
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He_ gives His help to_ me; ____
O_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly. ____



O let all Is - ra - el_ now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." _
Let those who fear_ the Lord now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures." _
The Lord's with me, _ I will not fear. What harm can man do me? ____
And so in tri - umph I_ will look on_ all those ha - ting me. ____
Yes bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord than_ men whose rank is_ high. ____

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, © 2009 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.

Scripture Reading—Joshua 1:1-7

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

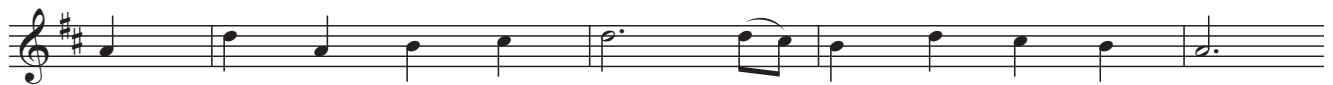
Congregational Hymn—O Put Your Trust In God



O put your trust in God, in du - ty's path go on;
Though years on years roll on, His cov' - nant shall en - dure;
Through waves, and clouds, and storms, His pow'r will clear your way;



Walk in His strength with faith and hope, so shall your work be done.
Though clouds and dark - ness hide His path, the prom - ised grace is sure.
Wait on His time, the dark - est night shall end in bright - est day.



Com - mit your ways to Him, your works in - to His hands,
Give to the winds your fears; hope, and be un - dis - mayed;
Leave to His sover - eign sway to choose and to com - mand;



And rest on His un - chang - ing Word, who Heav'n and Earth com - mands.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears; God shall lift up your head.
So shall you, wond' - ring, own His way, How wise, how strong His hand.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1656, tr. John Wesley, 18th century; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.

Reading of the Word—Hebrews 13:1-6

“Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—Abide With Me, Vs. 1

A-bide with me: fast falls the ev-en - tide; The dark-ness deep-ens; Lord with me a - bide;

When oth-er help-ers fail, and com - forts flee, Help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Abide With Me, Vs. 1'. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the soprano part, and the accompaniment is in the bass part. The lyrics are: 'A-bide with me: fast falls the ev-en - tide; The dark-ness deep-ens; Lord with me a - bide; When oth-er help-ers fail, and com - forts flee, Help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.'

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847; Music: EVENTIDE (MONK), William Henry Monk, 1861.

Sermon—*Exhortations to Gospel Obedience*

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 38:3-4, 18, 21-22

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We confess that there is no soundness in our flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin.

All: **For our iniquities have gone over our head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us.**

Pastor: We come before you to confess our iniquities; we are sorry for our sin.

All: **Do not forsake us, O Lord! O our God, be not far from us. Make haste to help us. O Lord, our salvation! Forgive us for our sins through the work of Christ we pray.**

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **What is impossible with man is possible with God.**

Sung Response—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, Vs. 2



Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on Thee;



Leave, ah! leave me not a-lone, still sup-port and com - fort me!



All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;



Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God: The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, -
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain.
Be still, my soul: thy God doth un-der-take to guide the fu-ture, as He has the past.
Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'-ning on when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord.
Be still, my soul: be-gin the song of praise on Earth, be-liev-ing, to thy Lord on high;

Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide; in eve-ry change, He faith-ful will re-main.
Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let no-thing shake; all now mys-ter-ious shall be bright at last.
When dis-ap-point-ment, grief and fear are gone, sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored.
Ac-know-ledge Him in all thy words and ways, so shall He view thee with a well pleased eye.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'n-ly friend thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.
Be still, my soul: the sun of life di-vine thro' pas-sing clouds shall but more brightl-y shine.

Text: Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752, tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1855; Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1899.

Congregational Psalm—My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

My_ shep-herd will sup-ply my need: Je-ho-vah is His name;—
When I walk through the shades of_ death Thy pre-sence is my stay;—
The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;—

In_ past-ures fresh He makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.—
One word of_ Thy sup-por-ting breath drives all my fears a-way.—
O_ may Thy house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.—

He brings my wand-'ring spir-it_ back when I for-sake His ways,—
Thy hand, in_ sight of all my foes, doth still my ta-ble spread;—
There would I_ find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;—

And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, in_ paths of truth and grace.—
My cup with bless-ings ov-er-flows, Thine oil a-noints my head.—
No more a_ strang-er, nor a_ guest, but like a child at home.—

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: RESIGNATION, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

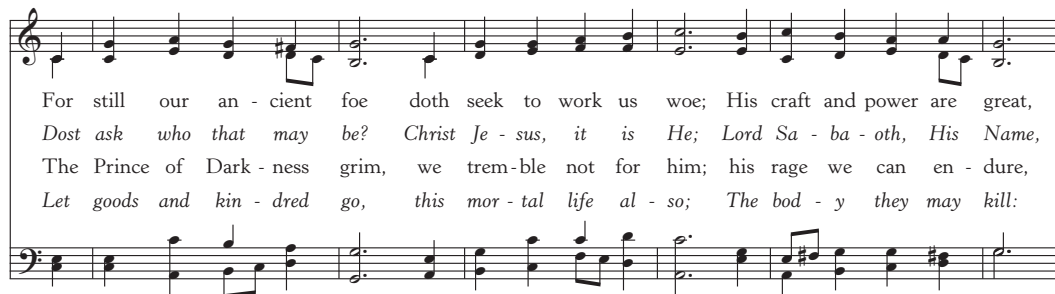
Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



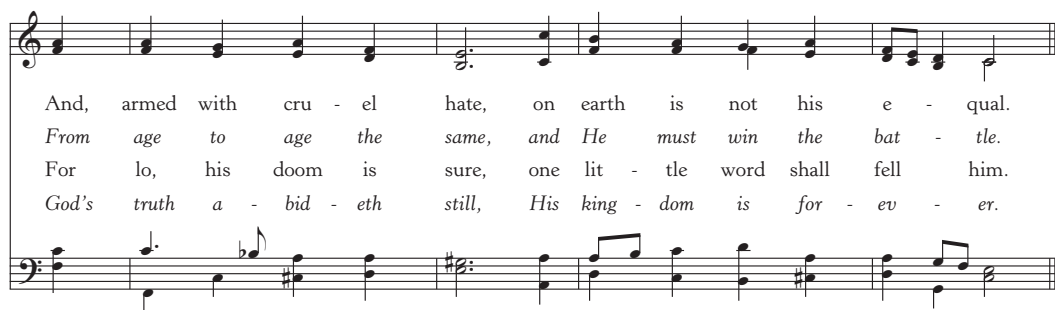
A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing;
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sid - eth:



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His Name,
The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:



And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
From age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sung Response—Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Vs. 3

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lives a - gain our glor - ious King, - Al - - - le - lu - ia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia! Once He died our souls to save, Al - - - le - lu - ia! Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!" The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This morning's sermon text from Hebrews lists several practical exhortations on living the Christian life, concluding with a comforting quotation from the psalter: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear." Much of today's service focuses on this aspect of God as our helper. Throughout the morning, we'll be reminded that "[our] help comes from the Lord" (Psalm 121:2), that He "helps the fatherless and widow" (*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah—Psalm 146*), that He supports us and "gives His help" (*O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good—Psalm 118*), and that His provision shall attend us throughout all our days (*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need—Psalm 23*). We cry out to the "help of the helpless" (*Abide With Me*), asking Him to "make haste to help us" (Psalm 38:22). We confess that we find "all [our] help" in Him (*Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*) and that our God is "Our Helper" who prevails even amid a flood of mortal ills (*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*). As we struggle to live out the faith, as all of us do at times, let's take comfort in the promise that we serve a master who promises to help us accomplish the things He calls us to do. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Love, Continue, Hospitality, Strangers, Angels, Remember, Prison, Marriage, Honor, Undeified, Sexual Immoral, Content, Leave, Forsake, Confidently, Helper, Fear

Keystone Verse: Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)



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