

Drawing Near To Our Comforter

As we know beloved church family, our minds are a great battlefield between truth and lies. If we fill up our mind with negative, sinful and deceptive thoughts, this will trigger our emotions towards fear, worry and doubt. God commands us to “destroy arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

As we fill up our mind with God's promises, truths and Word, this will trigger our emotions towards peace, rest and contentment. God commands us to "finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8

Be encouraged to fill up your mind with these beautiful truths.

- **God is with us**
 - Isaiah 41:10-“fear not, for **I am with you**; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
 - John 14:16-17-“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for **he dwells with you** and will be in you.”
- **God is for us**
 - Romans 8:31-32-“What then shall we say to these things? If **God is for us**, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”
- **God loves us**
 - John 13:1-“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, **he loved them to the end.**”
 - John 15:13-“**Greater love has no one than this**, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”
 - Romans 5:8-“But **God shows his love for us** in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- **God is good**
 - Psalm 25:8-“**Good and upright is the Lord**; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.”
 - Psalm 86:5-“For you, **O Lord, are good** and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.”
 - Nahum 1:7-“**The Lord is good**, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.”

- **God is merciful and gracious**
 - Exodus 34:6-“The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a **God merciful and gracious**, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.’”
 - Psalm 86:15-“But you, O Lord, **are a God merciful and gracious**, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
 - Psalm 111:4-“He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; **the Lord is gracious and merciful.**”
- **God is sovereign**
 - Psalm 115:3-“Our God is in the heavens **he does all that he pleases.**”
 - Daniel 4:35-“All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and **he does according to his will** among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”
 - Ephesians 1:11-“In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him **who works all things according to the counsel of his will.**”
- **God is faithful**
 - Isaiah 49:7-“Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: ‘Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, **who is faithful**, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’”
 - I Corinthians 1:9-“**God is faithful**, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”
 - I Thessalonians 5:24-“**He who calls you is faithful**; he will surely do it.
- **God hears and answers our cries**
 - Psalm 10:17-“O Lord, **you hear the desire of the afflicted**; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear.”
 - Psalm 118:5-6-“Out of my distress I called on the Lord; **the Lord answered me and set me free.** The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”
- **God will never leave or forsake us**
 - Deuteronomy 31:6-“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. **He will not leave you or forsake you.**”
 - Hebrews 13:5-“Keep 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.**”

- **God has good plans for us**
 - Jeremiah 29:11-“**For I know the plans I have for you**, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
- **God is never surprised by anything**
 - Job 28:24-“For he looks to the ends of the earth and **sees everything under the heavens.**”
 - Proverbs 15:3-“**The eyes of the Lord are in every place**, keeping watch on the evil and the good.”
 - Jeremiah 16:17-“**For my eyes are on all their ways.** They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.”
 - Hebrews 4:13-“**And no creature is hidden from his sight**, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”
- **God is always on His throne ruling and reigning**
 - Psalm 47:8-“**God reigns over the nations**; God sits on his holy throne.”
 - Psalm 103:19-“**The Lord has established his throne in the heavens**, and his kingdom rules over all.”
- **God is our Shield**
 - Deuteronomy 33:29-“Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, **the shield of your help**, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs.”
 - Psalm 18:2-“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, **my shield**, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
 - Psalm 28:7-“**The Lord is my strength and my shield**; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”
- **God is our Rock**
 - Psalm 19:14-“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, **O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**”
 - Psalm 31:3-“ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, **O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**”
- **Jesus is our Good Shepherd**
 - John 10:11-“**I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
 - Psalm 23:1-3-“**The Lord is my shepherd**; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”

- **Jesus invites us to cast our cares on Him**
 - I Peter 5:6-7-“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.**”

- **Jesus is compassionate to us**
 - Isaiah 40:11
 - Matthew 9:36-“When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion for them**, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”
 - James 5:11-“Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the **Lord is compassionate and merciful.**”