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“Cast all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

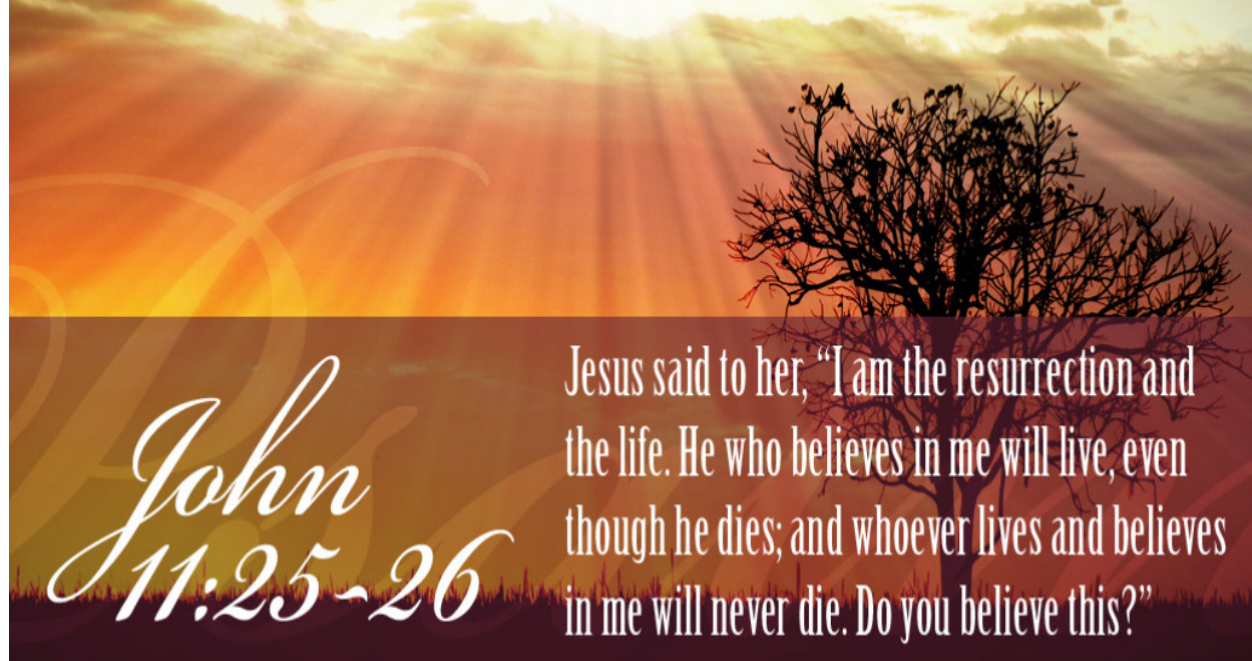
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“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Matthew 6:34

I heard about a man who worried all the time. But finally, there came a time in his life he just put aside all of his worrying. And people began to notice how much calmer and more peaceful this man was. One day he was sitting in a barber chair and his barber noticed the change in his behavior. So he asked him, “What happened to you? Why don’t you worry about things like you used to?” *(Continued Inside)*

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David's Desk



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And the man said, "Well, I've hired a professional worrier." "A professional worrier?" The barber replied. "That's right!" He said, "He worries about my bills, worries about my business, and worries about my family. He just worries about everything that worries me so I don't have to. And he only charges a thousand dollars a day." So the barber shot back, "You can't afford that!" And man said, "Let him worry about it." Wouldn't that be great if we could just hire a professional worrier to take away all of our cares? Well, the Bible says that because you and I are in Christ, we can be free from anxiety. We just have to give it over to God. So when it comes to the worries in your life, hand them over to God, trusting fully that He'll give you exactly what you need!

Hand your worries and cares over to God, because He will always give you what you need!

Pastor David Chestnutt - ODM Executive Director

Testimony



They call me, Mr. Lynn. I'm 68 years old and I came to Open Door two years ago. I came here because of alcohol abuse which has been a problem since I was 14. This is my testimony.

In the late 60's and 70's, I was using "pot" and LSD that prevented me enough to not be sent into the Vietnam conflict. The rest of the 70's and early 80's I was mainly drinking lots of beer and using methamphetamines. During that time I went through two wives, a child from each one, and a profitable business that I established. I just had a bad habit of getting drunk, hopping on my bike, and riding into the sunset.

I've been to dozens of rehabs but they never worked for me. My mom was very religious growing up. Until I was 14 she had me in church, bible studies three times a week, and knocking on doors all day Saturdays. Yes, I was a Jehovah's Witness. With the 10 commandments firmly

rooted in me, I couldn't steal or hurt anyone. So, I've never been in prison or any type of trouble at all. I've just always worked hard.

Around 1990, I got the job I've always dreamed of; driving trucks over the roads. I loved that job! I went almost 20 years clean and sober, and I've driven over two million miles without a ticket or accident. All that changed the day I found out that I had an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Surgery and chemotherapy led to pain pills and alcohol. In 2008, I was given two years to live. Everyone says, "You're a survivor...good for you." Good for me...12 years of my own, private hell.

After my fiancé had a stroke and died, I went off the deep end. I looked everywhere for a rehab but no one had an available bed, except Open Door Ministry. As soon as I walked in the door, I knew something was different from all of the other rehabs I'd been to. I didn't know what faith-based was but I was willing to try anything. It didn't take long for childhood memories of my religious ways, to return. After two months, I gave my life to the Lord and was baptized here on April 19, 2020 at 12:15 PM. I was always happy driving trucks but now I'm full of joy. Even when my cancer came back a month later, I didn't care because I gave it to the Lord. It's His problem now, not mine. Again, I was given two years but it's in the Lord's hands. In May it will be two years and I'm still here. Praise the Lord!

After my 90 days here, I stayed on as a staff member for a year before Pastor Dave, "put me out to pasture" or "let me retire". Now, besides reading my study bible, I help out around the ministry and council with the guys here from my experi-

ences. As an "old hippy" I have plenty of life experiences and compassion needed to talk with them. I believe they can tell that I really do care about them and their questions. I'm just here to help so they, hopefully, don't wake again drunk and high finding themselves lost and in their 60's. I'm so glad I figured out God's plan for me and it's here at Open Door, not in the jungle! I hate bugs...Praise the Lord!

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NKJV)

"Let all that you do be done with love."

Daily Needs List

Bleach, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent (preferably pods), Bath Towels Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Spray Disinfectant, CLR Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Murphy's Oil Soap, Latex Gloves, Ink Pens, Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper, Standard & Legal Copy Paper, 1" 3-Hole Hard Back Binders, Stamps, Envelopes, AA & AAA Batteries, Bibles (preferably NLT), Compact Disc Recordable (CD-R), Area Rugs, Yard Rakes, Wheel Barrel, Work Gloves, 39 and 13 Gallon Trash Bags, Milk, Sugar, Salad Dressings, Mayo, Mustard/Ketchup, Salt/Pepper, Washable Cups, Aluminum Foil, Zip-Lock Storage Bags (Quart and Gallon), Coffee, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, and/or Food Lion Gift Cards, Appliances

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