

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 10/23/24

A recent survey across the United States revealed that 69% of people are stressed about the coming elections, and 74% are stressed about our country's future.



STRESS!!

1 Peter 2:13-14 NLT+

"For the Lord's sake, respect ALL human authority—whether the king as head of state, or the officials HE has **APPOINTED**. For the king has SENT those officials to punish those who do wrong, and to honor those who do **right**."

Romans 13:1-3 NIV

"Let everyone be subject to the **governing** authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has **established**. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For **rulers** hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from **fear** of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended."

1 Samuel 30:1-4,6 NLT

"Three days later, when David and his men arrived home at their town of Ziklag, they found that the Amalekites had made a **raid** into the Negev and Ziklag; they had crushed Ziklag and burned it to the ground. They had carried off the women and children and everyone else but without killing anyone. When David and his men saw the ruins and realized what had happened to their families, they wept until they could weep no more....David was now in great **danger** because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David **encouraged** himself in the Lord his God."

Luke 21:13-19 ICB

[Jesus] "But this will give you an opportunity to tell about me. [Decide now not to] **worry** about what you will say. I will give you the wisdom to say things so that none of your enemies will be able to show that you are wrong. Even your parents, brothers, relatives and friends will turn against you. They will **kill** some of you. All people will hate you because you follow me. But none of these things can really harm you. You will save yourselves by continuing **strong** in your faith through all these things."

James 1:2-4 VOICE

"Don't run from tests and hardships, brothers and sisters. As difficult as they are, you will ultimately find **joy** in them; if you EMBRACE them, your faith will blossom under pressure and teach you true patience as you endure. And true patience brought on by endurance will equip you to **complete** the long journey and cross the finish line—mature, complete, and wanting nothing."

FROM 2 Chronicles 20:1-4, 20-22 NLT

"After this, the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites (a small offshoot of the Ammonites from the Mt. Seir area) declared war on Jehoshaphat.... (camped at **En-gedi**.) Jehoshaphat was **terrified** by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting. So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to **seek the Lord's help**.... Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand **firm**. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed. After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor: **"Give thanks to the Lord; his faithful love endures forever!"** (Psalm 136?) At the very **moment** they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves."

