



WARMING UP...

1. Can you think of a time when the Lord got your attention at just the right time, was it a word, a circumstance or an experience. Reflect for a few minutes on a timely experience of God ?
2. Our CBC vision is Freedom in Christ; it is comforting to remember in a time of diminished freedoms that nothing can take our freedom in Christ away from us. Reflect on the following verses; ***But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (Matthew 6:33-34).***

Take some time to think more deeply about your life and ask, what are the triggers that cause you to worry about tomorrow?

GOING DEEPER...

In Sunday's message we reflected on the life of Walter Ciszek, a Jesuit Priest who survived 20 years of hard labour in both Russia and Siberia. When he returned to America in 1963 he wrote a book called, *He Leadeth Me*.

Ciszek wrote, *God's will for us was the twenty four hours of each day, the people, the places, the circumstances he set right before us in that day. Those were the things that God knew were important to him and then they had to become important to us at that moment. That is where he wanted us to act not out of some abstract principle of continuing to ask how long. Instead in that twenty-four hours of that day to recognise that his will was right in front of us.*

For Ciszek surviving the storm of hard labour came down to focusing on just the 24 hours before him. He searched for God's will through serving others in the 24 hours of that day.

1. How does Jesus' reflection on do not worry and Ciszek's quote correlate? What implications does this have for us?

During Sundays message we also studied Job and his experience of God in his personal storm. Job was a prosperous farmer with a large family and lots of servants. Suddenly Satan accused Job of only trusting in God because of his wealth and good life. Satan was aloud to destroy Jobs business, family and even inflict painful boils on his skin. In Jobs suffering even his wife says to him, ***are you still holding onto your integrity? Curse God and die (Job 2:9).***

After Jobs friends were unable to convince Job that his sin had caused his suffering they fell silent in Job 32:1. Enter our great God who is all good and all powerful, **take a moment and read Job chapter 38.**

2. What observations have you made about God's perspective on Job's suffering?
3. In our storms that we face if God had spoken that over your life what would your reaction be?
4. Job persevered and experienced God, Walter Ciszek persevered and experienced God. What steps can you take to persevere through your storm?

BRINGING IT HOME...

One would say with faith that God does hold all things in his hands. Job did respond to God in Job 42:2-3; ***I know you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted...surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.***

5. How does Job's response to God encourage you to keep following Jesus today?

A prayer for today; ***Oh Lord allow me to see you in this day and this day only.***