

## Monday Musings from Pastor Brooke, May 11, 2020

Good Monday Morning, Beloved Church,

In the rooms where 12-step meetings are held, they talk a lot about living one day at a time. They focus on that because sobriety and abstinence are tenuous unless you do the work to maintain them. Another day to remain sober and abstinent is not promised. Our scriptures also say something about looking too far ahead:

*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we'll go to such-and-such a city, spend a year there, open a business and get rich." You can never tell what your life will be like or what will happen tomorrow." — James 4:13-14*

During this time when each day looks a lot like the day before, it is easy to start making plans for "getting back to normal." Just last night, my spouse talked about using a gift certificate we received to a nice restaurant for my birthday that is only 3.5 weeks away. I have heard people talking about going on vacation this summer. We don't know what will happen tomorrow, but that doesn't mean that we cannot make some plans.

The scriptures also tell us:

*Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. — Philippians 4:6*

I would not be honest if I didn't say that I do have some anxiety as I look to what opening the church will look like again, but I promise you that I will be with God in the midst of making these decisions. As each of you decide what is right for you to do, I encourage you to also go to God in making those decisions.

During this time of uncertainty, we can neither move too fast nor be stuck in fear. I welcome your prayers for the staff and leadership team as we make decisions that are in the best interest of everyone's health and well-being. Tomorrow is not promised, but God is with us in the uncertainty and decision making, if we invite God into it.

Blessings,

