

# ENCOURAGING WORDS FOR 2023

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## SCOTT NILL: CHOOSE TO ENCOURAGE

### **The Bible: Proverbs 18:24**

Proverbs 18:24 (ESV) A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

### **The big idea:**

We are loved , treasured, protected, encouraged every step of the way. Certainly we can pass it on.

### **Application in 2023:**

## JOEY LINERT: SEEING THE FACE OF JESUS

### **The Bible: Matthew 25:34-40**

Matthew 25:34-40 (ESV) Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when

did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

**The big idea:**

**Applications in 2023:**

## **TAMI MCMAKEN: FLOURISH!**

**The Bible: Psalm 92:13-15**

Psalm 92:13-15 (NKJV) Those who are planted in the house of the Lord

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;

They shall be fresh and flourishing,

15 To declare that the Lord is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.'

**The big idea:**

**Applications in 2023:**

# **JANIE ALCOCK: LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED**

## **The Bible: John 14:27**

John 14:27 (ESV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

## **The big idea:**

## **Applications in 2023:**

## PRAYER FOR THE CORNERSTONE

Heavenly Father, thank you for your precious people known as the Cornerstone Church. Thank you for our faith in Jesus; that saving faith, which is a gracious gift from your great love and mercy. Thank you that we are born again, spiritually alive, and in love with Jesus. Thank you that we love each other in many practical ways. There is a real sense of community and care. Because of your love in our lives, we also reach out to guests who come to our church gatherings. Give us more grace to continue to show this love in the Spirit.

Lord, thank you for the hope that is laid up for your people in heaven. Fill the Cornerstone family with humble and eager expectation of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ when we'll receive our eternal inheritance. May the Gospel message we believed with such joy continue to bear fruit and increase more and more in the church, our community, and the world.

Almighty God, I ask that we would be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And, I pray that we would ...

- Live in a manner worthy of you, Lord
- Please you in all respects
- Bear fruit in every good work
- Grow in knowledge of you, God
- Be strengthened with all power, according your glorious might
- Attain to all steadfastness and patience
- Joyfully give thanks to you, Father.

Father God, you are so good to us. Continue to protect, provide for, and guide us as our faithful Shepherd. I pray all these things in the Name of Jesus, our great God and Savior. Amen!