

## Pt 2: **Peace**

Uncertainty can create fear, anxiety and insecurity in us.

### **Our uncertainty raises questions...**

- What do we do in the meantime - as we wait for God to answer our prayers?
- What do we do when things seem to be going in the opposite direction to what we thought?

The Bible is filled with stories of people facing uncertainty – yet God was not absent.

He was, in fact, diligently at work accomplishing His will in the lives of those He loves.

*Romans 8:28 (niv) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

Uncertainty is God's environment where He seems to accomplish the most.

### **What should we do in times of uncertainty?**

The Apostle Paul was an expert in experiencing uncertainty.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul clearly states how we are to respond to uncertain times in our lives; by following this advice:

*Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

We need to detach our emotions from our surroundings and to bend them in the direction of God's mercy and grace in our life.

We need to stop and focus on the reality of who God is, until our anxiety or uncertainty is influenced by the reality of who God is in our lives and what He desires to do.

*4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all...*

Don't let uncertainty take its toll on our character and the way we treat and respond to others.

There should be evidences of kindness, gentleness, forgiveness and the like in the believer's life.

How has the current uncertain times affected your responses to those around us?

Has it produced withdrawal and isolation, fear and caution, or has it made you care, encourage and to serve others?

*The Lord is near. 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God 4:7 And the peace of God which transcends all understanding... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Paul is saying that in times of uncertainty we are to...

**Pray and stand until God's peace comes.**

God may or may not intervene in our circumstance. However, He offers His peace in spite of our uncertainty.

C.S. Lewis, *"I learned that prayer isn't about changing God, prayer is about changing me."*

Don't allow your anxiety get the best of you, because of uncertainty.

Instead, through prayer, place into God's hands what only God's hands are capable of handling.

When life is uncertain, **God is not!**

What are we supposed to do in the meantime?  
Pray and stand until God's peace comes!

Remembering, He still has the whole world in His hands!

When times are difficult, or uncertain, our responsibility and our opportunity is to pray and stand until God's peace floods our minds and our heart, which will prepare us for what is before us!