Series:MISSION:POSSIBLETopic:Certainty in UncertaintyText:Psalm 16:5-11Date:Sunday, July 29th, 2018

"O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup, You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance. I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, my heart also instructs me in the night seasons, I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand and I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices. My flesh also will rest in hope, for You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow your Holy one to see corruption. You will show the path of life; in Your Presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand there are pleasures forever more." – Psalm 16:5-11

When you are walking in God-ordained path, there will be uncertainties in life; but in Him you have certainty, His promises are everlasting, your flesh will rest in His hope, for He will not leave your soul in Sheol, nor will He allow you to see corruption.

1 How are you living your life in the midst of uncertainties, with a measure of certainty in your heart?

The depth of your walk with God determines your level of certainty in life, the deeper your walk with Him; the clearer your path. Just as the shepherd knows the way and goes after his sheep to lead them aright, so God always goes before us to lead us in the right direction. It is important to place our trust in God who knows the way.

2 What have you placed your trust in? Good job? Good governance? Good people?

Your job is not certain, even if you own the business, because the business can go bust and you are out of a job. Governments are not certain and are subject to changing political winds, neither are men constant; but are subject to change and fortune. God wants us to hold on tight to Him, to be steadfast in our walk with Him (1 Corinthians 15:58), for in Him is the only certainty in an uncertain world. Trusting God moves us from uncertainty to certainty.

3 Trust in God

God is always in control and always moving things for our good (see Romans 8:28), even though we might not see it. Sometimes, things are not happening to us but happening for us, that His purpose for our lives may be fulfilled. And like Joseph, He expects us to be steadfast in our walk, trusting that He is moving all things together for our good. We have a sure word for that; Anchor your life on God's word and you will enjoy peace undeniable. In Jeremiah 33:21, God likened His covenant with David like that of the day and the night which must come as long as the earth remains; He is steadfast in His promises as long as we remain faithful in our walk with Him.

4 Remember past victories

God is the same yesterday, today and forever. What He did yesterday, He can surely do today! When we remember the mighty works God has done in the past, it helps us to keep faith in Him. Remembering past victories helps us to hold on to God. It's a reminder of his faithfulness. The word of God is true forever and is a sure promise, we must hold on to it. Keep faith in God and place faith in His power.

5 Do not plan or strategize for God

Long before you were born, or formed in the womb, God knew you; and had a purpose for your life. Though the world might be full of uncertainties, His purpose for your life is certain and His word a shining light to guide you to that purpose. Darkness speaks to uncertainty but the word of God is a light, leading us on the right path (Isaiah 60:2). There is only one option, to stand in the way of God, in the path of light, or else face uncertainty and darkness.

Prayer

Lord God, I ask that You give me a new perspective, give me a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit, purge my heart of darkness and shine Your light into every situation in my Life – my spiritual walk, my work/business life, my marital life, the life of the nation. Teach me to hold on to Your Word, the certainty in an uncertain world.