

Daily View

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13

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Update

Sacramento County has been moved into the red tier, which allows us to assemble inside the building starting this Sunday. We are restricted to 100 at a time, so we will continue to meet at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 as we did last week. Please, immediately after each service, move outside the building since the deacons will need to sanitize and set up for the next service. We encourage you to visit with each other, but please do so outside (the tent will be on the property until mid-October, so feel free to visit there).

Until further notice, face coverings will be required for all services. I know that many — probably most — of us dislike wearing them, but the state is requiring it right now. I respect everyone’s opinion on this, but, speaking for myself, I’d much rather be with, see and talk to my brethren with a mask on than not see them at all. And remember that masks are worn for others, not to protect us. In any case, if you choose not to assemble with us, you can keep in touch with us to some degree by live-streaming our service at 10:30 AM on Sunday.

Thank you all for your patience and desire to maintain unity during these difficult and strange times. Speaking for the elders, we appreciate your support and your spirit. Thinking of Hebrews 13:17, it is a pleasure to lead a group of people who we can serve *“with joy and not with groaning.”*

“Choose the brighter path”

It’s challenging, these days, to look on the bright side. But I came across Christie’s favorite proverb (and one of her favorite verses overall). It’s Proverbs 4:18, *“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.”* Having been married to her for 51 years, I can



Shortly after the stay-at-home order was issued after Covid hit, a family of four decided to put these balloons all over the neighborhood. They decided to take the brighter path and it help dispel some of the gloom and fear of those uncertain days. It worked for me.

tell you that is a message she lives by. Dark days come, but she refuses to hang around in them for very long. She is really good at looking at the bright side.

The context of this proverb, however, is interesting. The four verses before this uplifting one are dark; they are all about avoiding the path of the wicked and the way of evil; the verse right after it says, *“the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble”* (Pr. 4:19).

How sad is that? I’ve watched several documentaries on crime, particularly homicides, and many of those who are accused have something in common: they didn’t “know” how they got into the trouble they’re in. When caught, a surprising number of these “bad boys (girls)” just break down and cry and some even ask for their mom. That’s sad. They have become so immersed in the path of “deep darkness” that they cannot discern between good and evil, and they don’t even realize it. What a life, if you can even call it that.

I like Christie’s verse better, don’t you? When your constant aim is righteousness, your path becomes successively brighter and until you experience the full light of God’s love in heaven. I’m not sure the writer had all that in mind when he wrote the proverb, but that’s the way I like to think about it. I want to make a habit of choosing the brighter path.

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