

sermon notes

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Adulthood | (see reverse side for scripture)

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I. Life in a fallen world will never be _____ easy _____—and we should _____ stop _____
_____ expecting _____ it to be so (John 16:33; Psalm 88:3; Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 12:1–7).

II. There is more going on _____ behind _____ the _____ scenes _____ than we
might _____ realize _____ or _____ imagine _____ (Ephesians 6:12).

III. _____ PRAYER _____ and _____ FAITH _____ are the two tools needed to survive
life's storms (John 14:1; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6–7).

Scripture

John 16:33: These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

Psalms 88:3: For my soul has had enough troubles, and my life has drawn near to Sheol.

Psalms 138:7: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

Ecclesiastes 12:1–7: Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, “I have no delight in them”; ²before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain; ³in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and those who look through windows grow dim; ⁴and the doors on the street are shut as the sound of the grinding mill is low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the daughters of song will sing softly. ⁵Furthermore, men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street. ⁶Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; ⁷then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Ephesians 6:12: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

John 14:1: Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

1 Peter 5:7: Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Philippians 4:6–7: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.