

TODAY IS SUNDAY, JANUARY EIGHTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE  
AND TODAY MATTERS!

This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

### We \_\_\_\_\_ Yesterday

- Dwelling on the past can make us miss the **"new thing"** that God is doing in our lives. Isaiah 43:18-19
- Worshipping the past keeps us from what God wants to do today. Numbers 21:5-9 / 2 Kings 18:3

**Today's Next Step: I will learn from the past, receive forgiveness for past mistakes, and thankfully remember God's goodness and faithfulness to me.**

### We \_\_\_\_\_ Tomorrow

James 4:13-15 (The Message) ...You don't know the first thing about tomorrow. James 4:16-17 (NIV)

- Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today! (Unless you must)
  - You cannot make up tomorrow what you failed to pay for today.
- "You can pay now and play later, or you can play now and pay later!" But it costs more.
- Most people suffer from destination disease! Success is a journey, one day at a time.  
*"What you do today will determine what you will be five years from now." Bill Godwin*

**Today's Next Step: I acknowledge that God holds my future. I will plan for tomorrow, but surrender to God's will, plans, and purpose for my life.**

### We \_\_\_\_\_ Today

- Today, you need to seek the Kingdom of God, do the business of the Kingdom of God, and God will cause all the other things to fall into place. Matthew 6:33
- Worrying about tomorrow wastes your time, energy, depletes emotions, and doesn't accomplish anything. Matthew 6:34 / Philippians 4:6-7
- Don't underestimate today! Don't underestimate what God can do today!
- Today don't miss Jesus' visitation! Luke 19:41-44 ...you did not recognize it when God visited you.

**Today's Next Step: I will pray to recognize how God is working in my life today!**

*The opportunity of a lifetime must be grasped within the lifetime of the opportunity! Leonard Ravenhill*  
*"Make every day your masterpiece." John Wooden*

### 2023 THEME "Today is the Day!"

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 New Living Translation As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. 2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

### Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What is the problem with over exaggerating yesterday? What does it tend to do to us?
2. What is the problem with worshipping the past or yearning to much for worship experiences of the past?  
Read Isaiah 43:18-19
3. Share your advice on how we should properly respond to the past.
4. What is the problem with overestimating the tomorrow?
5. How do the planners in the group deal with or balance out James 4:13-17?
6. Share your thoughts on how we should properly deal with tomorrow or the future.
7. Do you agree that we tend to underestimate today? Why do we?
8. According to Matthew 6:33, what should we be doing every day?
9. According to Luke 19:44, did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
10. What do you do to make sure you are not missing what God is doing in your life today?

Answers: Over – Exaggerate / Overestimate / Underestimate