

SERMON

DATE: Saturday/Sunday, November 17-18, 2018

SERIES TITLE: LESSONS FROM PSALMS: *Words of Joy, Hope, Forgiveness and Gratitude*

SERMON TITLE: When Life Crashes In

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:1-18

- [1] Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- [2] Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
- [3] who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
- [4] who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- [5] who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- [6] The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.
- [7] He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
- [8] The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- [9] He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- [10] He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
- [11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
- [12] as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- [13] As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
- [14] for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
- [15] The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- [16] the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
- [17] But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
- [18] with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

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1. He cares.

- It's easy to forget God and His day by day blessings.
- He is a "cradle to the grave" God.

2. He wants the best for us.

- He is good and kind.
- He is merciful and gracious.
- He is dependable and unchanging.
- He is forgiving.
- He is a loving father.

3. I can count on Him.

- He cares for me and my future.
- His favor is unending.

Lagniappe

Last Wednesday night in our Congregational Meeting, First Baptist Church elected fifteen new deacons to begin serving a two year term.

These are the new deacons: Cliff Anglin, Kim Carver, Jim Cook, Tim Crabtree, Adam Hankins, Johnathan Hills, Rock Kendrick, Steve Mikell, Tommy Milazzo, Dale Padgett, Steele Rolston, Dwayne Schaefer, Tom Stogner, Mark Thompson, Charlie Vandercook. These deacons will serve on the active deacon body for the 2019-2020 calendar years.

These newly elected deacons will join the deacons previously serving. The following deacons will continue serving through the end of 2019: Jim Bishop, Mike Blossman, Ed Buckley, Mike Fairburn, Matthew Johnston, Adam Martin, Mike Martin, Larry McKinney, Rhett Rush, Todd Snure, Steve Soileau, Jeremy Windom.

At FBC, deacons help the pastors of the church lead in ministry. They visit hospitals, welcome new attenders, and minister in times of crisis.

At next year's election, fifteen additional men will be elected to bring the total number to 30. The deacons asked for the increase to better minister to a growing church body.

All ordained men are invited to the deacon ordination council for Tim Crabtree and Tommy Milazzo Tuesday, December 4 at 6:00 PM in W412.

Tim Crabtree and Tommy Milazzo will be ordained (set apart for this ministry by prayer) in the worship services January 5 & 6, 2019.

Please join me in praying for all those who serve the church in this way.