

- ◆ **“Are you not of more value than they?”**
Yes you are! So don't worry!
- ◆ **“...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”** Jesus basically said:
Trust in me as your Savior; *then you will be a member of God's kingdom!* Then
 - ◆keep God first in your life,
 - ◆listen to Him through the Bible,
 - ◆talk to Him through prayer,
 - ◆gather with others for Word and Sacrament, and
 - ◆know He will carry you through every circumstance!

God Wants to Make a Trade

What a deal for us! When we think about making a trade, we are hoping to gain or at least break even. But God is so good to us! *This is how God calls us to deal with our worries: “...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV). What does that mean?

- ◆ God invites us to gather-up everything we are worried about, *so make a list!*
- ◆ God invites us to give our worries to Him through ◆regular prayer – *talking to God, on the basis of our faith in Jesus* and ◆supplication – *a very earnest prayer!*
- ◆ As we are giving our worries to God, He calls us to *remember our countless blessings and give Him thanks!* Doing so will begin to shift our focus from our worries to our blessings!

- ◆ Then God will give us His peace, *which the unbelieving world cannot understand!* God's peace is possible in *every circumstance* for all who have God-given faith in Jesus as their Savior! Why?
 - ✓ God loves us with an everlasting love!
 - ✓ God has gifted us with full forgiveness through Jesus!
 - ✓ God is in control of all things!
 - ✓ God will provide whatever we need!
 - ✓ God is much greater than any problem!
 - ✓ God is working all things together for our good!
 - ✓ When we die in Jesus, God will immediately take us to paradise!

Conclusion

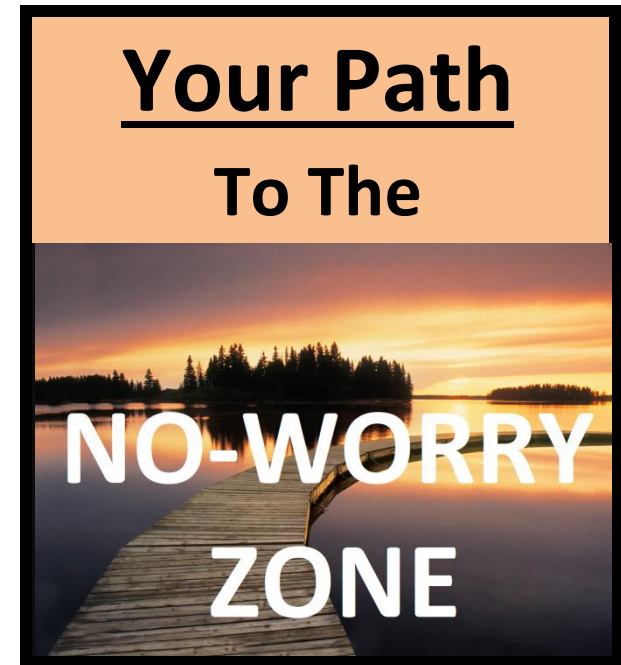
Here are two more helpful brochures (*available at Bethlehem and on our website*):
“[Are You Healthy?](#)” “[Daily Devotion](#)”

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Introduction

Dear Friends: You are now on a journey to an amazing place: *The No-Worry Zone!*

- ◆ It's a real place!
- ◆ Few people know about it!
- ◆ Everyone is welcome!
- ◆ The cost to enter is free!
- ◆ The cost to stay there is free!
- ◆ Being there will transform your life!

Since it's so easy to worry about so many things, this brochure is for you and every worrier in the world. So now, *with an open mind and an open heart*, keep reading to get into the zone – *The No-Worry Zone!*

The Bible Is True

How do I know? For MANY good reasons; for example: *Thousands of times*, God

moved men to write down in the Bible what would happen – *before it happened!* And then each thing actually happened – *just as God had said!* (For more examples: Go to the Bethlehem website; then, under *Sermons*, search for *Abide in Me*; then see parts 1-5.)

Some key Bible verses: Even if they seem impossible, remember: God is almighty – *so He can do it!* God is holy – *so He must do it!*

- ♦ “Every word of God proves true...” (Proverbs 30:5 ESV).
- ♦ Jesus prayed to God the Father: “...your word is truth” (John 17:17 ESV).
- ♦ “...men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21 ESV). So the words of the Bible came to us in this order: God the Father > God the Holy Spirit > faithful men

God Made You

Think about this: You might say, “My parents made me.” *But wait!* Who made your parents? If we could go back through every relative – *all the way to the beginning*, we would come to this: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27 ESV).

And then, *to explain the world in which we live today*, the Bible says: “[God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26 ESV).

God Is Sustaining You

Think about these amazing realities: The Bible says: “In [God] we live and move and

have our being” (Acts 17:28 ESV). Therefore, without God, ♦we would be dead, ♦we could not move, and ♦we would not even exist!

The Psalm-writer prayed to the LORD: “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:15-16 ESV).

God Loves You

God wanted someone to love, so He made us and loved us. Then, amazingly, *even when the first people sinned*, God still loved them: “...God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 ESV). Life now can be nice; *life forever with God in paradise will be awesome!*

God Took Away Your Sins

God has made the way to paradise, to heaven for everyone! God the Father made the way through Jesus, *His only Son*; think about these key verses:

- ♦ “... [John the Baptizer] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (John 1:29 ESV). Jesus did that work through His ♦sinless living and ♦sacrificial dying; *He did both for all!*
- ♦ To be with God, *we must be sinless in His sight*. Since we are all sinners, *this is how God made that possible:* “For our sake [God the Father] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in [Jesus] we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV). Without Jesus

we are locked out of paradise; however, through our God-given faith in Jesus as our Savior, *heaven is open for us!*

God Knows All of Your Days

This is mind blowing! Even before God created the world, *He knew all that would happen:* “I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done” (Isaiah 46:9-10 ESV). God knows because He is not bound by time; *He always sees, knows, and is in control of everything!*

As the psalm-writer prays here, *so God knows the same about you:* “Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them” (Psalm 139:16 ESV). We live now and, *because of sin*, one-day we will die. God knows exactly when and how, *all such things are in HIS HANDS*; therefore, let us ♦trust in Him, ♦not worry, and ♦be at peace!

God Wants You to Look Around

Think about God’s action to take care of His creation; Jesus said in Matthew 6:25-33...

- ♦ “...do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” Since God gave us life and bodies, *He will surely give us food and clothes.* So don’t worry!
- ♦ “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.