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'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11, NASB)

Change! Does anyone really like change? We get settled in to the comfortable, the secure surrounding; the regular schedule. Have you ever been afraid to make a change because you don't know what's coming? Like most people, I like predictability. I thrive on sureness. Change means stepping into the unknown and losing your comfortable routine. That can be frightening. I have to give up control. That's scary, too.

I can imagine the Old Testament patriarch Abraham and his wife Sarah living in the big city, having built up their family business over the years, saving for retirement, owning land and livestock, servants and employee's meeting their needs; everything going just as they planned. Then, whamo! God calls them out of their comfort-zone, uproots the whole operation and family and sends them off to ... only God knows where! Change!

Change is very difficult. Whether it's changing a habit, attitude, job or city - change is always a challenge, and change is even more difficult when it happens suddenly or without our approval. For example, change in health, or change in a relationship because of death or divorce. There is always an element of pain in change - even when the change is for our good like, when a new and better job in a new city means leaving friends and familiar places behind. It's for this reason people naturally avoid or put off change because they want to avoid the pain that usually accompanies change.

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I have for you**

Over the last two years, Jeanine's parents have been in an assisted-living memory care facility. They were such wonderful Christian parents, loved the Lord, served in their church for many years, an example of faith and stability. Now at age 96, unable to care for themselves, they need 24 hour care, with Jeanine and her sister's constant attention. Change!

We have two daughters who have been living near us here in the Quad Cities. The oldest has our three older grandchildren, 21, 16 and 15. The younger has our younger grandchildren, 10, 6 and 4. Three weeks ago our oldest daughter and her three children moved to Florida to try to re-unite the family with their father and husband. Change! Now we only have three grandchildren to love on and will have to be satisfied with a long-distance relationship with the others. Change!

Over the last several months we felt the Lord directing us to down-size the ministry. So, that led to recently moving out of our old office, retiring our secretary, working out of an office in our house and moving our counseling to a room at Homewood Free church. It's amazing how much you accumulate in 15 years in a rented office. Lots of stuff had to be sold, given away or taken to Good Will, phones canceled, insurance updated, etc.etc. Change!

The unknown can overwhelm you, but God knows all things and He prepares you for the future in ways you can't prepare yourself, and "*he works all things for the good of those who love him*" (Romans 8:28, NIV). Someone said, "God is our guide who is never surprised."

God is personal and intervenes in our lives. When you feel weak in the face of change, God is omnipotent, or all-powerful. "*If God is for us, who can be*

Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

Freedom Ministries invites you to:

"TRIVIA NIGHT"

October 14, 2016, 7:00 PM

Grace Evangelical Free Church 5520 Eastern Ave.
Davenport, IA 52708 - 309-764-6881 questions

against us?" (Romans 8:31, NIV). Knowing the invincible God is on your side gives you tremendous confidence.

The most important attribute God brings when you're facing change is his unconditional love for you. His love never wavers. He wants only the best for you, and when change makes you suffer, as it often does, he stands closest to you, giving comfort and strength.

Biblical Solutions Conference

Discover & Apply

Biblical Solutions

For Personal & Marital Conflicts

With John Regier

September 18—22, 2016

Upper Deer Creek Church

3369 320th St

Wellman, IA 52356

319-646-6837



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donations to go toward a Christian ministry? Freedom Ministries is an approved charity for United Way. Just write Freedom Ministries on the line to show where you wish your donations to go. Our United Way number is #663708. We thank you!

Annual CFTH Confer-

November 6—10, 2016

“Understanding and Caring for Another’s Heart”

**Life Point Church
Palm Bay, FL**

www.caringfortheheart.com
Or call 719-572-5550

Birdies for Charity

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies campaign. We are so grateful to you for your gifts. 1,982 birdies were scored in this year’s tournament!

Thank you!



Prayer & Praise

Praise

- ◆ For our new office provided by Homewood Free Church
- ◆ For God providing a new board member
- ◆ For healing of Wayne’s esophageal ulcer

Prayer

- ◆ CFTH Annual Conference in November

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