



The Spotlight - August 2020



There's a great big beautiful tomorrow!

If you're a Disney fan, you'll recognise these words and may already be singing, for they're from the theme song of the Carousel of Progress. If you're not a Disneyphile or you've never been to Disneyland, then know that it's a ride that takes visitors on a tour of human innovation through the years, which leaves everyone on a high note of optimism feeling that there really is a great big beautiful tomorrow!

It's a fantastic message, but sadly, it's grounded in human achievement and on that basis, it can only ever capture a shadow of it's momentous truth. The real truth holds so much more, for Christ came that all men might have a great big beautiful tomorrow. If you've already accepted the gift that Jesus came to bring, you know that, but if you haven't, it's not too late for all of your tomorrows to play out perfectly, too! Of course, once walking with Him, it's important to remember that perfect in God's eyes may differ from what would seem perfect in our eyes, so whenever we ever see our future unfolding in ways that differ from our own plans, the key is to trust Him rather than ourselves and never fear because He really does know what is best for each and every one of us as individuals. In fact, the sooner we all understand this, the sooner joy and hope can take their rightful place and life can be lived in true fullness. Actually, trust is critical but something we can all demonstrate by giving thanks to the Lord in every circumstance.

*There are so many promises that Christians, who truly love Christ on His terms, can depend as they walk through life, but we share this one now because it can really bless and guide us in so many situations: **Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.** (Isaiah 41:10)*

As always, we leave you with links to last month's messages, so that you can easily access any that appeal to you.

- [1. Unravelling Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you...](#)
- [2. What Does It Mean to be Born Again?](#)
- [3. Unravelling Scripture: Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things...](#)
- [4. Unravelling Scripture: Psalm 91:10 - No evil will conquer you...](#)
- [5. Unravelling Scripture: Matthew 7:1 - Judge not, that you be not judged.](#)

May you always find joy above your circumstances!

*In Christ,
Jim & Elaine*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

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