EXAMPLE 1 SAPTIST CHURCH July 17, 2022

Lessons from persecuted Christians

#3 Rely on God

Who or what are we relying on to save us? Politics? Policies? Our own strength? Whatever is of this world will ultimately fail. When we rely on God first and put our faith in Him, that's when we have a firm foundation. The "what ifs" can be relentless: What if this happens? What if that happens? But in John 14:27, Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." What a perfect peace to clothe ourselves with daily—a peace that can calm our minds and spirit. When we rely on ourselves, we're setting ourselves up for worrisome nights, but when we put our full trust in God, we have His permission to let go.

We don't know what's coming next. For Cecilia*, she didn't know that when she said "goodbye" to her husband on the phone, it would be the last time she'd ever speak to him. He was targeted and killed for his faith in Syria. When he died, Cecilia could barely comprehend it, let alone how she was going to continue. Her husband provided for all the family's needs, and he was gone now. However, even after such a tragic event, she found peace in God: "I decided to hold on to Jesus," she said.



Check out the new encouragement corner at the R210 Table in the church foyer. We will have new ways to encourage our church family almost every week!

Think on These Things

LOVE

"I will put God first in my life when I get a round tuit."

You, or someone you know, may need a "round tuit" in order to move ahead as God desires. All too often, when it comes to the church, people think that Mr. or Ms. Someone Else is the person who will take care of the necessary things within the church such as, praying, giving, serving, volunteering, working, etc. This is a luxury that no church, who is seeking to honor God, can afford. In fact, if the church has any spiritual depth at all, her members will seek opportunities to give of themselves in order to honor the Savior Who is her Head. We here at FRBC are being given a most wonderful gift and opportunity from God: a chance to put God first

in word and in deed! I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us and I truly believe that "The best is yet to be!" Love and blessings, Trace







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Month-to-Date Year-to-Date \$ 120,778.00 106,517.74 -14,260.26

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