WHAT WE KNOW

Wylie United Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Hatcher - March 22, 2020

2 Corinthians 1:7

And <u>our hope</u> for you <u>is firm</u>, <u>because we know</u> that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

We know...

I. NOT TO FEAR AS THIS CRISIS WILL PASS

Psalms 23:1, 4

I The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

17 For <u>our temporary and momentary troubles will not last</u>. But they are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we <u>focus not on what is seen</u>, but <u>on what is unseen</u>. For what is <u>seen is temporary</u>, but what is <u>unseen is eternal</u>.

We know...

2. TO FOCUS ON WHAT IS UNCHANGING

- God sees & cares about everything you're going through
- God <u>hears</u> & <u>answers</u> <u>prayer</u>
- God's <u>plan</u> is <u>always</u> <u>better</u> than our plan
- God always acts out of His goodness to you

We know...

3. GOD LOVES YOU AND IS WITH YOU Isaiah 43:1-5

I But now, this is what the Lord says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you... 3 For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

4... 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you;