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#### TREASURING GOD'S WORD...FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART:

What do you do in times of trouble? When fears, uncertainties, insecurities, and pending dangers bombard your life, is there any way to find hope?

YES! Let me encourage you to remember what I shared on Sunday:

Call upon the Lord, Trust in the Lord, and Wait upon the Lord!

#### 1. Call upon the Lord

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me" (Psalm 50:15). "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

### 2. Trust in the Lord

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). "Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it" (Psalm 37:5).

#### 3. Wait upon the Lord

"Indeed, none of those who wait for Thee will be ashamed" (Psalm 25:3a). "The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of the LORD" (Lamentations 3:25-26).

For extra encouragements in your prayer life, don't forget we are about half way through our "40 Days of Prayer" moving up to our Easter Celebration. You can find these on the church website, or you can come by the church and pick up the entire set.

Many thanks go to the crew that helped broadcast our service this past Sunday: Corey Traywick, Chris Ferguson, Mike and Kathy Elder, Stacey Adams, Bryan Maddox, Bill Short, and Ronald and Tonya Smith. And many thanks go to the so many who joined us for worship on Facebook Live and on the Radio (WKLF 95.5 FM). Thank you so much for your many comments and encouragements.

And praise the Lord for our staff here at First Baptist. Your ministerial and office staff are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to call us if we can do anything for you. Also, if you need some shopping done, but your health condition, age, or fears are such that you do not want to go out in public, please let us know. We will either do the shopping for you, or recruit help from the many deacons and church laypersons who are willing to serve.

