

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

How Should We Then Live?

What do you anticipate coming in 2024 & beyond?

- Does that influence **how you'll live each day?**
(Some things **known** & some **unknown**)
- Should we **decide ahead of time** how we'll live?
- Or wait & react to **what comes our way**, expected or not?

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- Because of how **the lives of others** impacts us?
- Because of how **Christ lived for us?**
- Because of what happens in our world?
- Because of what **God has promised** will happen in our world?

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If it's determined by **other people** and events...

- We've placed them **before Christ** in our lives

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Matthew 7:24-27, "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

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Did each person decide before, or after life hit them?

Will we decide now... or wait to see how it goes?

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Hebrews 12:26-29, His voice shook the earth at that time, but now He has promised, Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven. This expression, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that **what is not shaken** might remain. **Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us hold on to grace. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

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There is much shaking going on these days

- I know many people who's lives are being shaken to the core
- Some events are shaking whole nations & cultures
(Including our own)

Will we choose how to live because of it?

Or will we live because of **Who we live For?**

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II Peter 3:10-12, But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

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I Corinthians 3:13, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

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- How **will we** then live?

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"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness... do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

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For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.

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5:3-7:23 (21-23), "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

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II Corinthians 12:7-10, And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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NEXT WEEK: Finish the Lord's Prayer