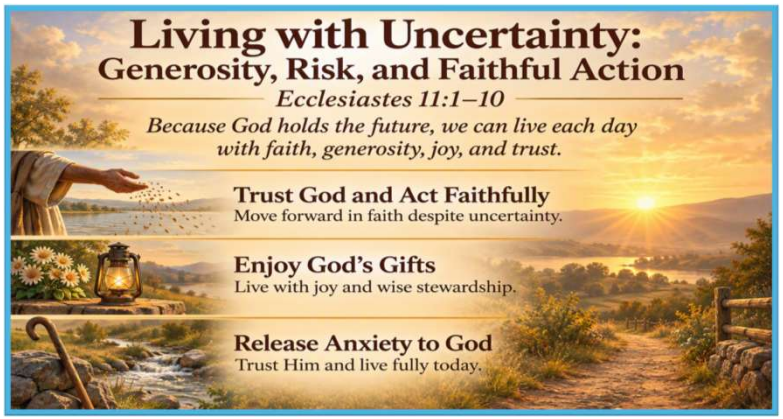


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Ecclesiastes 11 KJV

1 Ship your grain across the sea; after many days you may receive a return. 2 Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land. 3 If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there it will lie. 4 Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

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Ecclesiastes 11 KJV

6 Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. 7 Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun. 8 However many years anyone may live, let them enjoy them all. But let them remember the days of darkness, for there will be many. Everything to come is meaningless. 9 You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

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Ecclesiastes 11 KJV

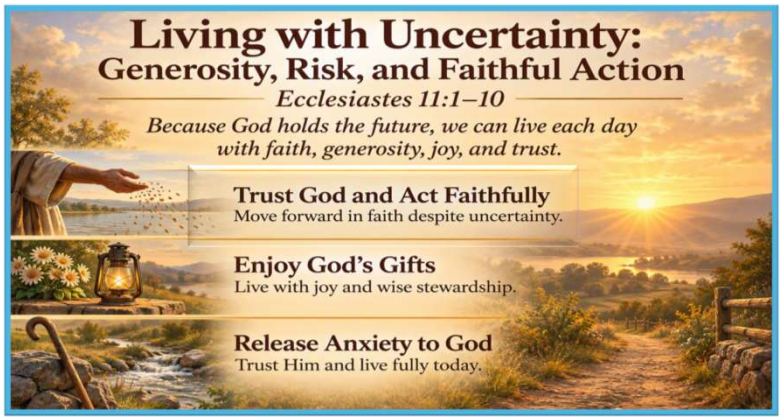
10 So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless.

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Theme

Because God holds the future, we can live each day with faith, generosity, joy, and trust.

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Trust God and Act Faithfully

- God calls us to be generous, even when we do not know what the results will be. (Ecclesiastes 11:1-2)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV)

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Trust God and Act Faithfully

- Faith often requires taking wise risks instead of holding back in fear.

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. (Matthew 25:26–27 KJV)

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Trust God and Act Faithfully

- Biblical heroes (Noah building an ark, Abraham leaving home, Moses forsaking Egypt) acted before they knew the outcome because they trusted God.

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (Hebrews 11:7–8 KJV)

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Trust God and Act Faithfully

- Faith means trusting God's promises even when we cannot see the future.

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1 KJV)

- Fear can keep us from serving God, but faith moves us forward in obedience.

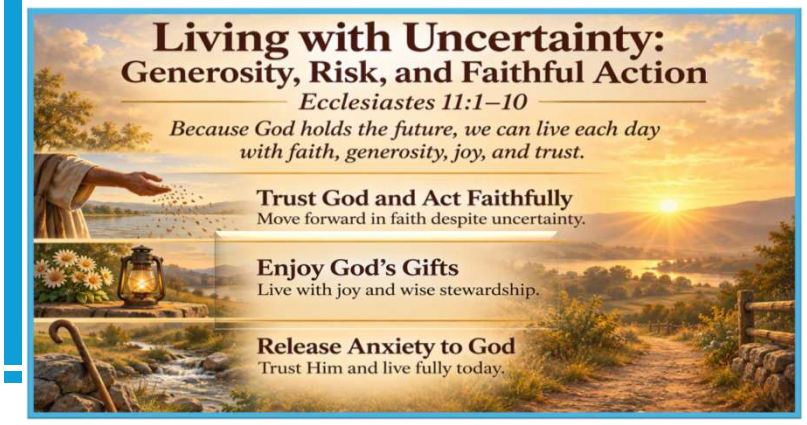
6 "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me." (Mark 14:6 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- When have you trusted God during an uncertain time in your life?
- What act of generosity or kindness might God be calling you to do now?
- How can faith help us overcome fear about the future?

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Enjoy God's Gifts

- Every season of life is a gift from God to be appreciated and enjoyed. (Ecclesiastes 11:9)
- We should use our time wisely because life is brief.

16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:16 KJV)

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Enjoy God's Gifts

- God wants us to honor Him with our bodies & our daily choices.

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1 KJV)

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Enjoy God's Gifts

- Joy & holiness belong together in the Christian life.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8 KJV)

- We live with the awareness that one day we will give an account to God.

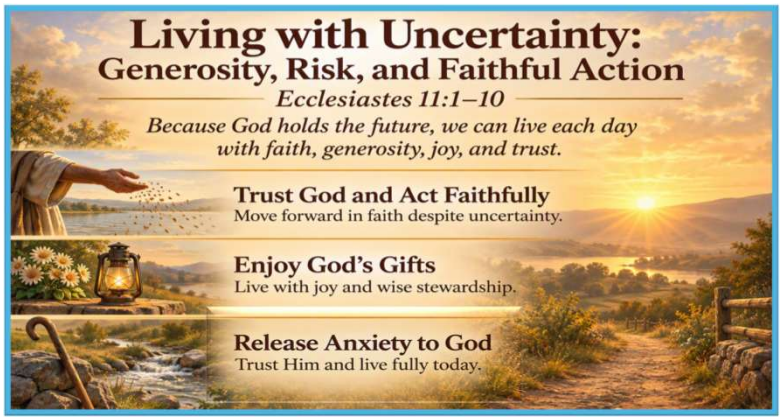
12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. (Romans 14:12 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- What simple blessings bring you joy each day?
- How has your understanding of life's value changed as you have grown older?
- How does remembering God's judgment encourage you to live wisely today?

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Release Anxiety to God

- Jesus invites us to bring our burdens & worries to Him.

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28–30 KJV)

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Release Anxiety to God

- We can give our anxieties to God because He cares for us.

7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 KJV)

- Prayer & thankfulness bring God's peace into our lives.

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6–7 KJV)

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Release Anxiety to God

- Jesus teaches us not to worry about tomorrow but to trust God today.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34 KJV)

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Release Anxiety to God

- Waiting for perfect conditions can keep us from doing what God wants us to do now. (Ecclesiastes 11:4)

13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:13–15 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- What worries are hardest for you to give to God?
- How has prayer helped you experience God's peace during difficult times?
- What would it look like for you to trust God more fully today?

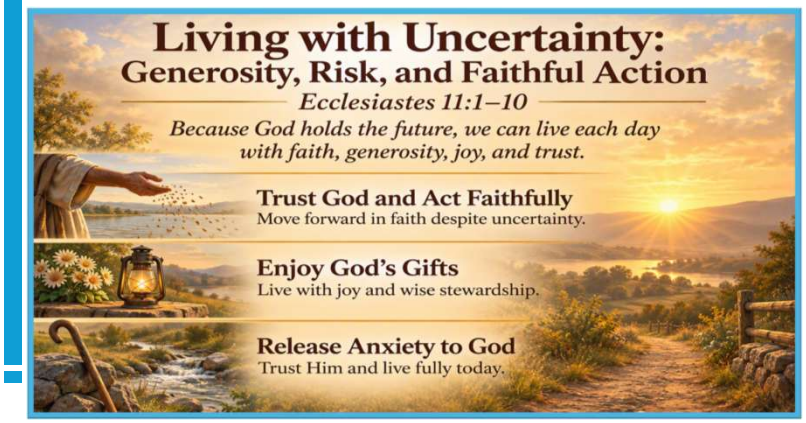
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Practical Applications

- Perform one act of kindness or generosity this week without expecting anything in return.
- Spend time each day thanking God for the blessings He has given you.
- Write down a worry & give it to God in prayer.
- Reach out to someone who may be lonely or discouraged.
- Memorize 1 Peter 5:7 as a reminder to trust God's care.

7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 KJV)

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Sowing & Reaping Generously

- What can I still sow at age 75, 85, or 95?
  - Kind words
  - Prayer
  - Love
  - Wisdom
  - Encouragement
  - Faith

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Sowing & Reaping Generously

- What will I reap?
  - Joy
  - Peace
  - Purpose
  - Stronger relationships
  - God's blessings
  - Eternal rewards

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Sowing & Reaping Generously

- When will I reap?
  - Sometimes today
  - Sometimes later
  - Sometimes in heaven
- The beautiful truth for us seniors is that as long as God gives us breath, we still have seed to sow & a harvest to anticipate.

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Living Sacrifices

- Attend worship faithfully when able - Choosing to gather with God's people demonstrates devotion & worship.
- Pray regularly for others - Using your voice, mind & heart to intercede for family, friends, caregivers & missionaries.
- Encourage fellow residents - Offering a smile, kind word, note, or visit to someone who is lonely.
- Use your speech to bless others - Speaking words that build up rather than complain or criticize.

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Living Sacrifices

- Share their testimony - Telling how God has been faithful throughout the years.
- Serve within your abilities - Helping with activities, greeting newcomers, or assisting others in simple ways.
- Show kindness to caregivers & staff - Treating employees with respect, gratitude & Christian love.
- Care for your health responsibly - Taking medications, exercising when able & maintaining good habits as stewardship of God's gift.

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Living Sacrifices

- Practice contentment & gratitude - Offering God a thankful attitude despite physical limitations.
- Endure difficulties with faith - Trusting God through pain, loss, limitations & uncertainty becomes a powerful testimony to others.

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Prayer Requests

- Dorothy – Praises that her brother Charles' cancer is treatable.
- Anna – Lord will lavish His blessings upon her homeless friends who are experiencing medical & financial issues.
- John – Praises that the Lord has blessed his friend Larry with healing & complete recovery from his recent open-heart surgery.
- Sheila – Praises that her brother's granddaughter, Ireland received an ice hockey scholarship & the Lord will bless Sergio with healing of his health issues.
- Sergio – Lord will bless him with good physical & mental health.
- Laura – Lord will bring peace to several new residents who are struggling with change.
- Silvia – Lord will heal her son, Steve & surround him with grace.
- Steve – Lord will bless him with the best medical care.
- Terry – Lord will lavish His blessings upon all the local homeless.
- Fran – Lord will bless her, her 3 sons & family with His peace & the gift of salvation.
- Roberta – Lord will give her assurance that her son, grandson & great grandson (Cameron) are saved.
- Ed – Lord will relieve his wife's chronic trigeminal pain.

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