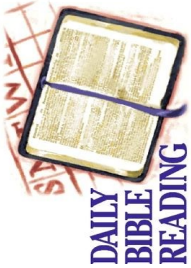


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**CHECK  
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 SOMETHING  
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In the next few days, you should receive a letter from Highland Baptist Church which contains two self addressed, stamped envelopes and a questionnaire.

The envelopes are for your convenience to return the questionnaire or your tithes and offerings.

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**FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...**

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

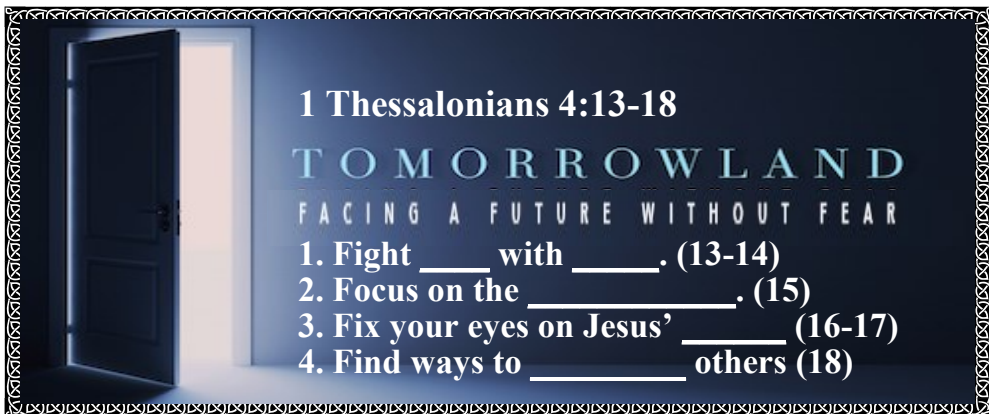
When Bill and Gloria Gaither wrote this hymn in 1971, the world was experiencing difficulty in daily life. The Vietnam War was at its height. The "God is dead" philosophy was rampant and the sexual revolution and drug culture created great turmoil. The Gaithers wanted to write a song that reflected the philosophy of their life, "the resurrection principle in the daily routines of life" (Kenneth W. Osbeck, 101 More Hymn Stories, 46).

I grew up singing this hymn and love this hymn as many of you did. But, I always wondered why the second stanza? I know we're Baptist, but do you remember the second stanza?

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He lives.*

At the height of everything mentioned above, the Gaithers had two little girls. Gloria was pregnant with Benjy, their only boy. Bill thought to himself "Who would want to bring a child into the world that we have right now?" Then it hit him. We can face uncertain days because Jesus lives.

This week I will begin a new series based in the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. It's called Tomorrowland and it deals with the issue of facing a future without fear. Tomorrow may be uncertain. Our plans may change ten times in the next week. Our loved ones may contract the virus. Some may even die. Some of you may move from employed to unemployed. The economy may not pick up quickly. But, no matter how uncertain the days ahead may be, we can have the calm assurance that Jesus lives and Jesus is in control of all things! Are you living with this "resurrection principle" in your life? Will you join me in inviting others to study through 1 and 2 Thessalonians with us? If we are to continue to reach others with the gospel, then we need to face our future without fear. We need this reassurance and so do others. See you online Sunday!



**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**TOMORROWLAND**

FACING A FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR

1. Fight \_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. (13-14)
2. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_. (15)
3. Fix your eyes on Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_. (16-17)
4. Find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ others (18)



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 WOW Sunday School Class of Highland Baptist Church  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starnes  
 Designated to the Highlanders by:  
 The Worshipping Widows Group  
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 Mrs. Shirley Massey

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**THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED AT HBC MAY 3-9.**

**A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:**  
 ...Diana Smith Barrett.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT APRIL 26, 2020**

Budget	14,976.18		
Child Development Center	31,390.50	CDC Req. to date	395,390.59
Designated	351.24	(17@23,258.27)	
Total	46,717.92	CDC Receipts to date	350,871.50
Budget Req. to date (17@22,740.93)	386,595.81		
Budget Receipts to date	379,266.14		