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**"TIME TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH FAITH NOT FEAR"**

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**MATTHEW 2:1-12; JOB 8:8-9**

**TRUTH:** All our opportunities are in front of us, but the lessons of life are in the past (Job 8:8-9).

**INSIGHT:** The Magi came to find Jesus because of the teaching of Daniel.

**TRUTH:** There will be a crisis in 2020, and you'll need the wisdom of Daniel.

**INSIGHT:** Daniel had developed the reputation of being the "go to" guy in times of trouble and confusion (Daniel 5:10-12).

**HOW DO WE FACE THE FUTURE? HOW DO WE WALK THROUGH 2020?**

### **I. WHAT NOT TO DO**

1. Don't presume about tomorrow (Proverbs 27:1).

**TRUTH:** God hides most of our future because it would overwhelm us.

**2020 FORECAST:** To plan without praying is presumption.

2. Don't panic about tomorrow (Matthew 6:34 LB).
3. Don't procrastinate until tomorrow (Ecclesiastes 11:4 LB).

**TRUTH:** Perfectionism is the root cause of most procrastination.

### **II. WHAT YOU CAN COUNT ON**

1. God is in control.

**TRUTH:** A mark of emotional maturity is realizing most of the world is out of our control.

**TRUTH:** The one constant of 2020 is that God's in control (1 Chronicles 29:11).

**INSIGHT:** Life isn't circular, repeating itself; it's linear, moving toward a focal point, a climax.

**TRUTH:** You are not going through random events that just happen; your life is a grand design with a purpose.

2. Your plans have a limit (Proverbs 19:21, 16:1, 16:9).

**INSIGHT:** Following God means I don't get a vote on the purpose and plan of my life.

**THE POINT:** Cooperate with God; He knows what you're made to do more than you do.

**GOOD PRAYER FOR 2020:** "Lord, what's the next step?"

3. My problems have a purpose (1 Peter 1:6-7).

**QUESTION:** Are you angry with God this morning?

**THE PURPOSE OF A CHILD OF GOD:** To serve the purpose of God in our generation and then going home.