

**The Power of Compassion**  
**“Finding Joy Amidst Uncertainty”**

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Always be joyful.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NLT)

## Understanding Uncertainty

1. Memories of Past Problems
2. Fears About The Unknown
3. Mistrust of Other People

## Finding Joy Amidst Uncertainty

1. Resolve To Follow God’s Leadership

This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. Psalm 91:2 (NLT)

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for...When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else. Jeremiah 29:11,13 (MSG)

Mortals make elaborate plans, but GOD has the last word. Proverbs 16:1 (MSG)

2. Live One Day At A Time

If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. Psalm 91:9-10 (NLT)

{Jesus said} “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Matthew 6:34 (MSG)

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3. Do It Now

“Because you love me, I will rescue you. I will protect you because you know my name.” Psalm 91:14 (GW)

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments.” John 14:15 (GW)

### What Is God Calling You To Do Now?

#### Vision & Values

- \_ Learn more about how our church can live out our vision and values
- \_ Help set and accomplish the goals of our Church
- \_ Study the habits of fruitful organizations and leaders
- \_ Learn more about meeting bench mark and accomplishing goals

#### Community Outreach

- \_ Plan ways for our church to build meaningful relationships across ages
- \_ Work to help new people get connected into our church
- \_ Develop/implement a plan for building relationships with new people
- \_ Serve at the “Movies on Main Street” or the AUMC booth at the Loons game

#### Awareness & Aesthetics

- \_ Develop a plan for helping people in Midland find out about Aldersgate
- \_ Work to improve Aldersgate’s branding: i.e. t-shirts, tchotchke, touch points
- \_ Pray for our neighbors and take a genuine interest in their specific needs
- \_ Freshen up the interior/exterior of our church building

#### Sunday Worship

- \_ Help create powerful and meaningful moments in worship for all ages
- \_ Study and assess the use of sanctuary space to enhance a warm environment
- \_ Work with the Pastor to enrich the impact and flow of the worship time

#### Discipleship Development

- \_ Plan a process to help people at every developmental phase grow in their faith
- \_ Help people develop life-long relationships through meaningful small groups
- \_ Design a process to help people Discover, Develop and Deploy their gifts
- \_ Implement a method for identifying, recruiting, and training new people