

Resilience in the storms

"In this world you will have trouble," Jesus says in John 16:33 (NIV). Christians, in other words, should expect sufferings and setbacks that challenge their spiritual resilience. Tim Kight, in a blog post titled "The Resilient Christian," offers these reminders for times of adversity: Trust God. Pray fervently, deeply and boldly. Dig into God's Word. And praise God regardless of your circumstances. "When you are in the storm, trust God and don't flinch," Kight advises.

With that game plan and attitude, we can pray with the prophet Habakkuk: "Though the fig tree does not bud ... and the fields produce no food ... yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior" (3:17-18, NIV).

Ascension

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The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show

how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

7th Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

Our proper role

"We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges." This quip may bring a chuckle, but it's also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord (May 18 this year). Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ..." (Acts 1:8, NRSV).

While professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others' morality or relationship with God. "Do not judge," Jesus says, "and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV). And what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.



*We will be acknowledging the achievements of all the
graduates in our congregations on*

Sunday, May 28th @ Blythe Chapel

Sunday, June 4th @ Fort Branch First

during worship. We don't want to leave anyone out!

*If you have a student graduating either Jr. High, High School,
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