

Pastor Roy's sermon from August 4, 2019 (service/picnic at Warrington Twp Park)

I was reminded this week that we are the only creatures on earth capable of planning for the future.

The wisdom writer *and* Jesus both point out the folly that we spend so much energy planning for the future making sure everything turns out the way we want--yet in the end, we really have so much less control than we admit to ourselves. When we worry and get frustrated it accomplishes nothing but make us miserable and stressed. Sometimes our security is founded on shifting winds and sand.

I guess we have to ask ourselves, How much is enough? How much planning? How much security? How much insurance? And perhaps most importantly, in what and in whom is my security based?

What if we sacrifice our true values for our obsession with controlling our future?

Is there another way to live and make decisions? From the Wise Teacher and Jesus I hear encouragement to be aware not just of what we want in the future, but what we already have now. In fact, what we already have now is far more important than what we could ever grasp from the future.

Can we be truly present in this moment? Can we embrace and share the abundance of God right now? Can we stop longing for what we don't need, what we can't keep, and what may never happen?

Today is a gift. May we treasure it.