

MORNING WORSHIP

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Theme: “Not With Uncertainty”

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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(Combined service)

(I) THE PROBLEM OF UNCERTAINTY

- 1. Youth**
- 2. Inexperience**
- 3. Fears**

(II) THE PROBLEM OF UNCERTAINTY RESOLVED

- 1. Maturity as the fruit of a much-tested life**
- 2. Wisdom that comes from experience**
- 3. Faith that has been honed**

(III) THE POWER THAT COMES WITH CERTAINTY OF FAITH AND MINISTRY

- 1. Ministry and life appear more manageable**
- 2. Battles become less formidable**
- 3. Life becomes more purposeful**

(IV) THE MATURING OF PERSPECTIVE

- 1. Life and Ministry Viewed as a Race**
- 2. Life and Ministry Viewed as a Fight**
- 3. Essential Understanding**
 - a) The question of fitness
 - b) The issue of training
 - c) The question of skill

d) The winning mindset

(V) UNAFRAID OF LIFE MINISTRY CHALLENGES

1. Establishing Non-negotiables

a) Integrity

b) The Long-haul approach

i) Prepared to go the distance

ii) Ready to pitch in all the time

2. Excitement concerning the Future

a) Maturation of Faith

b) Maturation of Mindset

POEM

DEEP LIVING

We love to spread our branches,
 The root life we neglect;
We love to shine in public,
 And human praise expect;
While in our inner chamber,
 Where creature voices cease,
We may meet God in silence,
 And breathe in heaven's peace.

The secret of deep living
 Lies in the secret place,
Where, time and sense forgotten,
 We see God face to face,
Beyond mere forms and symbols,
 Beyond mere words and signs,
Where, in that hidden temple,
 The Light eternal shines.

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