



Friends,

The Apostle Paul teaches us how we can reframe our thinking so that we might look at a situation from a different and more positive perspective. For Paul, he anticipated going to Rome to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ and instead ended up in prison. Now Paul could not control what happened to him, but he could control how he framed it, saw it, lived with the situation he was given. To reframe is to look at where you are and how you might change your perspective on where you find yourself. For Paul, finding himself in prison was not where he wanted to be. He thought that he was missing out on the opportunity to preach and share God's Word. Once he stepped back and took a deep breath, he saw how God was actually giving him more opportunity to share the Good News in prison. Paul came to realize that God had given him a captive audience. He had a different guard every time there was a shift change, so he had the opportunity to share Jesus the entire time this guard was on duty. There were probably four shift changes every day. That meant at least four different people each day times 7 days, 28 opportunities to share Jesus for four hours with one person. Wow! Paul also had a captive audience with his fellow prisoners. That population turned over as well and he was able to share Jesus each day with his fellow prisoners.

The bible tells us in **Philippians 1:12-14** that, because of Paul's imprisonment, people were coming to Jesus and becoming disciples. Read what it says: **12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.**

This is a great example of reframing your thinking and looking at your situation from a different perspective. Paul was unable to control his situation but he was able to control how he now saw his story. You see, when you change your thinking, you change your life.

Let me offer Three Principles in how you can Reframe your Story, or in other words, how you can come to look at your situation

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from a different perspective.

1) THANK GOD FOR WHAT DID NOT HAPPEN. It could always be worst. Look at what happened, give God thanks for bringing you through the problem, the circumstances, and consider how it could have been worse, yet the worst did not happen. God is always in control, and God always works things together for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2) PRACTICE PRE-FRAMING. This means that, before you find yourself in a situation or in a circumstance, vision, look ahead, consider all the possibilities, and determine in advance how you will frame, how you will perceive, how you will react to what will become your current reality. You cannot predetermine everything that may happen to you, but you can pre-frame your response. It is looking into your future with an eye on how you would like that vision to become a reality, and how you will respond whether it will be positive or negative.

3) LOOK FOR GOD'S GOODNESS. If you want to see bad, then you will see bad. If you want to see negative, then you will see negative. If you want to be critical, then you will be critical. You can lean toward what is good or you can lean toward what is bad. To look for God's Goodness is to look where God is working. God is always at work in your life, in your neighbor's life, in your spouse's life, in your children's lives. The Goodness of God is always there. At issue is simply this: You will always find what you are looking for, depending on how you frame the circumstances. As for me, I want to choose to look for the Goodness of God in all places and in all times. Why? Because my life will always move in the direction of my Strongest Thought, be it negative or positive.

So as you consider these three principles as to how you might reframe your story, consider this final thought: ***"Do Not Interpret God Through Your Circumstances, Interpret Your Circumstances Through The Goodness Of God."***

WEEKEND WORSHIP

We will gather this weekend and consider how we might deal with irrational worrisome thoughts - a problem we all deal with. So consider how you might live a less anxious life, guarding your mind from falling into irrational thoughts. We will explore how that might be made possible as we continue in our series, "Reframing Your Thinking." From a biblical perspective, we might frame the thought this way: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." What makes that possible? Join me as we look further into how the Apostle Paul offers some advice on this issue of overcoming anxiousness. Hope to see you this weekend in worship as you come offering your gifts to God and to one another through your presence.

Hope you have had a great week. I look forward to your presence in the fellowship of the Lord this weekend. Don't be a stranger.

Blessings,

Pastor David

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



Traditional
9:00 A.M.
Contemporary
10:30 A.M.

FEBRUARY 2019

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**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

FRIDAY- February 15, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- February 16, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Ldrship (RM 13)

SUNDAY - February 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Upper Room (RM 8)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)
10:30 a.m. Kennedy Discussion RM 8)
6:30 p.m. Scouts roop 415 (T)

MONDAY - February 18, 2019

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY - February 19, 2019

9:30 p.m. Worship Design (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Joy Circle (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- February 20, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle (S)
3:00 p.m. Blessings in a Backpack
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)
6:00 p.m. Mini Farms (T)

THURSDAY - February 21, 2019

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Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time to write a personal note of encouragement to these persons as well. The Care Notes are available at the table on Sundays. Thanks for serving and caring together as the CRUMC family of faith.

MARCH 20TH @ 6:30



JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY

Discovery Group

February 19th.
Ziggy's Bird Sanctuary
2600 W Haynes Rd., Inverness
\$5.00 Donation for tour
Lunch to follow at Angelo's

a.m. - 4 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)

FRIDAY- February 22, 2019
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store 9
a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- February 23, 2019
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Ldrship (RM13)

**if you have a change or
cancellation of a regularly
scheduled meeting/Bible Study,
please be sure to call the
front office with your
information so that our
calendars remain current.
Thank You!**

Sanctuary- (S)
Bethel Chapel- (BC)
Choir Room- (C)
Tabernacle- (T)
Kitchen- (K)

LIFEgroups

Please Contact The Church
Office for a Listing at 795-3148



Bright Beginnings
Learning Academy
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for Kindergarten,
First & Second
Grade.

To apply call
352/795-1240

Pizzeria and Restaurant

Please sign up at Connection Point

We will be car pooling as needed please contact
Jean Bush if you need a ride.
352-795-6350

PLEASE DON'T FORGET



To complete and return your

Estimate of Giving
Commitment Card

Extra commitment cards can be found at
the connection point or by going to
www.crumc.com/giving.asp

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Thrift Store



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Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 1

Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church



Our Nomads are here.

Please show your support and gratitude
for all that they do for our church by
signing up to provide and serve lunch.
Available dates for lunches can be signed



Preschool Hours are 6:30
a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Infants through VPK

Now enrolling for VPK
2018/2019 School Year
VPK Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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OFFICE
HOURS

MON - THURS
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Closed Fridays



up for at the Connection Point or by
calling the front office!

FEBRUARY 27TH
@ 6:30
church council
MEETING
IN THE CHOIR ROOM

Share
Our
Spirit



Sign up for a four week
learning experience @
the connection point

get involved *Upcoming* EVENTS stay connected

**Get Your Copy @ The
Connection Point**

February 15

Alva Young

February 16

Raymond Blandin
James Copeland
Bob Kegan
JoAnn McDaniel
Jim Shiver

February 18

Ruth Grega
Jo Steele
Mary White

February 26

Thomas Kennedy

If we have missed your
Birthday, please contact the
Care Team at

careteam@crumc.com



February 6

Patricia & Gerry
Schabruch

February 10

Jenny & Ron Bass

February 14

Judy & Terry Leavitt

February 18

Justine & Jerry Storey

If we have missed your
anniversary, please
contact the Care Team at

careteam@crumc.com



Stephen
MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is an ongoing ministry to meet the needs of persons going through a crisis or in need of care.

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential Christian Care giving to those in need. To refer yourself or someone else, call Judy Leavitt
@ 352-746-7716.

Stephen Ministers meet every fourth Thursday of each month for continuing education and supervision.



***Do you love discussing
Scripture
and offering your
thoughts on it?***

Then we have the perfect class for you!

9:15 a.m.-Upper Room
Jesus Fellowship (Room 8)

10:30 a.m. - Kennedy
Discussion Class (Room 8)

***We can't wait to see you
there!***



CONGREGATIONAL
CARE

Our Congregational Care Team helps to connect people in the congregation through visitation, phone calls, emails, & correspondence.

If you have a need, please call the office
@ 352-795-3148
or email

careteam@crumc.com



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Worship follows shortly

after at 7 p.m.
following with small
groups

**All are welcome to
attend.**

***Free child care is available
- please call the church
office to make
arrangements!***

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