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Dear Friends at Atwater Baptist,

I trust you are all doing well this week. I have been pretty well. I have been getting through all the stuff pertaining to my mother's passing and I think it is almost done. Our family would appreciate prayer as we continue to sort through the legal complexities of death.

In these last few weeks as I have had to stay home, I have been doing lots of word puzzles. So, I thought I share kind with you. This is called an Acrostic Puzzle. You take a word and fill in a new word for each letter. I decided to use the word FAITH and find some words that each letter reminds me of in this time of pandemic.

F A I T H

*Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your **faith** is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So, let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:2-4*

Family

We have all gotten closer to our families if they happen to live with you. We have learned that family can be more than blood. We have our church family and friends who can help us all be better.

You are members of God's family. Ephesians 2:19b

Answers

We have asked God for many things especially during this crisis. We need health, family, friendship, perhaps more money, etc. And God has given us many answers. It looks like things are opening up in Merced County, so we may be getting back to “normal”, at least a modified normal.

*The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord will **answer** my prayer. Psalm 6:9*

Imagine

This is our time to imagine a new future. What should our church look like now? What could my life be like now? We have some extra time to think and just imagine.

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and mind has **imagined** what God has prepared for those who love him. I Corinthians 2:9*

Trust

We need to continue to trust in God and all He does for us. God is a constant and is completely trustworthy.

*But I **trust** in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. Psalm 13:5*

Hope

We must keep hope. Hope that this pandemic will someday end. Hope that God is in control. Hope that we are His children, and He cares for us.

*And the Scriptures gives us **hope** and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. Romans 15:4b*

***Faith** is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about the things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1*

I hope you enjoyed this little puzzle. Are there other words you could use to fill out these letters?

Have a great week.

Love in Christ,

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