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Settled

We live in unsettling times. Life is full of uncertainties which can at times create fear and panic. As believers, we are to be grounded in the Word of God and settled. The Greek word for settled in Colossians 1:23 means to be immovable. A person who has a solid foundation cannot be easily moved.

In I Peter 5:10, Peter uses similar language when speaking of our response to trials. “But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” The word Peter used, translated settle, means to lay a basis for, as in a foundation, to ground. If we continue in the Word, being grounded in the Word, we will not be easily shaken or moved by the unsettling trials and difficulties of life.

In Psalm 56:3, David says, “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” Notice verses 1 and 2. David was involved in warfare. As Christians, we must also recognize that we are daily involved in spiritual conflict and warfare. Then in verse 11, David says, “In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid...” Notice the change in order. In verse 3, fear led to trust. In verse 11, trust prevented fear. What made the difference. Read verse 9. David said, “...this I know...God is for me.” What you know about God can make all the difference in the world. Where does this knowledge come from? The Word of God. When the circumstance of life seem overwhelming, when fear begins to grip your heart, when life becomes unsettling, remember the promises of God. He will not forsake those who trust in Him.