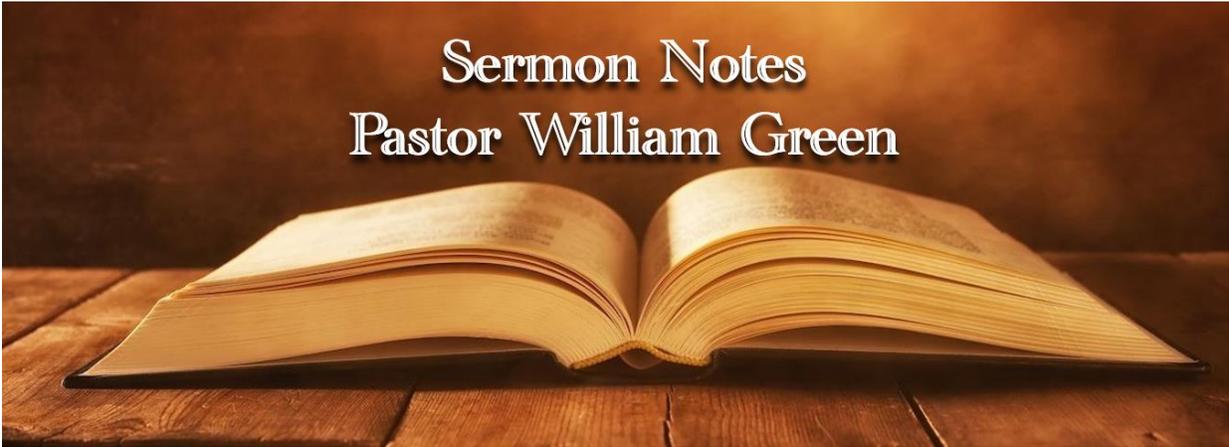


Sermon Notes  
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*Living As a Survivor's Guide*

*Sunday, April 21, 2024*

*2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (Easy English Bible) "You yourselves show that we have done good work. You are like a letter that is written on our lives. Everybody can read that letter and they can understand it. It is clear that you are like a letter that Christ himself has written. We are the people who brought God's message to you. Now people see what God has done in your lives. That is like a letter that they read. But it is not a letter written on paper with ink. It is the Spirit of the living God who wrote it..."*

*The following includes main points lifted from today's sermon.*

*"Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself." - Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers." – Socrates*

*"Your mistakes do not define you. They show you a roadmap to stumble better next time until one day you stop stumbling."*

*“One day you will tell your story of how you overcame, what you went through, and it will be someone else's survival guide.”*

*Just as reading a book can transport us to different times and places, reading the lives of others allows us to transcend our limited perspectives.*

*The act of reading lives is an invitation—a call to engage, to listen, and to learn.*

*In the stories of fellow human beings, we find characters who reflect our struggles, hopes, and dreams, reminding us that we are not alone on our journey.*

### **My Shared Experiences as A Living Survivor’s Guide...Who Is Now Thriving:**

- *Sharing our stories creates room for authenticity, relatability, vulnerability, and connection, inspiring others to overcome difficulties with God’s help.*
- *Our pain can become a platform to bring comfort and guidance to others who are walking a similar path.*
- *Sharing stories of triumph instills hope for those who are facing their battles. When someone hears how we overcame adversity, it ignites a spark within them, reminding them that victory is possible.*
- *Through our stories, we recount the steps we took, the lessons we learned, share insights, strategies, and the faith that sustained us, we become living survival guides for others.*
- *We are interconnected through our shared humanity, challenges, struggles, and perseverance, which makes us a source of inspiration and guidance for one another.*
- *We learn from each other because every person's journey carries unique insights, perspectives, and wisdom that can enrich our own lives.*
- *Each one of us has a unique story, a journey filled with ups and downs, victories, and struggles. These stories are not merely personal histories but powerful testimonies of God's faithfulness, mercy, and grace.*

- *We are called to steward our experiences in a way that brings honor to God.*
- *We must intentionally share our stories when we are ready, not for our own glory, but to point others to the transformative work of God.*
- *We are like letters, written by the hand of God, to be read by the world. Let us recognize the significance of our lives as living survivors.*

*May we embrace this calling and live our lives as open letters and message, declaring the goodness, grace, power, and faithfulness God.*