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Current Reality?

What words would you pick to describe your life / circumstances today?

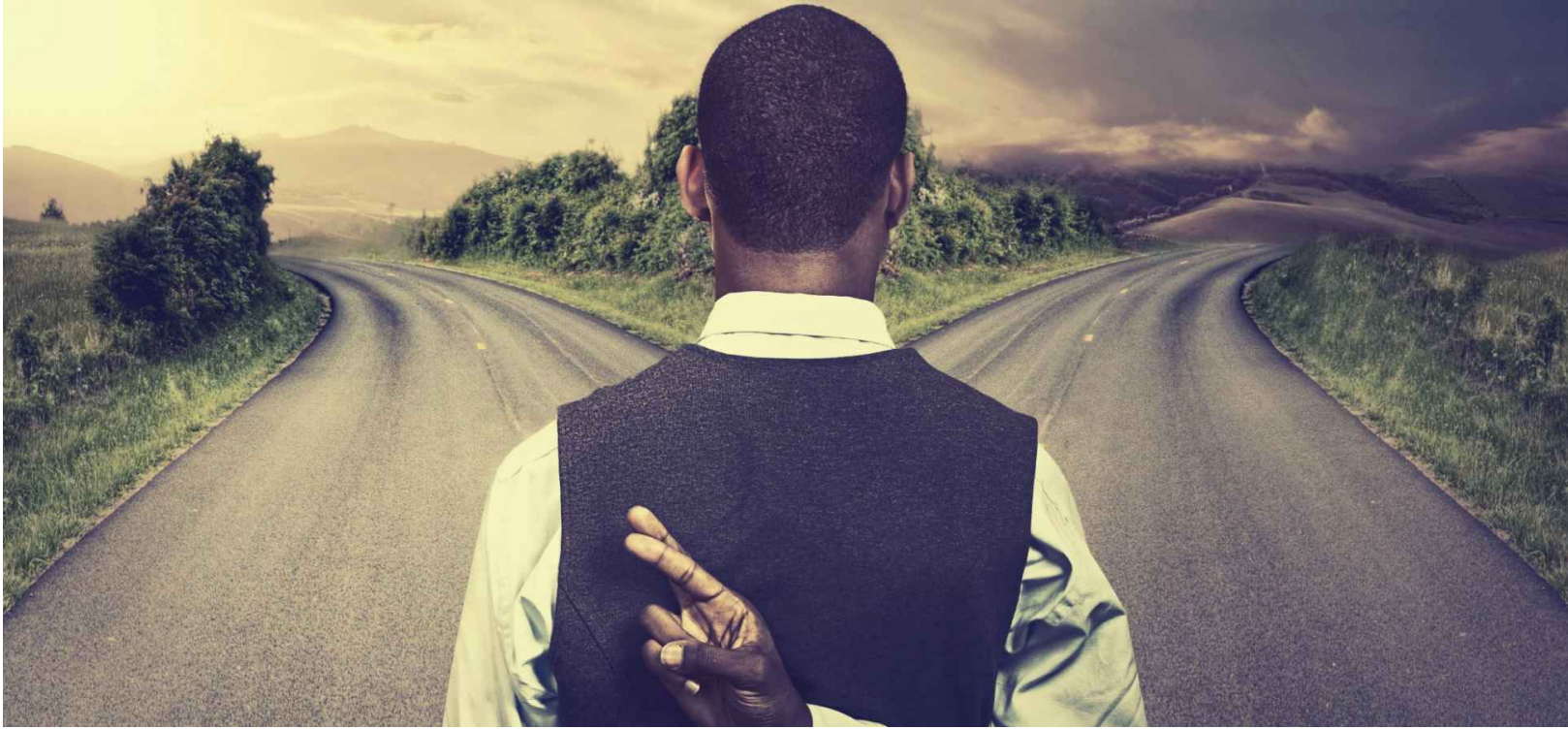


Current Reality?
Uncertainty



Current Reality?

Fearful



Current Reality
Hopeful

Ephesians 1:11–14

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11–14

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Sermon in a Sentence

God's promise of a sure and certain future creates the opportunity for a steadfast hope today.

Inheritance

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance

¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance
until we acquire possession of it

Inheritance

Established thru Relationship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing... In love he predestined us for adoption through Christ Jesus

1:3 & 5

Inheritance

Relationship based on Faith

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Inheritance

Secured by Deposit

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Inheritance

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. —2:22

For this reason I bow my knee before the Father... that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being. —3:14-16

Intentionality

His Plan:

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Intentionality

His Aim:

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Intentionality

His Resolve:

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Unity

The Godhead

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Unity

The Church

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¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance



Today's Reality

Focus

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Steadfast Hope Today

