

Series: ***Airplane Mode***

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Change is here to stay!

In every stage of life, things starting working like you want, and then...

Change means you have to adjust to outside forces.

Most people go into their own type of airplane mode when they fly.

The mode you go into when flying is similar to how you are living your life!

Flying means change

Psalm 62:2 (NCV)

Yes, he alone is my Rock, my rescuer, defense and fortress. Why then should I be tense with fear when troubles come?

Flying means worry

Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength -- carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength. Cory Ten Boom

Matthew 6:25-27

So I tell you, don't worry about the food or drink you need to live, or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes. 26 Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. 27 You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it.

Hebrews 9:27

...each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment

Matthew 6:30

Don't have so little faith!

Flying means turbulence

What causes airplane turbulence?

1. Higher Altitudes: the jet stream
2. Thunderstorms

3. Other airplanes

John 14:1
Do not let your heart be troubled....

Spiritual warfare is mysterious because it is invisible and we have a hard time seeing the battle

When facing turbulence in your life:

1. Put on God's armor
2. Don't fight against people
3. Fight against invisible forces; this is why you need God's armor.
4. Stand strong in God's great power
5. Pray in the Spirit: Ask for everything you need.

Colossians 3:15 (NCV)
Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking, because you were all called together in one body to have peace. Always be thankful.

Flying means constant course correction is required

When course corrections don't regularly happen, catastrophe can result.

Like airplanes, we constantly need to make course-corrections.

1 Peter 3:9-12
Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. 11 They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

You will slowly drift off course!

Proverbs 16:7
When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them.

Romans 14:9
Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace.

We can ensure we get where we want in life by course correcting our attitudes.

In *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, by Stephen Covey

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Christians in today's world need to have greater spiritual energy.

1. A sense of purpose in life that gives spiritual energy
2. Knowing how much power God has given to you to design your future gives you spiritual energy
3. Developing Conviction: become clear on what you stand for, what matters to you, and how you want to spend each day.

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2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NCV)

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way...