

ANXIOUS ABOUT WHAT'S NEXT!

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Psalm 28:7, Psalm 46:1-2, Acts 13:22

Memory Verse

²⁴ The one who chose you can be trusted, and he will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:24



CASEY'S DAY

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Whether you try something new, like tofu pizza, or choose something you've had before, like a hamburger and fries, we all love to choose from a menu and have a super friendly person bringing tasty things to eat.

Have you ever thought about how it is to be the one serving you?

Think about it: servers approach a table of strangers, introduce themselves, try to be nice, and do their job well, but they don't know ahead of time what the customers will be like. Would you be nervous? I imagine some people would feel anxious about a job like that, because customers are not always nice to servers.

Anxiety is a nervous or tense feeling we get in situations when we don't know how things will turn out. Everyone feels anxious at some time in their lives. For example, you might feel anxious about a doctor's visit. *Will the doctor give me a shot?* That nervousness about not knowing is anxiety. It's important to pay attention to how you are feeling and understand what makes you anxious and why. If a server has too many rude customers in one day, they may become anxious about their next shift or even about dealing with

people in general. When they can recognize that feeling, pray about it, and maybe take a break, they're more likely to be able to stop the anxiety they are feeling.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:24, we are reminded that we can trust God no matter what we're going through.

Do you think Joseph felt anxious while living in Egypt? He had been sold into slavery by people he trusted—his brothers! He was accused of a crime he didn't commit and thrown in jail. What might happen to him next? But Joseph put his trust in God, who equipped him to serve the *entire nation of Egypt*, as well as *the family that had sold him into slavery*, during a famine. Joseph must have known that God could be trusted through all the ups and downs of his life—even through anxiety and fear.

Prayer

Lord, you are faithful when I am anxious about what's coming next. Help me to hope in you. Thank you for giving me the faith I need to trust you. Amen.

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