



“WE WANT TO MOVE ON BUT JESUS WANTS TO MOVE IN!!”

- Our **mission** is to *Reach* people in the Name of Jesus; *Disciple* people in the Way of Jesus; *Empower* people in the Service of Jesus.
 - Our **method** is to ensure that everything we do is *Christ Centered; Word Focused; & Ministry Minded*
 - Our **message** is *the Gospel*.
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John 14:27; John 16:33 (NKJV)

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Prayer

“Father open my eyes, so I can see Your truth. Open my ears, so I can hear Your Voice. Open my mind, so I can understand Your Word. And open my heart, so I may receive all that You have for me, that is for me. In Jesus Name, AMEN!”

Thought:

This time of year, many Christians around the world observe the season of Lent, a 40-day period of intentional preparation for Easter/Resurrection Sunday, journeying with our Lord into the wilderness of repentance and fasting as we are made ready for the joys of new life and resurrection.

In ways that none of us could have anticipated, the past few weeks have undoubtedly taken on a "Lenten" spirit, whether you formally observe the season or not! We have all had to wrestle through wilderness realities: sickness and even death brought on by a global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, very real economic loss and difficulty, not to mention the generalized anxiety and fear that threatens to steal our joy. Yet we believe and cling to the hope that God is at work in this time of fear and confusion, and that this death will give way to a birth.

Though it pains me to say it, every indicator seems to point to this being an extended and deeply painful season of human suffering and loss. Lately, I have found myself reading the scriptures through an entirely different lens, newly able to enter into the Children of Israel's and many others cries for God to intervene and act. To move swiftly in bringing justice, peace, and healing to the earth. You and I cannot control the outcome of this pandemic—and while we may have plenty of ideas on what should or shouldn't be done, our spheres of influence are actually remarkably small. So, my challenge to you today is to focus your time, emotions, care, and affection where it matters most.

Who are the people that most need you to be present, physically and emotionally, this week? How are you intentionally resisting a temptation towards anxiety, scarcity, or fear? Are you instead rooting yourself in the peace of Christ so that you can be a blessing and source of comfort to others in these uncertain times?

If you haven't already done so, over the coming days and weeks each one of us will have to intentionally choose a new rhythm of life with the Lord, a new pattern of worship, prayer, and Scripture reading. **Let's do this together as the Family of God!** Press into the places and cherished people where you can regularly give and receive love.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: "Dear Lord God, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command, the sick were made well. Please come to our aid in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience Your healing love. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know Your peace.

Heal us from our fear, panic and hysteria, which is preventing our nation's leaders from working together towards a common goal and solution. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord God, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Fill us with Your peace and comfort us with Your presence. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!"

May God continue to bless and protect you always!

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