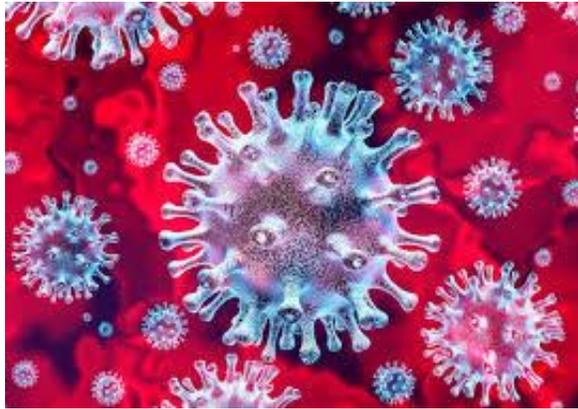


Reflections on this Covid-19 Pandemic

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The world has become very different recently. It was only 2-3 months ago we saw in the news about this mysterious virus outbreak in Wuhan, China. It was aggressive, but it was very distant from us living in North America. Now, this virus outbreak is a global pandemic, affecting many countries and our local communities in unprecedented ways. This pandemic is being compared not only to other pandemics in history, but to wars like WWII. This time though, the world is fighting the same invisible enemy. Even the superpowers are struggling in this new war.

This virus has caused a lot of anxiety and fear. Shelves in the grocery stores were empty as people started stockpiling on toilet paper, food, common medications, and other items. Then only 2-3 weeks ago, I learned the words “social distancing”. Now, many lives are lost daily in Europe, North America, Asia, and other parts of the world daily, and the “curves are not flattened” yet. Hospitals and front-line medical workers are overwhelmed. Patients, separated from

families, are dying alone. People are now unemployed and suddenly under financial stress.

Brothers and sisters, I’ve read some bible passages and I just want to share with you.

Psalm 46. Be still. I guess the verse we are most familiar with is verse 12: “Be still, and know that I am God”. Yes, our Lord is sovereign and He is in control. Being still is not just keeping quiet and doing nothing. It is choosing to surrender and acknowledging His will will be done.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...” (verses 1 and 2). He is with us all the time, helping us during times of turmoil. Lord Jesus chose to be still before God, preparing for His busy ministry and preparing for the Cross. With the Egyptian army chasing the Israelites, Moses told his people “not to be afraid, but stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord” (Exodus 14:13) and the Red Sea divided.





Mark 5, 25-34. Story of the bleeding woman. Reach out and touch someone. I guess it is not a good idea to physically reach out and touch someone during this pandemic. We need to practice social-distancing. Jewish people were very careful not to touch unclean things or persons. Jesus, however, physically touched people and healed them. This story with the bleeding woman is quite remarkable. Our Lord let a person touch Him. Brothers and sisters, we have all been touched and healed by our Lord. He lets us touch Him and His pierced hands too. Are we willing to “touch someone” with Christ’s love? Are we also willing to put the barrier down and be “touched” by someone?

Ephesians 6:10-18. Armour of God, our spiritual PPE’s. “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (verse 12). We hear the term PPE quite often in the past few days. PPE stands

for personal protective equipment front-line medical workers wear to protect themselves from the virus. PPE includes masks, goggles, face shields, gloves, protective gowns and caps, etc. Brothers and sisters, this invisible and frightening Covid-19 will pass. However, the invisible enemies we are battling are even more powerful and fierce. The evil one is constantly looking for chances to attack us. Let us put on the armour of God (verses 13-18), our spiritual PPE’s, and be alert at all times.



I pray that all brothers and sisters are well during this pandemic. Covid-19 will pass. Let us stay fit physically, mentally, and spiritually. Be still and seek God. Reach out and touch someone with Christ’s love. We can reach out and help someone through the Emergency Crisis Care Fund (ECCF). Reach out to the IW’s (missionaries) with our prayers, so they can touch someone with Christ’s love. Pray for all the IW’s in different parts of the world for His protection and guidance during this pandemic. Let us stay alert and put on our spiritual PPE’s. I will end my sharing with a quote from the chief public health officer: We must act together.

May His name be glorified and exalted!