



followers of Jesus **seeking to glorify God**

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Hello CMBC family,

We have a guest 'speaker' devotional this week. As God does, this is not a total departure from the series of passages and devotionals we have been working through, but rather a helpful window into what we have been already seeking to see.

If you are not able to join us via Zoom on Sunday call someone to explore this devotional and these questions. If you are, then I look forward to a great conversation with you Sunday at 10:00.

First, read the article by our MB Seminary faculty 'guest' reflectively. Even make notes. Look up the passages mentioned. Consider what other passages of scripture come to mind. What is God saying? **Here is the article** <http://www.mbseminary.ca/christians-live-covid-19-pandemic/>

On Sunday we'll start our focus on God. Which phrase of our confession of faith stands out to you now? Why? What about it and how does it impact you?

Next we'll examine ourselves in three ways.

1. Where are you on an anxious/fear – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 faith/love continuum? Which direction are you currently moving in general? What are some of the influences causing this directional movement?
2. Considering your prayer life, or developing a life of prayer, how is our current reality impacting you? Are you praying more? Less? Differently? Is there freedom in your praying for different types of praying? Do they often include both praise and lament?
3. What are your thoughts, actions and feelings revealing about your natural or dominant response/reaction to what is going on in your life and our world? Is there a shift toward increased self preservation? Or preservation of those you love? Is there a heightened awareness of needs around you? Is loving service a growing reaction? How do you balance your initial responses?

We are not to be controlled by anything other than the Spirit. We sure need wisdom and encouragement to follow and respond as he leads. My prayer is that both of these will be our take away. We'll end our time with sharing and praying in breakout rooms again.

Grace, peace and joy,

Gary Burke