



## A World in Turmoil

With the Coronavirus affecting lives and economies around the world and the recent civil unrest across our nation, our leaders are facing some of the greatest problems ever. We shouldn't be surprised. The Bible warned us centuries before in 2 Timothy 3:1—4 *"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God."*

In times like these it is hard to know where to begin with our prayers or even how to pray. Many hearts are sore and aching while others, helpless, still continue to cry out to God for mercy and for an intervention where people can once more live in peace and our lands healed. Despite what we may feel, God is always faithful. He never changes. He is the same God yesterday, today and forever.

The same power that parted the Red Sea for the children of Israel; that broke prison chains and opened prison doors; raised Lazarus from the dead, is the same God today who is more than willing to exercise that same power on all our behalf.

It's easy to give in to fear in times like these but *"God has not given us a spirit of fear but power, love and a sound mind."* 2 Timothy 1:7 Let's

pray, asking God to forgive us our own sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Let's pray on behalf of our nation, asking God to heal our land, strengthen His people and give those in authority wisdom, guidance and divine strategies to deal with the issues that face us today.

*"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

God still answers prayers and we can find comfort in His promise that *"Violence will disappear from your land; the desolation and destruction of war will end. Salvation will surround you like city walls, and praise will be on the lips of all who enter there."* Isaiah 60:18

Thank you, Lord, that you will never leave us or forsake us. You alone are faithful. You alone are our rock. You alone are our shelter in the storm. You alone are sovereignly in control of all things. You will be exalted among the nations, exalted in the earth. You are the Lord Almighty who is with us. You are the God of Jacob, our fortress.

No! God hasn't promised us a rose garden. Not in this present world, anyhow. Paul said to Timothy, *"Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."* 2 Timothy 2:3 We must never forget that we live in a fallen world. Because of sin, the world isn't what it's supposed to be.

The Good News is that the Lord is not content to leave us there. Our Father in Heaven has a plan to fix the brokenness of the world and heal the

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## IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN STAND AGAINST US? Romans 8:31

**Mission**  
Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

**PRAY**  
Let's pray that the Lord will restore the crumbling foundation of our nation as we turn back to Jesus!



pain in our personal lives. He loved us enough to send Jesus Christ, His only Son (John 3:16), to reverse the effects of the fall. Christ has come to reconcile us to God and to each other. One day, there will be no more sickness, pain, or death, and He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. (Revelation 21:4) In the meantime it's ok to be honest about our pain and frustration with what we are experiencing around us.

David poured out his heart to God in the Psalms. Job expressed deep anguish in the midst of incredible grief and suffering. Hannah complained loudly about her childlessness. Don't cover your pain, pretending it doesn't hurt. Open your heart! Tell Him what you're really thinking and feeling. He has promised never to leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5) He hears your prayers even in the dark times when He seems absent and silent. And, He will answer!



## *Praise and Prayer*

### **Praise**

- ◆ Praise that we are beginning to meet with clients again in the next week.
- ◆ Praise that God knows what he is doing, that he loves us, and will accomplish His will.

### **Prayer**

- ◆ For rescheduling those who were canceled because of the pandemic.
- ◆ For each one who comes, that God would heal their hearts and minister to their hurts and set them free from bondages in their lives.

## *Nigeria Trip*

Our Biblical Counseling class at West Africa Theological Seminary in Lagos, Nigeria that was scheduled for this August has been rescheduled for November 24—December 11 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Please pray that this virus would be contained and that the pastors who have signed up for this class would be safe. Also, please pray for us as we prepare for this teaching opportunity. Thank you for praying!

## *Birdies for Charity*

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies' campaign. We are so grateful to you for your gifts. **Since the John Deere Golf Tournament has been cancelled, here is some information to help explain this year's Birdie Campaign:**

All penny pledges will be transitioned to a flat \$20 donation per penny pledged. Example: .01/birdie = \$20, .02/birdie = \$40, etc. Pledges may be made on line (our birdie number is #1020) at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com). The donation form requires a credit card payment. Donors will receive an immediate receipt via email confirming your donation.

All donations and pledges for Freedom Ministries will be processed and counted towards our 2020 total.

Pledges must be mailed to the BFC office prior to the end of June at 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

Invoices will be sent in July for anyone who has an unpaid pledge. All donors will be eligible to win the prize this year. A winner will be selected in a random drawing, which will be announced at the end of October.



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