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So, how are you all handling the “new Normal”? What are you doing during these uncertain times? How are you dealing with Social Distancing?

Who would have guessed that in the last month the whole world would come to an almost standstill due to the Corona Virus??? This is “So God!!!” Life has changed radically for all of us, but God never changes! He is the same yesterday, today and forever! Psalm 46 says, “*Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall, He lifts his voice, the earth melts! The Lord Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress!*”

I have several pictures of Jesus with children in my office. There is one picture I especially remember seeing in Sunday School as a child. When I began counseling, I purchased it for my office. It depicts Jesus in a park setting, with a little girl in his lap, an older girl standing at his side and a little boy sitting at his feet. Each child is focused on Jesus as he cares for them. This picture of Jesus and the children reminds me of how He gives his full time and attention to the needs of a wounded heart. The little girl in his lap is pointing at the nail holes in Je-



sus hand. She seems to be asking a question like, “Did it hurt Jesus?” I can imagine him saying, “Yes, but not anymore. They are why I created this safe place for you and me. Whenever you are afraid or anxious, you can come here. I’m always here to care about you and I want to spend time with you.”

Let’s cling to God’s Word. God’s Spirit uses God’s Word to change our lives! I will be the first to admit that there are times when I’ve failed to seek God and His Word during trying circumstances. But, in those dark moments when fear stalks us and whispers in our minds to give into irrational thoughts, it is God’s Word that is a light, speaking His peace and unfolding the truth. “*The unfolding of your words gives light.*” Psalm 119:130 “*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*” Psalm 119:105 His Word holds the keys that will set us free from fear and anxiety in these uncertain times. God’s Word has been and will always be our light, our comfort, our guide, and our counselor – through dark times, through confusing times, through hurting times. Let’s listen to some of the promises God has given us when we are

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 for all the healthcare workers, first responders and those who are putting their lives on the line to help during this pandemic.



obviously tempted, by present circumstances, to be anxious and afraid:

- *“Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7*
- *“Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.” Psalm 23:4*
- *“The LORD is my light and my salvation -- so why should I be afraid? The LORD protects me from danger -- so why should I tremble?” Psalm 27:1*
- *“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear.” Psalm 46:1*
- *“Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” “I am holding you by your right hand -- I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, ‘Do not be afraid. I am here to help you.’” Isaiah 41:10,13*

Praise and Prayer

Praise

- ◆ That God knows what he is doing, that he loves us, and will accomplish His will.

Prayer

- ◆ For encouragement for people who had to cancel appointments due to Covid 19.
- ◆ That we can reschedule them in a timely fashion.
- ◆ For health and safety for our country.

Nigeria Trip

Please pray for our friends in Nigeria as this pandemic spreads knowing they do not have the medical services we have. Pray for safety for them and pray that our trip to West Africa Theological Seminary will be possible by this August, Lord willing.

Birdies for Charity

If you have a desire to help individuals and couples find freedom in Christ, please prayerfully consider using the enclosed form to donate to Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities. The John Deere Classic Charitable Corporation sponsors Birdies For Charity in association with the John Deere classic golf tournament, July 6—12, 2020. The goal of the program is to obtain pledges (donations) of 1 cent or more for every birdie made during the tournament by the Tour Pros.

A birdie is a score of one stroke better than par for any golf hole. Par is the normal or expected score of a golf professional on any hole. If approximately 2,000 birdies are made, the total pledge would be 1 cent = \$20, 2 cents = \$40, 3 cents = \$60. Each person who makes a pledge will have the opportunity to win some great prizes. Last year birdies totaled 2,091.

Donating through the “Birdies For Charity” event is easy and 100% of your donation, plus additional BONUS BUCKS, go directly to us. Simply fill out the enclosed pledge form, noting the number of cents for every Birdie made, your name and address and mail the left half of the form to Freedom Ministries in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you!

P.S. You may be wondering if the tournament will be cancelled or rescheduled, but at this time it is still on the calendar for July 6—12, 2020.

If you send in a pledge and the tournament is cancelled, you will not be asked to fulfill your pledge. If you send a check with your pledge, the money will be returned to you unless otherwise designated. Thank you for your support.



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