

*Faith for*  
*Tough times*



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# *From Trevor's Desk*

When we look at the world around us, we are living in the most exciting times in the history of the world. More people are coming to faith in Jesus than ever before. God's Glory is revealed to many and churches are being planted and growing in unprecedented numbers.

When you buy a new car, especially one you have never had before, you suddenly notice how many of those same models are on the road. In similar fashion, you will only notice the miracles of God in this world when your attention is set on looking for them. When you are focused on the difficulties and trials of life, you will see them everywhere and miss the good God is doing all around you.

During this time of heightened caution of the spread the COVID-19 virus, we see God's hand moving in amazing ways. The unfortunate reality for many is that their attention has been so captured by fear that they are missing the good.

During times like these, God raises up men and women of faith who will proclaim His goodness and pray into this faith deprived atmosphere. It is during times of great distress that God's Glory can be seen more clearly. It is important to put your focus on Him and let faith arise in your heart.

I believe that the greatest opportunities present themselves to those who refuse to be distracted by the negativity of this present age. During this time of global distress, keep your mind and attention focused on what God has to present to you. Do not miss the opportunities God offers you to grow in your faith and life.

I am believing together with you and many others that we will not be led by a spirit of fear but by love, power and a sound mind.

*Trevor*

# *Focused Faith*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Psalm 27:1*

The Coronavirus is not the inheritance of those who believe in God. When David was at his wits end, he called upon God and made this bold declaration from a fearless heart. This question is profound, “whom shall I fear”.

David decided to keep his attention and confession focused on God instead of on his enemies. What you focus on will determine the direction of your life. If you keep your mind and heart focused on God and His ability to increase you, the abundant blessings of His Kingdom will become the direction of your life.

During this time, I have seen unusual favour and movement in many peoples' health, business and relationships. It seems like it gets clouded by the fear of this virus spreading. Even now that there are measurements taken by authorities to limit social gatherings, people seem to be more focused on these restrictions than on the grace of God.

Take a moment and do an inventory of your life. Has there been any area that had unusual forward movement in the last few days or weeks? Has God blessed you with ideas and wisdom to be able to add life to others or your work? How has your life in general improved?

When I look around, it seems like God is blessing so many people in so many ways, yet the awareness appears to be on the pandemic of a virus distracting us from praise. What can you praise God for right now? Take a few moments and look around you.

Do not allow the fear of the season to muffle out the praise of your heart. Keep your focus on the goodness of God and see the blessings amidst the dark season.

God has given us everything we need to live a Godly life and overcome the trials in this life. When you give thanks in the midst of a turbulent situation, you will develop the faith to see God's hand in every stage of life and see His Glory. As we can see in Psalm 91, God's desire for you is to overcome.

There is a real enemy that is set on one thing - stealing your faith. The enemy does not have the ability to kill you. If he could he would have done this a long time ago. The

only power he has to hurt you is in your thoughts. This is where your belief system starts and the outcome of your life begins.

I heard a preacher once say "If the devil cannot steal your joy, he cannot steal your goods." This is true for all of us. The joy of your salvation is the biggest gift of grace you can ever receive. By focusing your attention on the difficulties of life, you start building strongholds of fear that steals your faith. Once your faith is gone, you will not believe the promises God has for you in His word.

To live in God's Kingdom, the Word of God needs to be sown in your heart. Jesus explained in Mark 4 how this is the most important thing in God's Kingdom. To keep your heart and mind fertile for His Word to bear fruit IN YOUR HEART. When fear and doubt get sown in your heart, you will eventually have the fruit of the world coming into your life.

During this time of extreme panic and negativity, take extra effort to

- 1) meditate on God's promises so that your mind is focused on God's Kingdom
- 2) speak the Word of God out loud when fear tries to enter your thoughts
- 3) Pray for those around you to be blessed by God's grace.

A great Psalm to meditate on during this time is Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'

<sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> If you say, 'The Lord is my refuge,' and you make the Most High your dwelling,

<sup>10</sup> no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

<sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> 'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.'

# Prayer

*Father God, during this time of great opportunity, I ask you for the spirit of wisdom and understanding to know you better. (Ephesians 1:7)*

*Lord, I believe you gave me a spirit of love, power and self-discipline to overcome the fear this world produces. (2 Timothy 1:7)*

*Thank you that I can cast all of my cares upon you knowing that you care about me. I resist Satan and all evil coming against me during this time in the Name of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 5:6-7)*

*Please help my faith to be strong. Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Therefore, I thank you by faith that I am protected from any pestilence that might be harmful. (Hebrews 11:1)*

*Please help me, Father, to keep my thoughts and emotions focused on your Word and Promises and to take every thought captive that is contrary to your Word. (2 Corinthians 10:5)*

*I believe that you are my healer and that your Word has been sent into the world as my protection. Father, I believe that you are more powerful than any virus, epidemic or outbreak of disease in any place in this world. (Psalm 107:20)*

*Please keep my heart filled with your joy. When my heart is filled with your joy it brings healing to my body. Please strengthen my spirit and restore my soul. (Proverbs 17:22)*

*For those who are in the science community, I ask for divine wisdom and understanding. Bless them with the knowledge to find a cure and prevention to help bring this virus to a halt.*

*Give your church the faith and courage to stand strong during this time of testing. Help us to see the opportunities during this time to make disciples, build your Kingdom and encourage people in their faith.*

*Show me your ways Lord and grant me the courage to follow where you lead.*

*In Jesus Name I ask this*

*Amen.*

# Proclamations

When doubt and fear tries to enter you mind, speak these promises from Gods Word out loud.

*'Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." '*  
Jeremiah 1:12

**God's Word is strong. God is faithful over His Word and it will bring fruit in my life.**

*' He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord , "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."'* Psalms 91:1-2

**God is my refuge and my fortress. I am in a place of safety and God's shadow is over my life. Because I trust in God, I will be safe.**

*' He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord .'* Psalms 112:7

**I am not afraid of bad news. My heart is trusting firmly in the Lord and I will not waiver in my faith.**

*' You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.'* Isaiah 26:3

**My mind is focused on God and on His Word. I trust in God and in His promises. Therefore my mind is at peace and not fear or worry can enter my thoughts.**

*'do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'* Philipians 4:6

**I am not anxious about anything. My heart is filled with prayer and I thank God that He hears my prayers and answers them.**

*'What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? '* Romans 8:31

**God is on my side. No-one that stands against me will be successful.**

*'for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.'* 2 Timothy 1:7

**I do not have a spirit of fear. God gave me a spirit of love, power and self-control.**

*'Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.'* Ephesians 6:10

**God's spirit is my Strength and my might. I can stand against anything that comes at me.**

*' Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.' Proverbs 3:3*

**God's love and steadfastness is in my life. It is part of my life and written on the tablets of my heart.**

*'And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst.' " Zechariah 2:5*

**God is protecting me and those in my life with His glory and fire. God is the Glory in my life.**

*"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. ' Deuteronomy 28:1-2*

**I am blessed and set above all the nations of the earth. God's blessings come upon me in abundance and overtakes me wherever I go.**

*'casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ' 1 Peter 5:6-7*

**I do not have any cares in this world. I give all of the cares that might come my way to God. I trust in God's timing and will be promoted in His Kingdom in the right way**

*'Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ' James 4:7*  
**My life belongs to God. I resist the devil that wants to kill, steal and destroy. I am free from the presence of evil and alive in God's presence.**



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