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## PASTORS' CORNER

In the midst of this time of pandemic let us give thanks for our health and wellbeing. We want things to get back to "normal," yet as we research what is occurring today and look forward to tomorrow with uncertainty as to where our nation will be in numbers of active

cases of this Covid-19 Virus, there is no definition for what, "Normal" will be. Let us not despair. This is not the first time we have faced such disease.

Even in the case of this virus we are able to look back at the flu epidemic of 1918 - 1920 and understand that our parents and grandparents had to social distance and wear medical masks when they were out in public. They did this for the safety of themselves and for those around them. We must remain diligent in our efforts to stop the spread of this disease. Learn from the past and listen closely to what is best for us today.

. In these days of change and uncertainty let us look to those things which are unchanging. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever! In Him; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us anchor ourselves. God's Holy Word is a source for comfort in this unprecedented time.

First, to the Words of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6 Verses 25 - 34

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>7</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? <sup>28</sup>"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Do not worry, trust in God, are wonderful directions from our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us follow these commands carefully. As we walk through our world each day let us remember that having faith does not mean that we do not take precautions against those things which may harm us. In this day as every day, we should trust our Doctors, follow their instructions, take our medications, wash our hands, and protect others in the event that we may have this virus though we experience no symptoms—wear your medical mask to protect those you love. We, God's Children, are in this together. Check on everyone with calls, cards, and caring waves when you see them out and about. Love one another as Jesus has and always will Love you.

Call on your pastors whenever you wish. Your allowing us to assist you in this time as always is a gift to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

May God Continue to Richly Bless You In Christian Love,



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