



January 20, 2021 – April 30, 2021

100 days

We have come through a year that has been exceedingly difficult for many of us! We grieve with those who are grieving! We offer encouragement to those who feel as though this pandemic has worn them down to a frazzle! As individuals, as families, as friends, as church members, and for some – even as believers, we have been hit hard in 2020! But God has NOT forgotten us! There is hope!

The Covid-19 Pandemic and our new President are calling on each of us to *“turn a corner”* by making a strong commitment to **BE DIFFERENT** so that we can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE: a life and death difference!!!** This will require each of us to be informed, to choose, and then meet this challenge beginning on the day of Inauguration if not already! This is not our usual New Year’s resolution which are often far less serious and even somewhat frivolous! Not this time.

President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris are coming into office with a plan and all Americans factor into their plan in a major way! As they raise their hands to take the oath of office on January 20, 2021, can we raise our hands just to say, *“I am willing to join in committing to my own health, to the health of others, and to the health of this nation for the first 100 days of their tenure!”* On their behalf I thank and congratulate each of you as we pull together!

Because we are people of faith, we must ask, what would God have us do? There are some wonderful scriptures using words such as *“choose”* and *“cheer”* both of which fit our situation! **Deuteronomy 30:11** declares, *“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.”* The text declares that we can do this because, *“...the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.”* That conveys the depth of seriousness about this decision that we are being called to make! It is about *“life and prosperity, death and destruction!”* (verse 15) And we are asked *“to choose life . . .”* How can we do that?

Attack your anxiety. Don’t let your anxiety attack you! **Proverbs 12:25** says, *“Anxiety in the heart of a man will weigh (us) down, but a good word will cheer (us up)!”* There is no doubt that we could use some “cheering up!” Jesus often told his followers *“to be of GOOD CHEER . . . to not be fearful . . . your FAITH has made you WHOLE...”* **Philippians 4:6-7** says, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* That’s what I call S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

We are here to cheer you on to better things, to higher heights, and to deeper faithfulness! We hope these words of cheer and encouragement will help you face your choices during this pandemic!

Amazingly the Hebrew word for “choose” is the same word in Genesis every time God created something! What a wonderful thought that when we *“choose”* we CREATE . . . *a new reality, a new situation, a new option, even a new level of faith and future!* On January 20th let’s join President Biden and Vice President Harris – *plus our fellow Americans* – and CHOOSE to wear a mask for 100 days to help *“create”* the quality of life that God wants to give us and that we all long for!



This is not difficult!
Put a smile on it! Encourage others!
Strengthen your own will to LIVE!



Offered by Rev. Dr. Paige Lanier Chargois

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CHALLENGE

NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____ CITY: _____



Make
pledge
will cheer

your
and **WE**
you on!

Together, let's truly make it a

Happy New Year!

RAISE YOUR HAND! RAISE YOUR HAND! RAISE YOUR HAND!