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## Living In Faith, Not Fear

### God's direction to living in a time like this:

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. **2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)** 

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety. **Proverbs 11:14 (NKJV)** 

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted... Romans 13:1-2 (NLT)

God is telling us to live by <u>faith</u>, which means do not live in <u>fear</u>, but <u>informed</u>, and then trust <u>Him</u>.

#### How to live free from fear:

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Psalm 23:1-4 (NLT)

1. I must remember I am not alone; <u>God</u> is with <u>me</u>. God is aware, He cares, and He is going to lead me through it.

The Lord is my shepherd;... Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me... Psalm 23:1-4 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

2. I must remember this <u>will pass</u>, and it is not going <u>to last</u>. Look and plan long term.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley... Psalm 23:4 (NLT)

### Why are there dark valleys?

The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God's instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant... The earth has broken up...it is violently shaken. Isaiah 24:5 & 19 (NLT)

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

### 1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

3. I must remember to seek <u>His truth</u>, (<u>THE Truth</u>) over everyone else's <u>fear</u>. Live by facts, not fear, fantasy, or fiction.

He renews my strength. <u>He quides me along right paths</u>, bringing honor to His name. **Psalm 23:3(NLT)** 

#### The facts are clear:

The virus affects everyone.

The most vulnerable people are 60 years of age and older, and those individuals who have pre-existing health problems.

The coronavirus is not the seasonal flu; it is a novel virus.

Now the good news, it will pass, and we will overcome it with time. But we must be wise.

# 4. I must remember I am to live "in" <u>His body</u>. I am to be an active part of His flock, His body.

The Lord is my (a) shepherd... (consider the flock). Psalm 23:1(NLT)

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. Romans 12:4-6 (NLT)

### How can I be an active part of His body? How can I help?

### 1. Connect to God's body.

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to! **Ephesians 1:5 (TLB)** 

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### 2. Intentionally choose to seek out and assist others in need.

So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 1 Peter 1:14-15 (NLT)

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord— and He will repay you! **Proverbs 19:17 (NLT)** 

# 3. Support God's body (the local church) <u>financially</u>, so we can help others in the family.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple." If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

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