

*“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” James 1:2-4*

With all the uncertainty that is gripping our world right now, we need to be reminded of who is in ultimate control. We know we have appointed and elected officials who make decisions for the greater good of the people, but they are ultimately not in total control. The President, Congress, and the Supreme Court have great powers of writing and creating legislation and the jurisdiction to enforce the laws that they create. The CDC makes discoveries and seeks cures for viruses and other illnesses. But none of these makes the ultimate decisions of life and death, of what our eternal fate will be.

The only one who can truly control something is the one who created it. In movies when monsters or other super villains try to overtake and viruses try to overcome, there is usually someone who knows more about it all who can stop the evil or the affliction from taking hold of everyone.

Panic, hoarding, financial uncertainty in the markets and financial institutions, chaos and fear from this deadly virus are gripping people and holding them as if locked in a vise. Remember who is in control. God created us and this world. There is nothing God cannot do.

God will provide the wisdom to those making decisions for our health and safety. God has the power to provide healing and comfort anywhere in this world.

God will equip you with everything you need and give you God’s peace that surpasses all our human understanding as God continues to offer God’s free gift of grace during these uncertain times.

God is our protector and loving parent who will always care for us all. Instead of letting fear get the better of us, it is time for us to step up and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

During this time, there are people who don’t have enough food or medicine, workers being worked like crazy to keep up with demand, and exhausted healthcare and safety workers who are putting in extra hours risking their health to save the lives of others. Some of the more fortunate workers are working from their homes, while others are being laid off or let go.

What can you do during this time to step up and help others who are in need? God will continue to provide, but God needs us to be God’s Kingdom workers. Let us continue to pray and to seek God’s guidance, not only for ourselves, but also that we may be providers for those less fortunate. In whatever way we can, let us be instruments of God’s grace. And may we receive the grace of others thankfully and willingly.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, please remind me that you are not a God of confusion but of peace. You already know everything that I need, therefore, I have no reason to fear the uncertainty of my future and circumstances. Please keep me in perfect peace as I set my trust in you. In the name of Christ, my Lord. Amen.