

FEAR NOT

March 14-15

In these times Christians are called to respond differently from the world!

1. Choose to trust God!

Psalm 56:3 (NIV) When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 27:1 (NIV) 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 23:4 (NLT) 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.”

Be careful of feeding yourself of all the details of the coronavirus, staying informed is fine but don't give in to panic and be sure to go to His Word

Turn to prayer & and experience God's presence!

Psalm 34:4 (NLT) I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.

Philippians 4: 6-7 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2. Choose to Grow!

i. Choose to grow In Character

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT) We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

ii. Choose to grow in Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:2 (NIV) In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

Carey Nieuwhof: "The early church wasn't known for stockpiling ample food and supplies for themselves and spreading fear on social media"

3. Choose to turn this crisis in an opportunity

In every crisis God has a purpose! We need to seek it out and live it out.