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## God's Got This

...By Pastor Phil

What an incredible month it has been. We have been locked in our houses unable to do the things we love to do. No vacations, no visits to relatives and no going fishing at the beach! I pray you are well during this stressful time.



The question to us as Christians is what should our response or our reaction in a time such as this. For the answer we must turn to the Bible and look at what the scriptures teach us. Of course, there are many scriptures we could use but I would like to go to Psalms 99 verse one.

It says *"The Lord is King! Let the nations tremble!"* The second verse I want you to look at is Psalm 47 verse 8. *"God reigns above the nations, sitting on his holy throne."*

Both of these verses remind us that God is supreme and that He is in control. What we are going through today is no surprise to God. God knew it would

happen and He knows why it is happening. He also knows when it will end. The fact that God knows all of this should be a message of hope for us.

Psalm 46 reminds us, *"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So, we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea."* We can be confident that God will be our refuge and our strength in troublesome times.

**Folks we are living in troublesome times. God is here for us today "in times of trouble."**

Yes, He has been there in the past and He will be there in the future, but today, He is here in these times of trouble. It is important for us to focus our attention on God. We have to pray for our nation and for the whole world.

One of my favorite verses is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14. It gives us the answer we need to survive anything that comes our way.

It says, *"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."*

**What a great promise! It says the healing of the land depends on you and me. This is not a time to fear, but a time to show courage and faith. Now is the time to put your trust in Him.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

I hope everyone had a great Easter, and I pray everyone's staying home and staying healthy. I sure do miss everyone and hope we will be able to gather soon! This definitely is a time of uncertainty. We all have had to go through some form of change. School has closed for the rest of the school year. Our kids have had to adjust to distance learning. Businesses have closed or changed their hours. Parents are having to work from home.

We have had to adjust our summer calendar due to the restrictions of social distancing. Fundraisers, VBS, and Master's Camp will hopefully resume once the restrictions are lifted. We can plan, but not execute. Our methods of communication are now thru text, email, and group chat and it has been like learning a new language. I must admit, if it was not for Deneen's help or the power of social media, I would not have been able to connect with our kids and parents.

We can see all these changes through a negative perspective or we can view them as opportunities to grow in our relationship with the Lord and our families. Even in our darkest moments, we can find assurance in the comfort of His love. God endowed us with the strength to persevere and the spirit to thrive. Regardless of our circumstances, we can find peace in the promises of our sovereign God.

***My verse for the month is Psalm 27:1—"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?" Have a blessed day!***

### MUSIC MATTERS - BILLIE SCHNEIDER

Am I the only one who feels bombarded by voices of various news agencies and people with an opinion on the current crisis? Who has the real story? Which one is telling the truth? How do you know who to believe?

Last week Bill was watching a TV show and the person on screen said, "Alexa, play...", and our Alexa started playing the song. Our Alexa didn't know the difference in the TV voice and our voices. Perhaps that is the problem we are having now. We are hearing too many voices and not listening to the only voice that matters.

When Peter, James and John were on the mountain with Jesus, God spoke to them from heaven and said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. **Listen** to him." (Matthew 17:5, NLT) If it was good enough advice for those followers of Jesus, it should be just what we need to do as well.

As a young child serving in the temple, Samuel heard God's voice calling to him three times. Finally Eli told him to answer, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". (1 Samuel 3:9 NLT) That began Samuel's lifetime of service to the living God who spoke to him personally.

We need to tune the ears of our heart to listen to the One True Voice. Yes, we'll still hear the clamor of the media, or friends and well-meaning people, but we'll learn to discern the truth of every circumstance if we judge what we are hearing against the Word of God.

Part of a popular Bart Millard song, *Word of God, Speak*, says:  
*I'm finding myself in the midst of You beyond the music, beyond the noise. All that I need is to be with You. And in the quiet hear your voice. Word of God, speak, Would You pour down like rain, Washing my eyes to see Your majesty? To be still and know that You're in this place. Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness Word of God, speak.*

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tom Manegre
- 3 Flavio Faz
- 5 Jimmy Sanchez
- 6 Lucy Herrera
- 14 Alan Rios
- 18 Karen Neal
- 20 Stephanie Cain
- 26 Dorothy Abbott

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