

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds all of you well and enjoying your day in the Lord.

These are challenging times (and that is an understatement)! These are the times that try our faith and push us back to Jesus. These are the times when we 'walk through the darkest valley and fear no evil' not because there is no evil or death, but because our Shepherd is right there guiding us! A retired pastor friend of mine once challenged me during a

difficult time with the following: The waters of life were twirling all around me and even over my head so that I was actually under water. Instead of throwing me a life jacket or a rescue ring, the retired pastor encouraged me to put my feet down. He guided me to not react to the turbulent waters but instead to put my feet down on the rock, the solid rock of Jesus Christ!



The COVID-19 epidemic that we are currently going through is one of many traumas that we face in our life. As a planet we are all facing this trauma together while practicing 'social distancing.' Traumas like the virus, losing our job, the passing of a loved one, the denial of promotion and so much more are the moments in our life that shake our foundation. Jesus, as only He can, speaks to this shaking in a wonderfully clear way in Matthew 7.24-29. "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Matthew 7.25). Does anyone else feel the wind blowing and feel the rain falling right now? Can you also feel the Rock under your feet? I promise you it is there. The Rock is solid, unmoving, and a sure foundation. As the old hymn says "On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand" (My Hope is Built).

This Sunday, and all Sundays going forward, we will be worshipping together at 10 am online. This is new for us all and we are trying new things at the church building side to enhance the worship experience. For yourself, before joining us on the livestream please center yourself and family through prayer to prepare yourself for worship. Please also join the livestream through the largest screen that is possible for you. Some 'smart TVs' allow you to download the Facebook app. This might be beneficial for enhancing the worship experience. Tomorrow, you will be receiving another email which will have the worship items for Sunday's worship at 10 am. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday as we put our feet down on the Rock. Be safe.

Peace and God's blessings.

*In Christ*  
*Pastor Derrick*  
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