

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Would I miss Covid-19?

As the question flashed across my mind, I found myself feeling reviled, then perplexed, ...and then pondering: Would I miss COVID-19?

In my mind I quickly answered:

I won't miss the death toll.

I won't miss the illness it brought to thousands of people.

I won't miss the anxiety it triggered for so many individuals.

I won't miss the misery it brought upon masses of people globally.

I won't miss the tragedy of unemployment it has thrust upon people worldwide.

I won't miss the increased relational pressures, or the disconnect from being physically close to family, friends, and the impact on café catch-ups.

But ...when it's over I will miss the quietness of the streets.

I'll miss the clear sounds of birds singing and the trees rustling, uninterrupted by competing noise.

I'll miss the newly found street 'hellos' and contacts with neighbours and café workers, and the recently devised connections we have put in place to connect our church family with each other.

Also I thought:

I don't have to miss those things if we keep them in place, along the regular encouragement for a daily routine of prayer, bible reading, and ongoing trust in God who is sovereign over all things.

So ...I'm praying for Covid-19 to be over, for a vaccine to be discovered, and for medical treatments to be found. But I am also praying that the positives we have gained through this pandemic experience will never be over, and certainly not lost!

Psalm 46

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*1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.*

*2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give
way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains
quake with their surging.*

*4 There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.*

*5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.*

*6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.*

*7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*8 Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.*

*9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.*

*He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.*

*10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”*

*11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

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