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Jennifer Sands – Facebook Post 3/24/20 about Coronavirus

By Jennifer Sands

COVID-19 has turned our world upside down. So much uncertainty, so much fear, so much anxiety. Indeed, it’s disappointing to be forced to cancel vacations, proms, weddings. It’s distressing when our employer shut down and we end up in financial crisis. It’s disturbing to see shortages of necessities like water, toilet paper, masks, gloves, medications, ventilators. And it’s downright terrifying to see the number of COVID cases – and deaths – rise each day. This is not a post linking Coronavirus to apocalyptic events, nor is this a post bashing how certain leaders and politicians are handling this healthcare emergency. I simply want to remind everyone of God’s sovereignty and our need to turn to Him.

Far be it from me to claim to know exactly what God is up to right now, but I think it’s safe to say that He’s trying to get our attention. For years I’ve been praying for a massive spiritual awakening in this country… and I know many of my Christian brothers and sisters have been doing the same. I’ve been praying for a Christian revival unlike anything we’ve ever seen before: Bigger than the Great Awakening of the 1700s. Bigger than the Welsh Revival in 1905. Bigger than the Jesus Movement of the 1970s.

Perhaps God will use this COVID pandemic to answer those prayers. If so, I believe that He wants us to be involved in bringing forth His answer. The Great Commission that Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18 is not a suggestion -- it’s a command.

Here in New Jersey, we have the second-highest number of COVID cases and deaths in the country, and we are currently in lockdown. My dear friend and sister in Christ, Barbara Hoagland, a member of CPFI, recently made 8 little “care bags” for her neighbors. Inside each bag was 1 individually-wrapped roll of Scott toilet paper, an informational brochure from her church, and a typed note:

Hello Neighbor! 😊

Just thought I’d share 2 things that we all really need: toilet paper and Jesus!

There’s a dire shortage of toilet paper right now. But there’s no shortage of Jesus.

He’s available and accessible to everyone, everywhere, anytime. And Jesus loves us so much that He sacrificed His perfect, sinless life as a substitute for our imperfect, sinful lives. If He went to that extreme in order to secure eternal heaven for anyone who trusts in Him, how much more will He help us get through this health crisis?

With church doors shutting across America, my church (Living Faith Bible Church) will be live-streaming their service every Sunday morning at 10:30am. I invite you to watch the service online at www.livingfaithnj.com. There won’t be any people in the sanctuary, but you’ll hear great recorded music from our worship team and a powerful message from Pastor Alex… and you will be blessed!

Also, you may (or may not) know that I’m a pharmacist at Shop Rite Pharmacy. Please don’t hesitate to call me if I can help you with getting your medications… even if it’s just
Tylenol or Advil. You can reach me at Shop Rite: (732) xxx-xxxx or on my cell phone: (732) xxx-xxxx.

“My God will provide all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

— Philippians 4:19 —

With Blessings and Prayers for all of you!

Barbara Hoagland – xxxxxx Pinewood Road

Barbara went out of her way to try and meet the needs of her neighbors... most of whom she does not know well, if at all. THAT’S what it means to “be Jesus” to others. Jesus made it His mission to meet needs – physical, emotional, spiritual. By sacrificing His innocent life on a Cross, Jesus met our greatest and most desperate need: the forgiveness of our sins. When we give our lives and our sins to Jesus, He gives us His forgiveness in exchange – which includes His promise of spending eternity in heaven. (As believers, we need to share that with people who need to hear it… and we need to do it now.) And when we “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:31-33), Jesus also promises to meet our basic physical needs of food, clothing, and shelter – things that we currently fret about whether we’ll have enough. By trusting in Jesus alone for our salvation, He even meets our greatest emotional need, which is peace. With the rampant COVID anxiety, peace is something everyone desperately longs for, right? Well, if we really trust that God is in control, and if we fervently seek Him in prayer, then He will give us “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7). I have peace right now, in the midst of a global pandemic, because I can look back on the turmoil of my past and I can see how faithful God was back then. Circumstances change. God does not.

So I just want to encourage you to find ways to “be Jesus” to others. In these UNCERTAIN times, point them to the One whose promises in the Bible ARE CERTAIN. With social distancing it might take a little creativity (like Barbara’s toilet paper care bags) and a lot of sacrifice, but now is the time for us to step up to the plate. Let’s be part of God’s answer to our prayers for a massive Christian revival.

May we focus on our Savior, not our Situation. May we focus on Christ, not the Crisis. May we seek God’s wisdom and direction as we navigate through this dark and uncharted territory. May we respond to this pandemic with love, care, and compassion for others as we ponder the brevity of life. May we follow the instructions of the authorities, no matter how inconvenient they may be, in order to minimize the spread of infection. May we make the most of every opportunity to share our faith in Jesus.

And may the Gospel of Christ spread as quickly as Coronavirus!

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Innovative Pharmacy Instruction During the Disruptive COVID-19 Pandemic  By Rocco J. Rotello, Elisha Injeti, and Timothy D. Veenstra

The unexpected arrival of COVID-19 has brought many significant changes to our daily lives. Routine procedures such as hand washing took on greater importance. Going to the grocery store requires remembering not only your grocery list but also your face mask and hand sanitizer. While we used to go about our daily business unaware of those around us, we suddenly became cognizant of anyone approaching within six feet. With many churches closing, we had to develop a plan for worship services. Many people resorted to family-led services or watching live-streams from their local church. While the new format of church may have been radically different, thankfully Jesus promised us that “for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20; KJV). Unfortunately, millions of Americans found themselves unemployed during this pandemic, with many having to rely