

**Broken! Made New!**

*Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis*

Sunday, March 15, 2020

**Thanksgiving: Praying God's Promises**

What promises of God have encouraged, strengthened, or comforted you in times of trouble? Come to the microphone. Read the Promise from God's Word and Offer a Brief Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Greatness.

*[Time for Prayers of Thanksgiving]*

**Words of Assurance**

*You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*

Joshua 23:14 (NIV)

*For no word from God will ever fail.*

Luke 1:37

*As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

Isaiah 55:10–11 (NIV)

## Intercession: Praying for Others

**Scripture Reading** 1 Kings 8:22–24, 27-30, 37-40, 56-61

### Call to Intercession

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

### Focus of Intercession

Who Is Impacted by the Coronavirus?

- Employees and Employers
- Travelers
- Healthcare Workers
- Students
- Parents
- Individuals with Chronic Illness
- The Food Supply
- Residents of Long-Term Care Centers
- Shut-ins
- Homeless Individuals and Families
- First Responders
- People with weakened Immune Systems
- The Grieving
- Others:

Pray in groups of 2-3 for persons in these categories.

## Opportunities: Prayerfully Listening and Watching

Times of Crisis Are an Opportunity for the Gospel

As we all navigate the constantly changing and complex realities of this crisis, watch for and seize the opportunities God gives you for sharing the love of Christ and message of hope with anxious people. Remember that the Lord who sovereignly ruled over the great flood is still on the throne ruling over our days. He was not caught by surprise. He is not scrambling to catch up. He is in control. At a time in human history when from the standpoint of man everything was out-of-control, He was on the throne purposefully and sovereignly directing the outcomes.

Biblical Example

Acts 8:1-4

Reutter Example

Potential Opportunities

1. Be Alert to the Needs of Neighbors (especially the elderly, groceries, etc)
2. Call Isolated Members and Pray for them over the phone
3. Write and Send Notes of Encouragement to People
4. Sign-up for E-News from First Free
5. When We Gather in Our Homes for Worship
  - Invite a Neighbor to Join You
  - Watch the Live Stream
  - Pray for Each Other
  - Share a Meal Together
  - Observe Habits to Reduce Infection

### Benediction

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20–21 (NIV)