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For those of you who daily spend time with the Lord and love him, you can be assured that he is in control of Covid-19. He knows its origin, he knows its reach, he knows its end, and he knows every person afflicted by it. It seems like the media and certain authorities would have the world in a panic-stricken, fear paralyzed, hysterical Doom-expecting state. But just remember who your savior is. Just remember that we live by every word spoken by God. Jesus wants his children to be full of faith. The Father wants his children to trust him and to not be afraid. He responds to our faith, not our feelings, and you are who and what the Word [the Bible] says about you.

I posted an article by Spurgeon last week about his response to the cholera outbreak. He was a pastor and a teacher and an evangelist and I would dare say a prophet and an apostle too. He sat with and ministered to and shared the gospel with hundreds of people who were sick and dying. I am not saying to throw caution to the wind, at all, but we do not neglect the spreading of the Gospel especially in the times of need, when the world needs a savior, we give them the only savior that there is and his name is Jesus. He spoke peace, be still to that storm and it ended. He told us to go make disciples. He told us to lay hands on the sick and they would recover. He told the elders to anoint the sick with oil and pray for them in faith and that they would recover. Stop being afraid. Use godly wisdom and if you don't have wisdom, James told us to ask and he would give it to you in abundance.

I found myself this morning sitting in our room after my husband left for work, and I said to Jesus that - and he knows what I'm talking about, any part of me that was not yet surrendered to the ministry of the Gospel, I give him my all today. I asked that I could go and do and be where how and who he wants me to be on this Earth for the gospel. Whatever gifts he's given me, those belong to the gospel. I give up my personal selfish goals, and I give myself entirely to him for the gospel. That is the only

way that I am going to live fully at peace, walking in fellowship with my savior and being available to him for whatever he wants me to do. I seek his righteousness and his kingdom, and if he wants to add anything to my life, if he wants to bless me in material professional financial ways, I only want what he wants to give me. I no longer want to seek selfishly. My life is hid with Christ.

For those of you reading who don't really understand what I'm talking about and think this is all a bunch of nonsense, just know that God knows who you are. He knows your struggles and he knows your sins, your relationship problems, your defeat, and he wants you to be his child. He wants to save you from yourself and from eternity without him. There is a heaven and there is a hell. And the inhabitants choose for themselves to go either place. They are not sent there and it will be no mystery to them when eternity starts, where they end up.

Joshua [in the Bible] said to choose this day whom you will serve. You can have a relationship with the father through his son Jesus Christ and you can have his presence dwell within you and lead you In this life and change your life and heal your life and give you a life that you never imagined. But most importantly he can clean you up and change your heart and give you his mind and love and peace and joy, patience & kindness that you will never have without him. It was your sin that put him on that cross, and it was his sinlessness on your behalf that brought him out of that grave. He's given us his righteousness, he has assigned it to us, made us right before God if we will come to him, ask forgiveness for our sins, turn away from them, and let him love us. This world is passing away and everything in it. Some day there will not be one tree, blade of grass, or car or animal or building left on this Earth. That may seem far-fetched and fly in the face of everything scientific that you know, but God is not bound by scientists. He is the Ancient of Days and the Creator and he is in control whether we see it or not. You can trust him because he loves you. Look to him. Don't look to any other god because there aren't any. Those are man-made idols whose identities were hatched from hell itself. It's not just the satanists who worship the devil... Open your Bibles, read the book of John in the New Testament and talk to Jesus. He's alive and he is sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven, and He loves you. He is seeking you already, he is seeking you through this little post by this little 50 some odd year old woman in southeast Oklahoma. Listen to me. Trust Jesus.

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