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Part 1

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Monday

We are living in a New Reality. Bill Hybels stated *"The normal we all know and loved has left the building."* Life, your personal situation looks drastically different than it did not so long ago. Understand the difference between survival and adventure is preparation. (Psalm 138:7)

- How has your life changed in the past months?

Tuesday

There are not many "guarantees" or "sure things" left. Two things you can be guaranteed of are *Troubled times* and that *God is with you*. (Psalms 23:4, Psalms 91:15)

- How do these "guarantees" define your new reality?

Wednesday

To "fear not" is a major theme of the Bible. Within life there are many reasons to be afraid, yet the truth remains that God is with you and will help you. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that when, not "if", you pass through the waters and fires (difficulties) God is with you. Winston Churchill stated "If you're going through hell, keep going!" (Isaiah 43:1-2)

- What affect has fear had upon your life?

Thursday

You must be convinced of God's goodness. Don't judge God's goodness by your present circumstances. It is the essence of His character. He is the one sustaining you and providing an exit strategy. (Psalm 119:68, Hebrews 1:3, Acts 10:38)

- How has God's goodness helped to sustain you?

Friday

A fundamental principle is to take care of your soul, because this is where you will feel the pressure. We must direct and redirect our minds to Him and His word. This is how we walk with Him, the One who promised to always be with us, because this New Reality is no place to be wandering around alone. (Psalm 16:8-9)

- What can you do today to take care of your soul?

Memorization: Psalm 16:8-9 NKJV

I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.