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Dearlly Beloved,

I write you today to encourage and empower you. Your health and well-being are of the utmost importance to me and the church. This coronavirus situation is a serious one and should not be taken lightly. In fact, there are many questions about the coronavirus that I don't have answers to. However, I do know that we believers are called upon to walk both by faith and in wisdom.

First, trust in God. I have often said that God is the kind of father who will never be taken to court for child support. He cares about us in ways we have no idea about. He loves us unconditionally and intentionally. Continue to rest in your relationship with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ. He will see us through this like He has all other thick things. Personally, I have taken much comfort from Psalm 91 and other scripture. I encourage you to do the same.

Secondly, take care of yourself; you are valuable. Protect yourself especially if you are 60 years of age or older. For example, do not shake hands. The virus is transmitted in many cases by shaking hands with someone and then placing our hands in our mouths, eyes, and noses. Also, wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Avoid sick people. If you're sick, avoid people.

Please know that we are closely monitoring the situation. We are disinfecting all areas of our church locations. In fact, both churches will be fumigated this weekend, hand sanitizers will be available Sunday, and worship adjustments will be made. Our 10:00a.m. Sunday morning worship service is live streamed as well. I will continue to provide updates. Be well and stay well.

In that Name!

Pastor Vinnie