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Busting the side effects of the lockdown

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Why stay here until we die” 2
Kings 7: 3
Samaria was on a type of a lock down. The Syrians had besieged it till droppings of doves were used for preparing meals and heads of donkeys were a delicacy.

Within this national disaster, was a small group of worse sufferers. It was a quartet of leprous men, who were quarantined, since their disease was highly contagious or communicable. They had an extra lockdown burden on them, double tragedy. They were outcasts, hungry and suffered stigmatisation as unclean. Their Government of the day could not help them, for it was bankrupt in real terms.

They could have broken down under intense pressure that life threw at them. However, they decided to put up a fight. It was their attitude that brought deliverance to the whole nation. They busted the lockdown. Let’s look at how they did it and draw some implications to our situation, getting tips on how we can bust side

effects of our own lockdown today.

Tip on busting the side effects.

1) They asked the right question. “Why stay here till we die? Have we no ability to do something about our situation?”

If we ask the right questions, we will have the right answers and solutions. Let’s avoid questions that invoke self pity like “why me... why did they..., why didn’t they” and the like. Let’s ask questions that will lead us to a way forward.

2) They reorganised themselves. “Let us march towards the enemy camp.”

Let us reorganize ourselves, our ways of lives and our modus operandi. Let us repackage our products and rebrand and be post Covid-19 compliant. Only then will we stay afloat, otherwise we risk sinking with the tide.

3) They took a risk. They confronted the enemy troops headlong. There are 3 types of “Takers” in life.

a) Caretakers, those who never add value to anything entrusted to them. They keep it as it is, like their brother in the parable of the talents.

b) Undertakers, those who only wait to bury the dead. Their motto is, “I knew it was not going to work”. They bury visions and dreams.



c) Risk takers. These are willing to take the bull by its horns. They are willing to do something new. They are open for change. Of course, we are talking of calculated risks, not suicide!

4) They took some steps. Their steps were small. Steps of 4, hungry and sick men, you can imagine. However, it was those steps that God used to bring national healing!

Let’s take some steps in our perceived directions in life. Though our steps may be small, God will amplify them to unprecedented levels. It was the small boy’s lunch pack of five loaves and two fish that fed the multitudes when Jesus blessed it! A journey of a thousand miles begins with one small step.

Do not sit there until you die. Surely you can do something about your situation. Let’s endeavor to bust the lockdown side effect. Yes we can.



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A hiding place for Covid-19

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And a man shall be a hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the tempest" (Isaiah 32:2)
God's best blessings to men have usually come by men. When our Lord ascended on high, He received gifts for men, and these gifts were men. (Ps. 68: 18; Eph. 4:8,11).

Immense help has come to nations by kings like David, prophets like Samuel, deliverers like Gideon, lawgivers like Moses.

But all this help is like dung compared to what God can do through the Man Jesus Christ.

We are now to view Him as our shield against ten thousand ills: the hiding place and shelter of His people. Our life is at risk from storms. We have been hit by the mysterious Covid-19 which has caused the most dreadful confusion of even great minds. It's like a wind whose direction is uncertain, shaking everything, creating unrest and distraction. We have no answer. Frequently no definite cause can be assigned to it; the cause may be purposely, or physical or circumstantial. Some may say it's because of sin in the world, caused by wrong desires and unbelief to the real God.

We witnessed wild attacks between human enemies blaming each other on it. But dear reader in all this David had a word for it, He says, "I flee unto you to hide me" (Psalm 143:9) Covid-19 has brought great loses, bereavement and other afflictions. None of us is able to bear the burden and trouble that is caused by the epidemic, but our only safety lies in getting out of it by finding a shelter where God has provided it.

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Let us see to it that we take shelter in the Man. Let Him stand before us, and we hide behind Him by faith. Let him daily cover us from all its evil, as our shield and protector. (Psalm 119:114) Let us enter into Him more and more fully, that we may be more hidden, that He may be more known to us, and that we may have a fuller sense of security.

Lastly a shelter is nothing if we get under it and only stand in front of it.

The conditions of God's protection is that we obey Him.

In every situation God raises a person to work with Him and to combat this virus we need to work with the Lord.

I pray that all who work to combat this virus will work hand in hand with the Man Christ Jesus our Lord. You that are out of Christ, the tempest is lowering! Come to this covert; hasten to this hiding-place!

Conspiracy theories

Bishop Ngwiza Mnkandla



They are two a penny! This last week, my inbox was flooded with questions seeking my opinion. Here are a few thoughts:

1. In times of crisis, it is crucial that we are level headed. Stay calm and use your head. Avoid sensationalism no matter how tempting it is to run with the latest take on what's happening. It's helpful to sit on stuff before you act on it. The internet is awash with information. Do your own research before you believe what you are reading.

2. Please realise that we live in an age of disinformation, fake news and other false propaganda. With the media tools at our disposal, it's possible to create any picture and make it look real. Where possible, seek for confirmation. I do not swallow as gospel all that CNN and BBC spew out. Recently, I was privileged to know about a situation that was unfolding. We were shocked to see how it had been doctored by the time it hit the media. Things are not always what they appear to be!

3. My conclusion from the little bit of my own fact checking which includes seeking the opinion of experts in certain fields, is three fold: -

some of the theories seem to connect some dots regarding what's happening around us, some of it is nonsense and doesn't stand up to scrutiny and a third area is stuff that drives you to further research.

4. That said, if you want to research this further, be my guest. We've lived with them over the years: America invented HIV/AIDS to control the black population! Ebola is a tool by the West to kill the people in Central Africa while they plunder our minerals, etc etc! And now...China has unleashed Covid-19. Our calling is not to be experts in these matters but to understand the times and what we ought to do as the children of God. The people who know their God will stand firm and do exploits. Our task is to "turn our eyes on Jesus and look fully into His wonderful face and the things of this world will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace".

Therefore take your eyes off all these theories and focus on Jesus. Read the word! Get to know your God! know His kingdom agenda. Look out for the signs He warned about. As we develop in our intimacy with Him, the Bible tells us that He will not do anything without telling His servants the prophets. Then like Mary said to the servants.... Do whatever He tells you! If you love God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself, you will be alright.



Christians Celebrate Pentecost Today

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth"). It is also called Whitsun, but does not necessarily coincide with the Whitsun Bank Holiday in the UK.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is the way Christians understand God.

Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is a happy festival. Ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

Pentecost Symbols

The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

The first Pentecost

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecostal Christianity

Pentecost is a special day for any Christian, but it is emphasised particularly by Pentecostal churches. Pentecostal Christians believe in the direct experience of the Holy Spirit by believers during all of their services.

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