



# FAITH NOTES

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Church Family and Friends,

Well... This virus mess has crept on much longer than I thought it would. You know, with my vast medical knowledge and degrees and all. So maybe I ought to stick to this preacher role that I have actually been trained for. And in that role, well... I don't know much else to tell you, except to say hang in there and point you to scripture.

A simple scroll through Facebook will reveal very quickly that we are a divided people to be sure. Even within the Church, vast and varied opinions are lobbed forth, and quite frankly, it is appalling how we treat and talk to one another. Somehow, sitting behind a keyboard, much as I am doing as I write this for you, it is easy to forget we are typing responses to actual human beings. Our time of isolation from one another, as little or as much as it may have been for some, and continues for others, only further reminds us how easy it is to forget.

My training does help in this way, a verse does come to mind. Hebrews 3:13 says, "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called, "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Encourage, as defined by Webster's is the action of giving hope, confidence, or support. So this verse calls us to action, and this action is to point someone to the eternal hope found not in ourselves, our government, our health care, our social media, but our HOPE found only in Christ our Savior. As we are reminded, only one thing truly stays constant over the history of the world, Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is our rock, our shield, our ever present help. So encourage one another to put all confidence in Him.

As we look to the near future, let us remember to lift our healthcare workers, our children, our educators, and those who work with the public up in prayer. We are all continuing to face newness in every aspect of life. Whatever may come, our joy and hope is in Christ. So encourage one another and point others to Christ daily, you may be the only Bible some folks read!

In Christ

Rev. Daniel