

Tuesday 12 May Reflection

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.*

It seems to me that much of life is a balancing act. Balance eating healthy with the really good stuff that is not so healthy. Balance work and play. Balance exercise and relaxation. Balance well you get the idea. During this pandemic, our leaders are faced with the challenge to balance keeping people safe with the need to reopen our economy. As one of your community of faith leaders I know the difficulty associated with this balancing act as we talk about how we can safely reopen our buildings.

I empathize with our elected leaders who are trying to balance multiple concerns and issues. I also appreciate that most of us are just tired of all the restrictions. I want to be able to go out to eat again and socialize with friends. I am sure many of you are also feeling this way. There are a few counties that are ready to defy the governor's order and move to yellow. What is the right thing to do? To me there isn't a huge difference between the red and yellow phase except that it does allow us to gather in groups of twenty-five or less. And a bit more flexibility with some shopping. And then green pretty much allows us to return to normal. And at the end of the day, it is really just a best guess.

As Christians we are called to support our government, to act for the good of the community and put others before our selves for good order. There are more questions than answers with COVID-19. I think about the Spanish Flu in 1917-1918, the second wave was far worse than the first. Obviously, no one wants to see that happen again. So, we struggle with balancing personal health and safety with the economy, the desire to be with others, to be able to make plans, and to just live our lives.

I wish I had the answers, heck, I wish anyone had the answers! But what I do know that God is with us every step of the way. I know for certain that we never walk alone, as we are always in God's loving care. I pray that God would bless our governmental leaders with wisdom, our researchers with brilliance for developing treatments and vaccines, and all of us with comfort, patience, and strength to persevere.

In Peace,

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