

Wednesday 15th April 2020

Good morning!

Up for a challenge today....?! How about reading these well known words of Jesus, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us embrace them, and trust him, more deeply as we pray in faith?

'Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."' (Matt 21:21,22 NIV)

Take heart! Be bold!

Faith does not deny that a problem exists, but it does deny that problem a place of undue influence. Hope and hopelessness are both contagious.

So let's look at some of the negatives in the current situation (local and global), remind *ourselves*, and tell *them* how big our God is!

1) HEALING

"By his stripes we are healed." (Is 53:5)

Through the finished work of the cross, we are healed, saved, and delivered by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We may struggle to understand why some are not healed (or healed yet) but let's not allow our lack of understanding or faith keep us from pressing in for all that God wants to do. Apply all of the work of the cross to this COVID-19 pandemic:

- Command the virus to stop spreading & to die everywhere.
- Come against spirits of affliction and infirmity and release wholeness and healing over sick people.
- Command immune systems to revive and work as they were created to do.
- Command damaged cells and bodies back to life in Jesus' name.

2) ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT....

Let's speak God's blessing - provision, favour, generosity, restoration - over those who have lost jobs and income; over struggling households; over failing businesses; over entrepreneurs and wealth creators; over the welfare system, those who serve in it and those who need it at this time....

3) WISDOM

As the UK and other governments have to make huge decisions this week about the next phase of action for the nation, taking many complex factors into account, let's pray for: Divine wisdom beyond any human wisdom; discernment where expert voices are divided; deafness to any strategies from the devil; accurate and true information; courage to look beyond well-meant but unwise opposing opinions; actions motivated by selfless concern for the good of all in the nation; particular concern for those least able to help themselves....etc

4) A reminder that Spring Harvest have made available all their resources and sessions for free [here](#), from 13-17 April - brilliant opportunity for people of every age and stage!

