

Thought for the Day: Monday 25 May 2020

Good morning everyone!

As the weeks go by I miss seeing church family so much – but the TFDs from others and the services on-line are a real blessing – not the same as face to face – but it is great to have the technology, expertise and time that so many put into it. CCBH is a great team. We can see daily examples in wonderful videos from Rachael and Jeanette, service and love overflowing to those connected with Coffee in the Living Room, good and consistent pastoral care – and so much more that I probably don't know anything about. It's great and comes from the Father of Light.

What a weekend this has been for our nation. Rumours, spitefulness, unkindness, rudeness – it all seems to abound. We may be losing our confidence in establishments and rules. There will be so many different viewpoints on all this in the coming days. It is a confusing time – and I have been reminded again that when confusion comes the enemy is the author of it.

What is God saying to us in these times?

Last night I listened to Psalm 18 (read by David Suchet!) If you have time – take a look today or listen to it on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HwEp56BCew&t=29s> It's a long Psalm but bears reading/listening all in one go! To be honest my listening to it started in quite a casual way – but I was arrested by the words. They were true to my own experience of being rescued by Him so many years ago. But it is more than my past experience – if we love the Lord Jesus – this is our experience now. I needed the reminder and it put me in a better place – but I needed the reminder so that I could use these words and pray it for friends, neighbours, family, work colleagues – governments and authorities all around us. He trains our hands for war, He is the shield of salvation – He has supported me. I could go on. Listen to it and let your spirit be stirred again.

Please use this and the High Priestly prayer which Debbie preached on from John 17. Rejoice again in your salvation and pray for those around you who as yet don't know the hope we have within us. Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to talk in a real and personal way to those people!

Let's remember to pray for those around us and perhaps also for

- Our own Rachel (Karrach) leading the mission hospital in Nepal – remember that that team has nowhere near the medical resources available here
- Our own hospital – there are still many patients in hospital with Covid – please remember the clinical teams – especially the doctors who have to wear full PPE which is basically being dressed from head to toe in plastic – they dread the hot days
- For those working in chaplaincy at the hospice and the hospitals
- Those in our Government – that they may lead well with humility and scientific excellence

You will have your own concerns – the challenge is not to be overwhelmed by them – but to bring them to the Lord – coming from a place of authority

May you have a blessed week

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