

Compass Bearing #24
Devotions to Navigate the Coronavirus Pandemic
" Give It To God and Go To Sleep"
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Acceptance and Action. What's the balance?

I want to fix things. I hate to look at situations and circumstances where things are not going well and feel helpless. The serenity prayer asks God for wisdom to accept things you cannot change and for courage to change the things you can. Allowing the problems to occupy our thought life typically leads to frustration. Thinking through solutions on how to respond to those same problems can at times feel exhausting even. So what's the balance? Hand it all over and listen for direction in your spirit? I can't figure it out yet, but I'm trying. Standing still is hard, but I think at times it's the only thing we can do in the moment to get to the next one. Peace is coming. Hope is real. There has to be better things coming. Because if not, what faith do we really have? If God really is good then we have to believe He's working. Even when we can't see it. When we begin to do this God will strengthen you with power through his spirit and Christ will dwell in your heart and build faith in you.

Here's my prayer for you today and always.

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:14-19