

Consider it pure joy, my brother,
whenever you face trials of many kinds.
{James 1:2}

Well, we made it to June! Still dealing with the pandemic. I have read, watched video, listened to news reports and talked to friends about the situation we find ourselves in. I've come to the following conclusion. We are one day closer to the pandemic being over.

The virus is for a definite time and real purpose. Every trial has its own built-in time span. This pandemic will end. While it lasts, we think it will go on forever. Wrong. It will end. God who allowed it to start, will end it. This is why James said, "Let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" {James 1:4, ESV}. So don't try to rush it or end it. Let God end it. That way you will derive the full benefit of the trial. The question I ask myself is, when this over, will I be able to say I've grown or developed more spiritually or will I have fallen further away from God? Allow God to edit your life, God is the author, you are the publisher.

These are tough times for everyone and as my Pastor has stated "We are all in the same storm, but we are in different boats!". So whatever boat you're currently in, it's comforting to know that we will all weather this storm together as a family and we will continue to keep our faith and trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to steer us out of this storm to a calmer future (Ref: Matthew 8:23-27).

My prayer for all is, "God I know You have allowed this trial for a reason. I pray for grace to take with both hands, so I receive the maximum blessing You intend for us during this trial."

Romans 8:18 says, for I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us."

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

In Jesus Name, Joe