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Dear Grace of Christ Family,

As I consider the days we are living in, this verse comes to mind:

*“He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.” (Psalm 62.6)*

It doesn't mean that nothing can ever disturb us, or create fear and anxiety in us, or even cause us to doubt in the goodness of God. However, whatever may come against us, God is our strength, and He will keep us moving forward.

The pandemic has been a time that perhaps your faith has been tested. Hopefully it has caused each of us trust more fully in God who is our Rock and Salvation, a Mighty Fortress who will help us weather any storm. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. As we see the beginnings of Spring, and with more and more vaccinations being given, “hope springs eternal”. However, we are not out of the woods. As a country, and as a city, we are still in a holding pattern.

I want to encourage us to continue using this time to draw closer to God, to lean fully upon Him, to trust that He is sovereign and in control and His plans are for a hope and a future, even if we don't know what that future may look like. Let us constantly fix our eyes on Christ. Let us fully pay attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit and engage in what God is doing in the midst of the storm.

In Yakima, as in the rest of the state, it is a “wait and see” mentality as we continue to get updates regarding our status. Currently we are still in Phase 3, but unfortunately, we know that it could change any given week. I want you to be assured, that even if we go back to Phase 2, we will continue to provide two worship services, both in person or online, 9am and 11am. It is a great joy to gather together with God's people.

On top of that, Sarah Huck, our new Family Ministries Coordinator, is passionately and enthusiastically recruiting volunteers as she makes plans to provide our children with their own special gatherings on Sunday mornings. They will continue to join us for worship, but soon they will all be going off to their continued worship experiences. Plans are also being put in place to provide gatherings for our middle school and high school students during the week. We need your help and your prayers as we strive to offer more opportunities for families at Grace, including our children and youth.

For now, join us this Sunday as we continue to discuss what it means to “Believe”, looking at John 21.1-14: “Don’t Look Back”.

Because of Christ, and in His Grace  
Pastor Bill