

What is Jesus Doing?

UNCOMMON FAITH AND COMMON SENSE

It is March 2020. March, they say, goes in like a Lion and leaves like a lamb. Jesus is both the Lion of Judah and the Lamb slain for us. True to his twisted nature, satan shows the reverse. Right behind the movement of the Spirit and revival of faith within the Body of Christ that we saw in the beginning of the year, now the roaring of the enemy has intensified and we all now find ourselves in the uncharted stormy waters of an international pandemic.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust. Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the enemy and from the perilous pestilence.

- Psalm 91:1-3

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

- Psalm 91:9

For those of us who live in right relationship with the Lord, and pray as we are commanded, led by His Holy Spirit, there is nothing to fear, but we must be vigilant.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

- 1 Peter 5:8

As we ask for wisdom, God will let each of us know in real time, how and what to pray, but also how to protect ourselves, family and neighbors, when and where to go or not go, and what to do or not do to actuate the Psalm 91 protection that He has promised to us.

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If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

- James 1:5

He will also extend His hedge of Divine protection over our unsaved friends, family and neighbors through the effective prayers that He leads us to pray and we speak into Life in obedience to His Spirit.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers.

- 1 Peter 3:12

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

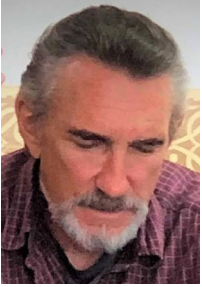
- James 5:16

Because of the pandemic, Donna and I are going out only as needed, to procure food and supplies and to distribute meals, water and needed goods to neighbors and members of our flock who are homeless, elderly or immune compromised, We are also doing worship services on Sunday as a Live Stream on Facebook (Abundant Life Church, Simi Valley) thereby limiting exposure to the COVID19 virus. We feel led by the Lord and feel secure in His leading.

We are also giving added financial support to Homeless Services organizations in our area (HopeTheMission.org and SamaritanCenterSimiValley.org) and suggest that all of us be mindful and generous to those serving on the front lines of the fight against this viral attack of the enemy, especially toward the poor and homeless.

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Above all, as the enemy has temporarily been somewhat successful in isolating us from each other for this (hopefully) short season, we must be more fervent in praying for each other, and looking out for the weakest among us. Stay safe, and above all, faithful.



*Yours, in eternity, Armor on, and faithful,
- John Henry Raskin, Roadhouse Rabbi*