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Luke 10:42 (KJV) *But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

In light of our current distress, I have delayed in writing our March prayer letter. It seems prudent to me prayer letters be well used to encourage and edify God's people. Of course, not at the expense of updates regarding the work of the ministry. For that matter, Kristin and I are well, and the work continues. We are of the mindset our responsibility to serve Jesus Christ is not placed on pause alongside the US economy, we will find some way to remain productive for Christ. In the past two weeks, God's people have been faithful, our support has increased. Our plans for leaving June 22nd are the same. In the meantime, we will watch, pray, and adapt as necessary. Many of you have reached out to us for the purpose of checking on us. Thank you so much for doing so.

Yet, I want to use my time and space here to speak to God's believing people. As the situation with Coronavirus becomes more sobering, there are some ideas we should keep in mind. I suppose it could be said of every Christian, needful aspects of our Christian life have been missing. But due to our hectic lifestyles, we have not regularly chosen that good part. This is time to rearrange some priorities. I'm writing to you regarding that which the Lord thinks is needful. This aspect of life is an area we can be ever greedy, and our Lord stands ready to give continually.

I believe the Lord aims to bring His people to a place of feudal contempt with this world, a world that regularly gives us ample reason to do so. Among the many that are valid, few reasons top the list as their lack of hope. *But ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.* So as America learns she is not quite as invincible as once thought, God's people can use this time to put away childish toys and earthly distractions. In their stead, we can give ourselves over wholly to that which is needful. This is certainly a time for Christian maturity. As fellowship is temporarily removed one with another, the Lord promised He will never leave us nor forsake us. My encouragement is to take advantage of this fact and sit at the Lord's feet for a while.

If you seek comfort, it will be found at the cross of Jesus Christ. It will be maintained through sweet and needful fellowship with him. Remain in prayer, this is certainly a curious time in our nation. We have surpassed the point of criticism. Pastors are facing difficult decisions that must be made with insufficient information. Try and encourage them in this time. As for us, the Lord set our mark, and we will continue pressing thereto.

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