

My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working” (John 5:17).

We are living an unconventional Christian life! Traditional Christian values are to connect with people and share time and space together. These days, many local churches are being advised to cut down on face-to-face worship and have decided to develop an online live streaming service and have their worship in the living room. Also, social distancing is considered a great Christian virtue due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

In this complex situation, I want to share with you one thing I believe in. The current coronavirus outbreak will end because millions of medical professionals and healthcare workers are working to prevent a global pandemic. More importantly, I have a story to share with you. In the Bible, there was the one who worked hard to stop spreading the plagues.

In Numbers, I can count the stories of the plagues that struck the Israelites more than five times. Especially, in Numbers 16:17, “The plague had already started among the people.” There was one man who “ran into the midst of” the people and “stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped.” He was Moses, the man of God. When he stood before God and made intercession to God for the people, the plague was over.

You and I have our Lord Jesus Christ, who ran into the midst of us and stood between us and the plague. He is the one who has the power to stop the viral breakout. Moreover, He is the one who can heal us from any harmful coronavirus disease. I will say with confidence; it is the time to have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who stays with us with all the power to stop the COVID-19 and to heal us from the infection.

My question in this situation is, what is the proper Christian response? Here's what Christians can do while Jesus Christ works for us!

Reach Out– Inspire those around you to reach out to friends and family for a service of hope.

Hope– communicate with other people a daily devotional word of God (text, phone, visit). Encourage your family, friends, and Church family to have hope in Jesus Christ and let them know that Jesus Christ is our eternal hope.

Teach– Share the biblical story that there is someone who can stop the plague and heal us from all kinds of diseases. Also, let people know how a good God blesses his people in times of peril.

Inspire– Encourage those alienated from the church to rejoin them as part of the church and engage them to participate in Jesus' ministry to the marginalized and needy in our communities and let the world know how Christians serve others.

Thrive– Inspire those around you to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ and support them to keep their Christian faith to remain in peace with God.

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