

## Message to Liberty Friends Meeting

March 14, 2020

Friends,

This is the first of what may be several letters to keep LFM members connected while church services are suspended.

Be well, and God bless you all.

Vicki

### James Moore's Message to the Congregation: March 13, 2020

Dear Liberty Friends:

I'm not sure what to expect out of this pandemic, but I'm praying the impact is mild and we all make it through quickly and safely. We have a small congregation, but we are largely older and in the category of "vulnerable," and I love you all too much to tempt fate.

I would remind you to take basic precautions such as washing hands, not touching your face, etc.

More than anything else, I would remind you to keep your focus on eternity and on our Lord Jesus Christ, with no more focus on the world than is necessary.

1 - Don't worry:

[Luke 12:22-31 KJV] 22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

2 - Take refuge in God:

[Psa 46:1-3 KJV] 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

3 - Pray. Always pray:

[Phl 4:6-7 KJV] 6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4 - Remember what eternity holds vs. today:

[Rom 8:38-39 KJV] 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stay safe, stay calm, and God willing I'll see you soon.

With love,

James, Holly and Heather