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SPRING NEWSLETTER: GOOD NEWS EDITION



**BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,
CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES;
UPON HIM WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT MADE US WHOLE,
AND BY HIS BRUISES WE ARE HEALED. *ISAIAH 53:5***



Hello FinD bruthas and friends. These are strange times we're in right now for sure. We are questioning that which is shakable and that which is unshakable. Hebrews 12:28 reminds us, *"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;"*. Our kingdom will not be shook! The temporary life we live on earth is like a Monopoly game. We have all our money neatly tucked in under the board. The Community Chest and Chance cards are neatly stacked. Our homes and hotels are neatly aligned on our property. But then, BOOM, the dog rubs against the board and everything goes flying. Everything we know and trust in is now in chaos. So, instead of grasping at Monopoly money, *"lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* (Matthew 6:21)

This newsletter will be committed to the good news that is still out there before us. God isn't wasting any part of this C-19 tribulation. It will all be used for good. There are silver linings everywhere for which we can be thankful. *"If anything is worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things"*. (Philippians 4:8). We hope you will find it encouraging.

YBIC,

Clint

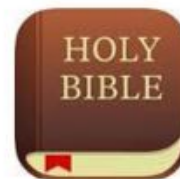


The FinD Discipleship Council met Monday night virtually on Zoom! We had 100% attendance and a very productive meeting about how we can respond as a ministry in this new reality. Stay tuned in the weeks to come for updates on how we're responding to needs created from C-19, the upcoming FinD Retreat, Health Checks, improved curriculum and speaker opportunities, and service and outreach projects.



Several of our FinD groups have been plugging in to the [Bible App](#). Bill Enszer (FISH) has this to share:

“Download the Bible App from [YouVersion](#). FISH has recently adopted using this app and it is working great so far. The Bible App has an online Bible, daily devotionals and more but has a great number of uses for FinD groups. You can invite each other to bible studies (which are freely available), where you can share the same material, comment on questions and discussions, and keeps everyone on the same page as we meet remotely. It’s a great free resource that helps us stay connected while we are physically apart.”



Is This a C. S. Lewis Quote from 1942?

A "quote" shared widely during the COVID-19 pandemic may have felt timely, but that is probably because it was written in 2020.

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[Snopes.com](#) says it’s “misattributed”. No cause for frustration, however! Instead, let’s use this as an opportunity to read Chapter 6 of *Screwtape Letters*:

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MY DEAR WORMWOOD,

I am delighted to hear that your patient's age and profession make it possible, but by no means certain, that he will be called up for military service.

We want him to be in the maximum uncertainty, so that his mind will be filled with contradictory pictures of the future, every one of which arouses hope or fear. There is nothing like suspense and anxiety for barricading a

human's mind against the Enemy. He wants men to be concerned with what they do; our business is to keep them thinking about what will happen to them.

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Last Friday, we published some WWII-era propaganda posters promoting good hygiene, and the response was incredibly positive. Thanks to all who commented, shared, printed, and hung these posters. Heck, even the good folks at WGN Morning News in Chicago helped spread the good word.

Of course, we got some suggestions for more, so we continued to design. While the last batch focused on good hygiene, this round focuses more on good humanity. In these unprecedented times, we're seeing everyday folks rise to hero status. Delivery drivers, postal workers, grocery store clerks, and parents, among others, are all rising to the occasion to keep America moving forward in the face of an invisible enemy. I'm sure we're not including everyone who deserves recognition, but we're confident the good folks of Duke Cannon Country will join us in appreciating all those who are helping to lead us to victory.



These plus more posters are available for free download at dukecannon.com.



April 8, 2020

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Hidden deep within the cultural, mental, and emotional DNA of many Americans today is a kind of "manifest destiny." That is defined as "the 19th-century doctrine or belief that the expansion of the US throughout the American continents was both justified and inevitable." It works its way through many of us in a "I'll do it my way whatever it takes" or via Frank Sinatra's *My Way*.

[Devo continued here](#)



From LinkedIn:

- ◆ Carnival Cruise line told Trump, "We can match those big Navy hospital ships with some fully staffed cruise ships."
- ◆ GM & Ford said, "Hold our cars, watch this; we can make ventilators where we were making cars by next week."
- ◆ Construction companies said, "Here are some masks for the medical staff & doctors."
- ◆ Restaurants & schools said, "We've got kitchens & staff; we can feed the kids."
- ◆ NHL & NBA players are writing checks to pay the arena staff during postponed seasons.
- ◆ Churches are holding online services & taking care of their members & community.
- ◆ Women & children are making homemade masks & handing out snacks to truckers.
- ◆ Breweries are making sanitizer out of the left-over ingredients.
- ◆ We thought we couldn't live without baseball, hockey, & NASCAR, or going to beaches, restaurants, or a bar.. Instead, we're ordering take-out to help keep businesses alive.

I think a Japanese Admiral in the middle of the Pacific said it best in 1941: "I think we have awakened a sleeping giant."

Give us a little more time & we will be doing much better! Limit yourself from the hysterical media.

We are one nation, under God.

God's got us, & #WeGotThis! us 🙏🏠

Watch Video

come listen in to this devotional with Tim Keller | **Psalm 11: Disciplines of Distress**

courtesy of Ann Voskamp

CHRISTIAN LIVING: A Practical Way to Love Your (Self-Isolated) Neighbor

March 18, 2020 ELIJAH ELKINS

“...Now is the time for the church to rise, to move toward others in faith when everyone else is pulling away in fear. The world is watching what governments, schools, and businesses will do. The world is watching how people respond.

Make yourself available to serve those who’ve self-isolated. Go to the store for them, share your supplies, pick up medicine, and, above all, pray for them.

Tell them Jesus loves them, that they’re not alone. Tell them you’re going to be there for them through this as God has always been with you. Show them you believe the gospel. Show them Jesus is so real you’re willing to put yourself at risk to love them—because Jesus does.

You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. . . In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:13–16)”

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Dennis Prager is one of America's most respected radio talk show hosts. He has been broadcasting on radio in Los Angeles since 1982. His popular show became nationally syndicated in 1999 and airs live, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to Noon (Pacific Time) from his home station, KRLA. Widely sought after by television shows for his opinions, he's appeared on Fox and Friends, Red Eye, Hardball, Hannity, CBS Evening News, The Today Show and many others.

Dennis has engaged in interfaith dialogue with Catholics at the Vatican, Muslims in the Persian Gulf, Hindus in India, and Protestants at Christian seminaries throughout America. For ten years, he conducted a weekly interfaith dialogue on radio with representatives of virtually every religion in the world. New York's Jewish Week described Dennis Prager as "one of the three most interesting minds in American Jewish Life." Since 1992 to 2006 he taught the Hebrew Bible verse-by-verse at American Jewish University. All the lectures are available on CD and digital download.

This is a solemn time for Christians and Jews. As we head into Passover and Holy Week, our nation is grieving the loss of being able to gather together in our communities to honor and celebrate these holy days.

But all is not lost. Instead, this can be a time to gain a deeper understanding of our faith and reconnect with the Word of God.

Dennis Prager's thoughtful biblical commentary provides hope and inspiration to all Bible-readers, and in honor of the season we want to give you a free eBook of Dennis's commentary on the Passover story.

We pray you will find blessing and inspiration from God's Word as we celebrate the season, secure in God's love despite the challenges facing us.

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8 Bible Verses That Remind Us God is in Control

These verses about fear and anxiety remind us that God is in control.

By Lest White



Anxiety and fear are relentless. These are two of the enemy's most popular weapons that he uses against us. Unchecked fear can keep you in bed for hours past what is healthy or wise. Anxiety can also show us as a fiery anger, in unkind speech and hurtful attitudes.

The longer you struggle with fear, the more likely it is for you to be overwhelmed by it, allowing it to control your every decision and move. Choosing not to deal with it can leave you with scars.

Even still, we have a promise that "God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability" (1 Corinthians 10:13), and this includes the sinful unbelief of an anxious heart. One of the best ways to rid yourself of the fear that is plaguing you is to turn to Scripture. Here are eight Bible verses that remind us God is in control.

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Looking for **Some Good News** these days?



John Krasinski has got you covered.

The co-star of "The Office" launched a YouTube series on Sunday afternoon called *Some Good News* that focuses on feel-good stories, rather than the more dire, doom-and-gloom reports surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic that have been breaking 24/7 for several weeks now.



Here's who's hiring right now

Some industries — from shipping to online learning — are hiring to meet coronavirus-related demand. Here are some of the [companies hiring right now](#).

Instacart says it's looking to hire **300,000 contract workers** over the next three months. Walmart announced that it will hire **150,000 workers** for its distribution and fulfillment centers.

Amazon says it's looking to hire **100,000 new workers** for its fulfillment centers and delivery network.

CVS Health is hiring **50,000 employees** to serve in various capacities across its business.

Dollar General says it's looking to add **50,000 employees** by the end of April.

Pizza Hut is hiring **30,000 permanent** employees to serve as drivers, shift leaders, cooks and managers.

Ace Hardware is hiring **30,000 people** to work in its stores nationwide.

Lowe's is hiring **30,000 employees** to meet the demand created by the coronavirus.

Dollar Tree, which is also the parent company of Family Dollar, is hiring **25,000 workers** for its stores and distribution centers.

Walgreens is hiring **25,000 employees** for permanent and temporary roles.

Papa John's is hiring **20,000 workers** to meet demand.

7-Eleven is hiring up to **20,000 employees** due to increased demand.

Kroger is looking to hire an additional **20,000 workers** across the U.S.

See the full list [by clicking here](#).



An Easter Prayer

Lord, thank you for loving us more than life itself.

God, life is hard and uncertain. So much pain, hurt, and heartache seems to surround us. And yet, knowing this, You still willingly gave up your life and became God with us and God who rescues us.

Thank you.

Because of Your sacrifice, we can spend eternity with You. There is no pain You cannot conquer, no hurt You cannot heal, and no life You cannot transform. Your death and resurrection proved that nothing is impossible for You, and that we are more than conquerors because of You.

Today and every day, help us to fix our hearts and our minds on You. And as we do, please give us more of Your joy, hope, and peace. We love You, and we want to worship You.

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“THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN, LET US GIVE THANKS, BY WHICH WE OFFER TO GOD AN ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP WITH REVERENCE AND AWE” HEBREWS 12:28

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