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With our lifestyle dramatically changed due to COVID 19 we may be asking the question: Is God still in control? Does God Know What He is doing?

Psalm 46:10 says: "Be still and know that I am God."

Let's take this apart – Be still. Activity born out of anxiety prevents God from showing Himself strong on our behalf. That doesn't mean we can be passive or lazy; it means doing what God leads us to do without running ahead of Him.

It means submitting to Him by slowing down and waiting – Why?

To make sure you have a sense of peace to go along with the ideas you believe He's giving you. Ask Him to reveal His will, then "**BE STILL**." Acknowledge that He's in charge and He knows what He is doing.

"Know that I am God" This means acknowledging that you are not God. When you don't obey, consult Him, or recognise His timing, you remove Him from the throne of your life and end up trying to take His place. You will never fulfil your vision without the help of God.

19th Century clergyman Henry Ward Beecher said – "the strength of a man consists in finding out the way God is going and going that way." There is no time lost in waiting if you are waiting on the Lord. So don't be duped into getting ahead of God or trying to forge ahead under your own steam.

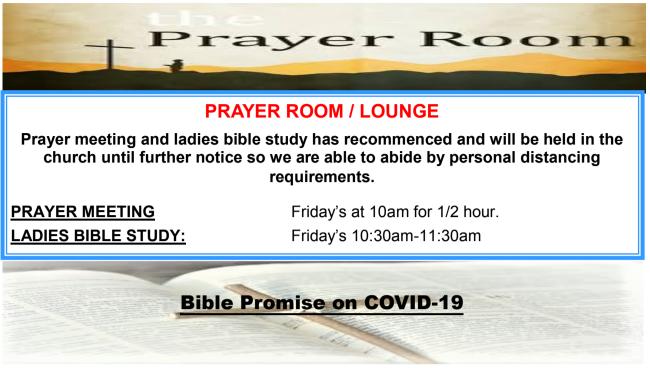


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COVID—19 A Time to Act According to 1 Corinthians 13

Consider, a few weeks ago, Aussies (and others) were demonstrating a whole lot of love. We were buying goods to be sent to areas ravaged by bushfires, we were donating money and putting others first. But not anymore. Now we're emptying supermarket shelves, stockpiling rice and pasta, and fighting over toilet rolls. In a few weeks, we've seen the very best and the very worst of humanity. What we need is more of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. (NIV)

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. *Love never fails*

Now, there's some truth to live by.

Coronavirus isn't about Revelation 13, it's more like Leviticus 13. So, let's act according to 1 Corinthians 13 until Romans 13 runs its course.

