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Welcome

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Today's Teaching

A Godly Response to the Coronavirus

We should respond to times of sickness and suffering with faith in God rather than fear, and act with love for our fellow humans, looking for how God is working to draw people to Himself.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

⁸ Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

A Godly Response to the Coronavirus

Key points:

1. Christians are called to live out of faith in God, not fear of circumstances.
2. Our posture of faith rather than fear does not depend on our current circumstances but rather on our response to the fact that God is with His people at all times.
3. It is essential for Christians to live out of faith in God rather than fear because we can't possibly love our neighbors and promote the cause of the Gospel if we are living in fear rather than faith.
4. True Biblical faith does not lead to presumption or foolish actions that are really testing God rather than trusting Him.
5. True Biblical faith prompts prayer and acts of love for our neighbor, even in the midst of difficult times such as communal sickness.
6. We pray and look for how God will move in difficult times to draw many to Himself through the Gospel.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. Has any part of the current situation produced fear in me? How have I responded to the increased spread of the Coronavirus? How have I responded to the fall of the stock market and the potential of economic difficulties in the future? How have I responded to increasing changes in my daily lifestyle being retired by the government at present?
3. Is it really possible to live out of faith in God rather than fear? What would I need to do to live in this way?
4. Psalm 46:8-11 indicates that even in the midst of seeming world collapse God is at work and we can see and experience Him in a deeper way. Have I been doing this during the current situation? If not, how can I grow in this area?

5. Bret said, "We can't possibly love our neighbors and promote the cause of the Gospel if we are living in fear rather than faith." Do I agree with this? Why or why not?
6. What is the difference between true faith and presumption? Is it faith to say "God controls my days so I do not need to change anything in response to the Coronavirus. God will protect me, and if not He was going to take me now anyway."? Why or why not?
7. In times of spreading sickness like this, how can I show love to my neighbors in my daily behavior? Even if I am at low risk for becoming really ill, how should I act to love and serve my neighbors who might be at greater risk?
8. If a situation arose where others were suffering and even dying from something like the coronavirus, would I choose to leave the area if I could, or would I choose to stay and help? How should a Christian decide what to do in such circumstances? Do all Christians have to do the same thing, or might God have a different call for different people?
9. Thinking of recent conversations I have had with other Christians, how could I have helped them to think in a more biblical manner about how to respond to this situation?
10. Can I think of unbelieving family, friends, coworkers, or neighbors who seem to be responding with real fear to COVID-19? How can I reach out to them with the good news?
11. Whom can I pray for, share what I have learned, and invite to join our online worship this week?

BRCC's Children's Ministry

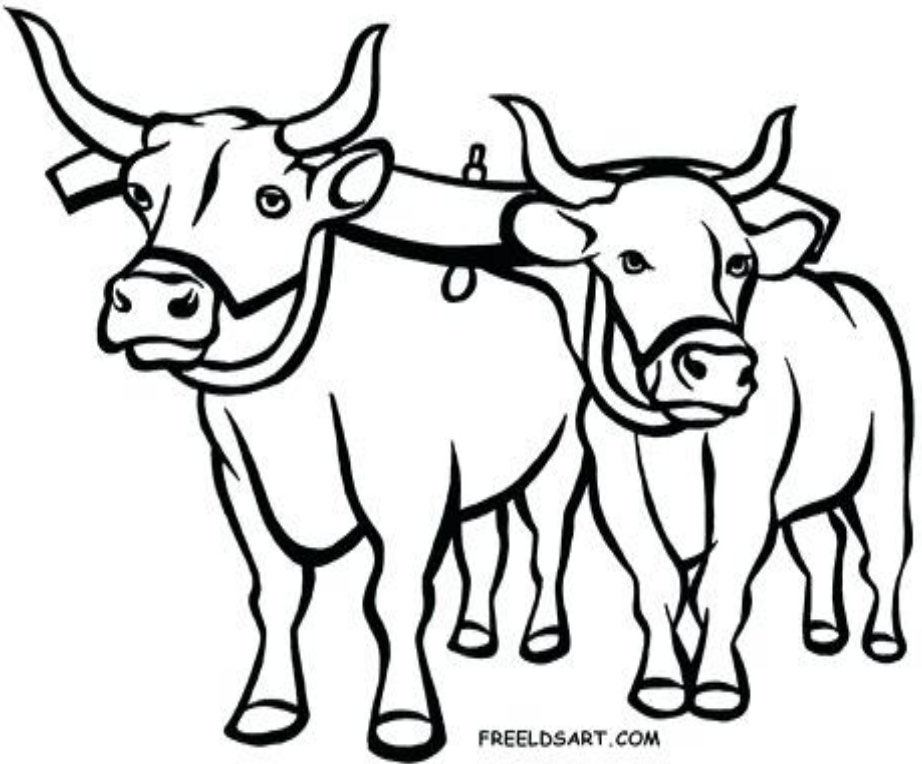
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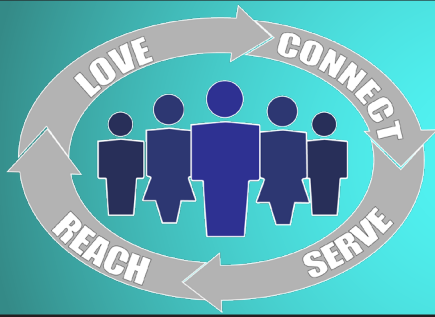


Lesson 68

Good King, Bad King

2 Chronicles 29:1–33:25





Announcements

Get our weekly emailed Newsletter!

Sign up for the BBridge today online or by visiting our welcome desk.

Upcoming Events

Roger and Marilyn Reeck

Roger and Marilyn Reeck have been advised not to travel to Maryland. Please continue to pray for them as they continue to do God's work in these difficult situations.

Find out more about them by visiting brcc.church/missions.

Good Friday

Mark your calendars for another Good Friday service with CrossPointe Church in Arnold. We've enjoyed holding service with them the last several years and we look forward to another Good Friday full of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate the Easter Celebration.

**Contact the Office or see the BBridge for more details about these events
You can sign up for the BBridge at any time by visiting brcc.church/bridge.

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and You



What is 2019 novel coronavirus?

The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get 2019-nCoV?

This 2019-nCoV virus does seem to be able to spread from person-to-person although it's not clear how easily this happens. Person-to-person spread in the United States has not yet been detected, but it's likely to occur to some extent. At this time this virus is not spreading in the United States so the likelihood of someone in the U.S. getting sick with this virus is very low. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in Wuhan or people who have traveled to Wuhan and less so, other parts of China. CDC continues to closely monitor the situation.

Have there been cases of 2019-nCoV in the U.S.?

Yes. The first infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of infection with 2019-nCoV in the United States is available on CDC's webpage: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

How does 2019-nCoV spread?

The exact way the virus is spread is not fully known. With similar coronaviruses (MERS and SARS) person-to-person spread is thought to have happened mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other viruses that cause respiratory illness spread. There also may be some spread when a person touches a surface or object that has virus on it and then touches his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Spread of SARS and MERS between people has generally occurred between close contacts. There is much more to learn about 2019-nCoV and investigations are ongoing.

What are the symptoms of 2019-nCoV?

Patients with 2019-nCoV have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Many patients have pneumonia in both lungs.

How can I help protect myself?

- This virus is not spreading in the United States right now, but the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. There are simple everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled to China and got sick?

If you were in China within the past 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should get medical care. Call the office of your health care provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against 2019-nCoV. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV. People with 2019-nCoV can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

www.cdc.gov/nCoV

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Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT
1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT
2

The risk of getting COVID-19 in the U.S. is currently low.

Some people who live in or have recently traveled to places where many people have gotten sick with COVID-19 may be monitored by health officials to protect their health and the health of other people in the community.

FACT
3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT
4

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT
5

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



3 ways to Give

Did you know there are 3 ways to give?

1. Cash or Check on Sunday
2. Credit Card online @ www.brcc.church/donate
3. or you can schedule a reoccurring payment via echeck online @ www.brcc.church/donate (it only costs .55¢ to process an online check and can be done in seconds – saving the church time and money that can be put towards serving the Gospel)

14.5¢ of every dollar we receive through the weekly offering is given to missions.

Giving Statements

You can access your online Giving Statements at any time by logging into your mybrcc.church account and selecting the dollar sign from the left hand menu.

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