

Dear Church Family,

It has been so good to hear reports from CGLs and the staff from all corners of Singapore that you are persevering well in our Lord in this new online church world. In fact, I have heard that in a number of CGs, there is even deeper engagement at CG and Sunday Sermon discussions, and with more people joining in too! Your spiritual well-being has been heavy on my heart ever since the Covid-19 situation escalated here and so I am absolutely delighted to hear that you are standing firm in our Lord. Special thanks should go to our amazing staff team and CGLs. They have been superstars in caring for all of you. Do join me in thanking the Lord for them!

As most of us now have to stay home, I would like to encourage you in three ways:

1 LOVE SG

Christians are called to submit to our authorities (Rom 13:1) and to love our neighbour (Matt 22:39). At this critical moment in our country's fight against Covid-19, that means we must all obey our Government's call for us to stay home unless we work in essential services. I know it is inconvenient and that the probability of us contracting the virus is still relatively low. But staying home is how we can all prevent further community spread and help our healthcare workers to stay ahead of this life-and-death battle. This means all our 1-1 ministries, community groups, and church ministries must take place online. You should also change your personal schedules so that you can remain at home.

2 LOVE YOUR FAMILY (...AND YOURSELF!)

This month will be hard. You will miss your friends, your partner, your routine, your favourite hangouts, the usual things you do to de-stress...believe it or not you will even miss work! There will also be the normal stresses of living in close quarters with fellow sinners. Deborah and I have been reflecting that being home is a great opportunity for us to feed our kids with more of the Bible, to pray more, to play more, and to practice patience more! Personally I find that my attitude to people takes a turn for the better every time I pray for them. Why not start loving your family by praying for them one by one each day?

Be sure to also take care of yourself:

- Speak to your Heavenly Father. He longs to hear about your anxieties and struggles so that He can help. Also prioritise hearing from Him through your daily Bible reading. Adopt a slogan: "No Bible, No Breakfast!" or "No Word, No Workout!" or "No Scripture, No Social Media!"
- Carve out some alone time each day.
- Exercise! Maybe go for a walk or run by yourself each day to chill.
- Share how you are feeling with CG mates – that is what we are here for.

3 LOVE JESUS

Love Jesus enough to share him even during this time. More on this next week!

Again if you need any help or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us:

For 9am - Zoe Tan: zoe.tan@thecrossing.com.sg

For 11am - Elsie Cheong: elsie.cheong@thecrossing.com.sg

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Please be assured of my continued prayers for you!

Your brother,
Denesh

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Child Abuse – MSF Child Protection: 1800-777-0000

Family Violence – Aware: 1800-777-5555

Immediate Emergencies – Police: 999