

During these days, we could all use a reminder of the Serenity Prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Today, we have many things we wish we could change. We can't change the pandemic crisis, social distancing, wearing masks, economic loss and staying at home with no gatherings in site; we can change what we have the courage to change at home right now – ourselves.

First, if you are living in Panic mode, you need Peace. Panic and Peace do not exist together; You must choose either Panic or Peace. With all the news blasting Panic, choose to limit your exposure to the news. I am honored to su-

pervise a wise young lady who chooses no news after 6PM. She is protecting herself by setting boundaries for her Peace. We can all learn from her. Whatever sends you into Panic mode, needs to be limited for now. We can't change our circumstances; we can change the effect it has on us. We are in control of our mind; we choose Panic - or we choose Peace.

With most of our time spent at home. Home is our refuge from this world and where we build our own "Place of Peace". If you can be at Peace anywhere it is at home; think about what gives you peace and do that plant something, read a book, take a walk, play some music, watch some movies, bake something (I just made some chocolate chip cookies). Seek that which brings you Peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 gives instruction for Panic and Peace: Do not be anxious about anything. Instead, in every situation, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, tell your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

I hope you will take a moment from my musings and do something to help yourself and others through this time. Choose Peace! Because, We Will Get Through This!

Finally, be Grateful. Live in Peace. Love God and Love every Person. Amen.

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He is with us in the dark

Dawn Reed

The week had been horrible. What started out wonderfully, uplifting-even, had quickly turned harsh and nightmarish. Now everyone was practically hiding in their homes unsure of what the day would bring.

She had put her trust in Jesus, fully believing He was the Son of God. He had worked miracles in her life and in the lives of many of her friends. His Words sometimes seemed hard to understand but she held on to them and followed Him. Now, she was just a mess. The tears came freely, leaking from her eyes, pouring down to her clothes. This was too much to wrap her mind around! She couldn't think, she couldn't understand! Where was Jesus? Where was He? All she could do was cry.

Mary Magdalene sat in the garden confused, a wreck. She had followed Jesus-literally-to His death. So much...Did. Not. Make. Sense. She had seen His body taken from the cross. Seen it wrapped in cloths. Watched as He was laid in the tomb.

John 20 tells the story.

"While it was still dark", Mary went to the tomb. I believe it had never been darker-for the Son had been extinguished on the cross. After a sleepless Passover weekend, she raced to the tomb. The place where she had last seen Him. Verse 11 tells that Mary stood outside crying. She had questions, fears. She was confused and didn't understand.

She knew someone was close by. Through her tears, she wailed, "They have taken my Lord away and I don't know where He is!" Life can be hard. At times, we may not be able to comprehend what He is doing, how He is working, where He is. But He WAS there! Mary just didn't realize it. My Life Application Study Bible's commentary states, "...she couldn't see Him because she didn't expect to see Him."

In her anguish, her uncertainty, Jesus was there.

Then, He called her name, "Mary," and she KNEW! It was HIM! Her Jesus! Her Savior! ALIVE!

Easter/Resurrection Day is the best day of all-even during Corona. Without Easter services, family and friends or a new Easter outfit. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then miraculously arose on the third day making a way for us to go to heaven if we put our trust in Him. Jesus is enough! He is with us!

Even when it is still dark!

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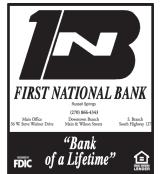
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