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# Crisis & Life

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- **Reflecting on 2020**

- John 16:33 In this world you will have trouble. NIV

- **Responding to Crisis!**

- “But take heart! I have overcome the world.” NIV

- Take Courage, be encouraged and be an encourager!

- There are core-values that are needed in everything important in **LIFE!**

- **Acts 9** – The Conversion of Saul!

# 1. Revelation – God Loves US and Cares for US

- John 1:14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. NLT
- John 3:16-17 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. NLT
- 1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. NLT

## 2. Relationship – With God and Others

- Notice in Acts 9 after his conversion and subsequent plots to kill him that he goes to seek out Jesus disciples. (Relationship) - Notice then his admonition later to the church at Corinth!
- 2 Corinthians 6:16;18 "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.  
18 And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

## 3. Responsibility - The ability to respond.

- What is our responsibility? To respond differently!
  - Get Used to Different!

- **Commission** – Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the 3 Servants
  - Father has given us all something we can do.
  - Unemployed talent?
    - **Matthew 25: 29** To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. NLT
  - God isn't a hard master. We never fear the lover of our soul, we only fear the enemy of our soul.
  - Stop looking around at other's talents. Thank God for what He's given us.
  - Ask God what we should do with what He's talented us with.

- **Commitment - John 13:1-5** Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

- Knowing the Father
- Knowing who He was joined with
- He loved them to the end. God gives us the ability to love others to the end. (Out of revelation God gives us, to show who we are to be joined to.)
- Ought to wash each other's feet (until they are clean). - Walking, loving others into clarity and maturity.

- **Confidence** - Romans 15:1-6 Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. 2 Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" 3 That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it. 4 Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. 5 May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. 6 Then we'll be a choir — not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus! The Message

- Respond in confidence, differently than we have before!
  - Responsibility vs. 1
  - Revelation vs. 3, 4
  - Relationship vs. 5
- Bear up when we are misrepresented
  
- **Conduct** - 1 John 2:3-6 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. NLT
  - Ought to walk as Jesus walked - Act differently than we have before.