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A WORD FROM PASTOR PAUL

II Kings 6:8-17 tells the story of the King of Aram rising against the people of God.

As he sent out his troops to pursue and plunder the Israelites, the prophet Elisha alerted the people by divine revelation. This frustrated the King of Aram. "Who has been informing Israel of my plans?" he questioned.

Word soon spread that it was the prophet Elisha in Dothan - praying before God in the privacy of his bedroom - that was alerting Israel's troops. "Go and find him," the Aramean King commanded, "so I can send soldiers to seize him!"

So, one night, the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city of Dothan. He sent an entire army to arrest a single man.

The next morning, Elisha's servant saw the troops and he cried out in fear. "Don't be afraid!" Elisha exclaimed. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when the servant looked up, he saw the hillside around them filled with horses and chariots of fire.

That day, God intervened and gave his people a great victory. Eventually, the soldiers of Aram were blinded by God and redirected to another place.

This story teaches us the full extent of God's redemptive reach. Even when surrounded by fear and anxiety, God is at work. At the end of the day, God rules and promises to sustain his people.

Do not be deceived by what you see with your eyes. There is more working in the favor of God's people than we can visibly perceive. The eyes of faith look past the physical realm and see a different outcome. Do not believe the report of fear and anxiety. As the young servant learned,

listen to the voice of God which speaks the clearest in the darkest of times.

When you feel surrounded by questions and concerns, trust in God's redemptive reach. He can speak to you in the privacy of your home just as he speaks to you in a church worship service. Though certain parts of our society are having to cancel, do not cancel your personal devotions. Lead your family in prayer and let God speak to your hearts through His Word.

THERE IS MORE FOR US THAN THERE IS AGAINST US.

As Lam. 3:22-23 declares, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." No matter what has risen against you, God has promised to give you daily mercies - despite what you see or hear in the news each morning.

Over the coming days, stay connected to each other. Spend time outside in nature and don't spend all day with the curtains closed. Be intentional to enjoy your additional time at home with family and friends. Stay informed by reading

credible news sources. Watch for updates from the CDC and other local, state, and federal agencies. Support your neighbors and church members.

Call the elderly and pray for our hospitals and healthcare workers.

Our leadership team is in prayer and considering how we can best facilitate church worship and group Bible study. We will update you regularly. Please contact us if you need assistance. Though we may be forced to alter our methods, our mission remains the same.

WE ARE A CHURCH ON A MISSION TO DECLARE AND DEMONSTRATE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY.

This action plan is a small effort in our mission to declare and demonstrate hope in our city. It has three main parts:

1. **Victory Chapel church life during quarantine**
2. **How is Victory Chapel continuing to serve our community?**
3. **Available resources and quick-links for vital information**

Please use this as a guide in the coming weeks. Discuss it with your family. Share it with friends. Send a copy to those in need. Whether the “Shelter in Place” order lifts on April 30, 2020, or extends further past this point, Victory Chapel will continue to shine a light in San Marcos and bring hope in uncertain times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Records". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "P." and the last name "Records" clearly visible.

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CHURCH LIFE DURING QUARANTINE

Considering the global COVID-19 pandemic, you may wonder what will happen to our church life, fellowship, and worship. Rest assured, though we may have to make some changes we will not stop or give up on these things. We will adjust, but continue to reach up to God, across to each other, and out to our city.

Here are a few ways we are staying connected to church life, fellowship, and worship during this time:

SUNDAY WORSHIP (ONLINE)

Every Sunday @ 5pm on Facebook Live. This will be a time of worship, prayer, and preaching.

[To find Victory Chapel on Facebook, click HERE.](#)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (ONLINE)

Every Wednesday @ 7pm on Facebook Live. During this time, we will be diving into the Scriptures and discussing points of every-day life application.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VC FAMILY ZOOM CALL

Every Wednesday night @ 7:30pm. Join us on Zoom so we can see your face and hear from you! To join us, download the Zoom app on your smartphone or desktop computer. **Input the following meeting ID: 174-999-773.**

[To download Zoom, click HERE.](#)

WEEK-NIGHT EASTER DEVOTIONAL (ONLINE)

Every weeknight @ 7pm on Facebook Live. This is a 20-30 min study of "In the Steps of the Messiah" which follows the life and times of Christ leading up to the Cross.

[If you would like a free digital version of this study to follow along, click HERE.](#)

After Easter is over, we will continue our week-night study and jump to a new topic!

KID'S POWER HOUR W/ TIFFANY AND JARED

Every other Wednesday at 6pm. This will be a time of kid's worship, prayer, and include a craft or other fun activity. Gather the kids, make some space, and encourage them to join in with our Kid's team. We will also be releasing craft and lesson-specific coloring pages for you to download and pass along to your children.

As you join us online for these events, we encourage you to have your Bibles ready and participate with us *as much as is possible*. Get up, get dressed, and make these moments a time of family engagement. Pray when we pray, open your Bible and read with us, and worship when our praise team leads in song. Sing loud and proud!

HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO GIVE?

Though this season has no doubt brought uncertainty to each of us on a financial level, we do encourage you to continue giving your tithes and offerings as you are able. Though we are working to conserve non-essential church spending, we are continuing to support families in our community and provide groceries and other essential needs. We can only do this through your continued support!

Because we are not meeting physically, please consider the following giving options.

GIVE ONLINE

[To give online using a secure giving link on our church website, click HERE.](#)

MAIL YOUR OFFERING

To mail in tithes or offering, simply address your envelope to our church PO BOX – Victory Chapel, PO Box 530, San Marcos, 78667.

MY PERSONAL WEEKLY TOP FIVE

During this crazy time, we challenge each church member to develop a personal weekly plan for the following.

#1 - PRAYER

What is your plan for personal prayer, devotion, and Bible study? There is a great Bible app called **YouVersion** which works on all smartphones, tablets, and computers. There are many different Bible reading plans available on the app to follow and enjoy.

[To learn more about YouVersion and to download the App, click HERE.](#)

#2 - CONNECTION

Though it is easy to stay inside, avoid others, and live in a “silo” it is not recommended. Whether you believe it or not, you need the body of Christ and the body of Christ needs you. Be intentional to stay connected with other church members and check-in with each other consistently. By leveraging available technology we can engage in “digital care” of each other and support our own emotional, mental, and spiritual needs.

Apps to Facilitate Face-to-Face Connection:



Facetime



Zoom



Marco Polo



Google Hangouts

#3 - SERVICE

Consider what you can do to make a difference in the life of a neighbor, family-member, or friend. Are you aware of any needs? Are there any service projects you can participate in?

#4 - STEWARDSHIP

Are you stewarding your finances, spending and budget with wisdom? Have you continued trusting God with your finances? Which giving option works best for you during this time?

[To learn about what the Bible says about tithes and offerings, click HERE.](#)

#5 - WORSHIP

How are you participating in the various digital worship and Bible study experiences that our church has available? Though we do not expect all church members to participate in all online events, we do encourage you to pick one that works the best, participate in your home, and stick with it!

MY THREE FAMILY TOUCHPOINTS

Each week, be intentional as a family to touch God, touch the body of Christ, and touch your community. The next time your family gathers, discuss the following:

How is my family “touching God” in personal devotion each week?

How is my family “touching the Body of Christ” and staying connected to the church?

**How is my family “touching the community”
and serving our neighbors?**



HOW IS VICTORY CHAPEL CONTINUING TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY?

WE ARE OFFERING COMMUNITY PRAYER

Paid ads have been running on Facebook and Instagram inviting people in our community to submit prayer requests. We have already received many submissions from a variety of people. We are uploading these prayer requests to our **Prayer Channel on Slack** and we invite you to join with our prayer team and cover these individuals in prayer.

SHOPPING FOR THE ELDERLY AND THOSE IN NEED

Our Dream Team has already started making grocery and delivery runs for the elderly and others in need.

If you would like to schedule a grocery delivery, please contact Alli Records @ 817-412-1160 or [email Alli HERE](#). Alli is the connect point for this initiative and will assist in coordinating grocery runs.

These grocery runs and deliveries are limited to basic necessities and essential grocery items.

NEIGHBOR SERVE PROJECT

Our church members are encouraged to consider leaving a “wellness” package at your neighbor’s door with a few necessary items (hand sanitizer, a roll or two of toilet paper, a couple of bottles of water).

With the basket leave a personal note saying:

It isn't much but we hope this is helpful. We want to remind you that you're not alone during this time. Here is my phone number _____, please call me if you have a need that you would like for us to pray with you about during this time.

Sincerely, _____, your neighbor.

Address: _____."

**IF YOU ARE
AWARE OF
A SPECIFIC
NEED IN OUR
COMMUNITY AND
THINK VICTORY
CHAPEL CAN
HELP, PLEASE FILL
OUT THIS SHORT
ONLINE FORM.**



AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND QUICK- LINKS FOR VITAL INFORMATION

[For community resources available in Hays County and San Marcos, click HERE.](#)

[For COVID-19 updates in the city of San Marcos, click HERE.](#)

[For COVID-19 updates in Hays County, click HERE.](#)

[For COVID-19 updates in the State of Texas, click HERE.](#)

[For tips and the latest updates from the CDC, click HERE.](#)

[For tips and the latest updates from the White House, click HERE.](#)

[For info from the IRS about the CARE Act Stimulus Package, click HERE.](#)

IF YOU ARE SUFFERING FROM UNEMPLOYMENT OR HAVE LOST YOUR JOB, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING HELPFUL ARTICLES:

[7 Side Hustles You Can Do While Working Full Time](#)

[How I Survived Unemployment Without Touching My Emergency Fund](#)

[Here are 8 steps to take if you can't make ends meet because of the coronavirus](#)

[Lost Work Because Of Coronavirus? How To Get Unemployment, Skip Loan Payments And More](#)

[Guide to coronavirus mortgage relief options](#)

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

[Working and Learning from Home During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[How to protect your family's mental health in the face of coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Focus on the Family:](#)

[Help for families during the coronavirus crisis](#)

[Pentecostal Publishing Online Sunday School](#)

[250+ Creative Ways to Keep Your Family Sane During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

SAN MARCOS FOOD RESOURCES

HAYS CISD

Free Curbside Meals for Kids

Monday - Friday
Breakfast & Lunch: 7-10AM
Blanco Vista Elementary
Camino Real Elementary
Kyle Elementary
Science Hall Elementary
Uhland Elementary
Simon Middle School
512-268-2141
hayscisid.net

Pop-Up Mobile Service

Monday - Friday
7:30AM - 7:50AM
Champions Crossing Apartments
345 Champions Blvd.

8:20AM - 8:40AM
Saddlebrook Mobile Home Park
289 Silver Peak Drive
512-268-2141
hayscisid.net

SAN MARCOS CISD

Free Curbside Meals for Kids

Monday - Friday
Breakfast: 8AM-9:30AM
Travis Elementary
San Marcos High School

Lunch: 11:30AM-1PM
Travis Elementary
San Marcos High School
Redwood Baptist Church
(512) 393-6940
smcisid.net

ADDITIONAL

Bobcat Bounty Groceries

Every Thursday
12-2PM & 5-7PM
FCS Courtyard
(512)245-2155
bobcatbounty.txstate.edu

Little Hope Box Canned Goods

3839 E. FM 150
(512) 268-7998

HAYS COUNTY FOOD BANK

Mobile Pantry Distribution

Fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food
First Tuesday of the Month
8:30AM-9:30AM
Rattler Stadium
4660 TX-123
(512) 392-8300
haysfoodbank.org/home.aspx

Bagged Distribution

Pre-bagged variety of food
Every Wednesday
6PM
San Marcos Recreation Center
170 Charles Austin Dr.
(512) 392-8300
haysfoodbank.org/home.aspx

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

To Go Meals

Sunday - Saturday
Dinner: 5PM
518 S Guadalupe St
(512)392-6694
southsidecommunitycenter.org

TEXAS DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1901 Dutton Dr. Ste. C, San Marcos (512)753-2201
SNAP food benefits, Cash help for families (TANF), Medicare and Medicaid Applications
hhs.texas.gov

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

401-C Broadway St., San Marcos (512)393-8040
Nutrition assistance for pregnant & breast feeding women & children 0-5
sanmarcostx.gov/266/Women-Infants-Children-WIC

CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

6500 Metropolis Drive Austin, TX 78744 (512) 282-2111
centraltexasfoodbank.org

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VOLUNTEER

SPREAD THE WORD

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Refer to contact information for updates.

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