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WHERE IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE THESE DAYS?

We are living in one of the most unusual set of circumstances that I have ever witnessed in my lifetime, that the entire world is focused on one topic and one alone: the coronavirus. Asked to be socially separated for this season of time, we turn to our TVs, our tablets, and our computers for entertainment and for information. It is all around us: the news of the day. But let me ask you this: are your hours and days inhabited by the latest groundbreaking news story about this fast spreading disease, or are your hours and days inhabited the Faithful One who will see you through?

The Lord does not ask us to put our heads in the sand and to be ignorant about our circumstances. Nor does He ask us to disengage from this world and to be selfish in our response to our friends, family, and neighbors. But He does ask us to put our trust in Him. *“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid.” --Psalm 56:3-4*

It is no different today than when the twelve spies were sent out to give a report of the land God promised the Israelites would possess. A dozen leaders were chosen, one from each tribe of Israel, to scout out the land and the people who lived there. Ten spies set their hearts and minds on what they saw: *“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us.”—Numbers 13:31* Only two, Joshua and Caleb, set their hearts and minds on the promises of God, *“If the Lord is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey.” --Numbers 14:8.*

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To gaze on God and glance at our circumstances creates faith.
To gaze on our circumstances and glance at God creates fear.

What is one thing you can change in your day today to set your eyes on Him? The same technology that brings us the news of the giants in our land is the same technology that brings us His Word of Life, podcasts about His faithfulness, and music that glorifies His name.

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust.’—Psalm 91:1-2

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