

CHARIS THOUGHTS....and Talking Points! – March 31, 2020

Thank you for how you are serving your Church families and communities. These are certainly defining days for the Church. God has his ways of opening the eyes of His Body to create new paths and a needed NEW DAY for what He wants to do through His bride.

I am praying for all of you that you will find hope and encouragement as you work through the health pandemic of COVID-19 and also a global pandemic economic crisis that will affect the church for the next 12-18 months at least.

I put an article in the Chat area called Leading Beyond the Blizzard by Andy Crouch, Kurt Keilhacker and Dave Blanchard. They address our current reality in 3 phases. The Blizzard, The Winter (a season) and the ICE AGE. After COVID-19, we will not simply go back to what we once were! It will take a bold courage to lead His Church through the turbulent waters of change.

I simply want to provide resource at this time. But more importantly to provide the opportunity 'not' for talking heads to do more teaching...we are all experiencing ZOOM FATIGUE.

What we need is to learn from Dialogue....but not from those exploding our email and social media feeds. These are uncharted waters. A new normal is on the horizon.

I want to encourage you all to think and support and create the NEW DAY that God is bringing us into: 3 Questions:

1. This Changes Everything! Are you ready? Is there a new normal? Will it ever go back to the way it was?...should it?
2. Your members are hurting! How are you addressing their needs?
3. The Economy is plummeting! What can we do for Church Giving? For Members who are hurting and losing their jobs and homes?

Who do you learn from? Who is walking in the same “shoes” that you are?

I am proud of you and I am praying for you. AND...I LOVE YOU. You / We are not alone!

I was preaching on Grace a while back and I had my niece paint while I was preaching. That painting sits on the wall behind my desk as a constant reminder. It says, “God’s grace is not a gentle shower washing away our problems. His grace is a raging roaring river whose current knock you off of your feet and carries you into the presence of God.”

The Path of PEACE – Through the Local Church “A Pastor’s Guide to COVID-19” – DANO Resource

- Leading Through Crisis
- Self Care For You and Your People
- Mobilizing Members During and After The Crisis
- Financial Realities In the Face of a Crisis
- Prayer

LINKS:

The PEACE PLAN - <https://thepeaceplan.com/approachtocoronavirus/>

Beyond the Blizzard - <https://journal.praxislabs.org/leading-beyond-the-blizzard-why-every-organization-is-now-a-startup-b7f32fb278ff>

Charis Fellowship COVID-19 - <https://charisfellowship.us/page/covid>

WORLDOMETER COVID-19 - Accurate Site w/ stats for your community

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

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Download the App: FOOD FINDER (Every Food Pantry and Distribution Site)