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Devotional Digest
(Week 2)

CoViD-19

As CoViD-19 persists, it is our duty to join God in His mission even in the confines of our homes, by strengthening the family, interceding for one another, and seeing His glory through the times.

CICC's OIKOS Ministry hopes that through this weekly devotional digest, we share this post to fellow CICC-ers to read and discuss together in our homes as one body and in one Spirit.

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God knows
all of our fears,
all of our worries,
and all of our anxieties
as we go through this pandemic.

For each and every frightful moment,
hear the strong voice of our Savior Jesus,
“DO NOT BE AFRAID!”



DAY 1
CHRIST makes His PRESENCE known

“Do not be afraid.”

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 31:8; Mark 6:45-52

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What were the disciples experiencing when Jesus came to them?
2. How did their fear prevent them from recognizing Christ? How can our present fears obscure the fact that the Lord is always with us?
3. How can we acknowledge and experience more of His presence during this crisis?

PRAYER: Oh Lord, all our anxieties in our hearts and minds You see. The greater enemy is not the virus but the fear. Teach us to trust You each day, realizing that You are the all-present God, who never forsakes or abandons us. In Jesus' name, Amen.



DAY 2
CHRIST brings PEACE in our suffering

“Do not be afraid.”

READINGS:

John 14:25-27; 16:31-33; Revelation 2:10

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What trials and tribulations are you going through right now?
2. When Christ talked to His disciples, He warned them that trials would come in our lives. What kind of peace does He speak of that we need?
3. How do we appropriate the peace of Christ? How can we share this peace with those in need of it?

PRAYER: Dear Lord, grant us Your peace. Wrap those who suffer, those afflicted by this disease. Use us as a channel of peace by words and actions when it's so easy to spread fear. We put our trust in You, our Prince of peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.



DAY 3
CHRIST proves His POWER over death

“Do not be afraid.”

READINGS:

Luke 8:40-42, 49-56; Matthew 28:8-10

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Why did the people in the two situations above need to be assured, “Do not be afraid?”
2. Ultimately, is there something you fear about death? What might those be?
3. What is the relationship between faith and fear? How does fear cancel faith? How does faith overcome fear?

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Your Son has said many times not to be afraid in the face of death. We pray now for those who stare at death’s face. Give us all an incredible faith that overcomes all our fears. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.



DAY 4

CHRIST grants PROVISION to be His witnesses

“Do not be afraid.”

READINGS:

Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 28:18-20

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What do you think the disciples felt when Christ called them to leave their fishing livelihood?
2. What fears do you have in being a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. How do we overcome these fears? What specific things can we do to be His witnesses to those around us during this pandemic?

PRAYER: Lord God, enable us to cast aside our fears, so we may reach out and bring someone to Christ. Time is running out for many. Move us from complacency to be bearers of the Good News to those near us. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.



DAY 5
CHRIST gives us PERSPECTIVE in life

“Do not be afraid.”

READINGS:
Matthew 10:28-31; Luke 12:31-32

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What are we not to be afraid of in these passages?
2. How can seeing things from God’s point of view affect the way we live?
3. This pandemic has caused us to rethink our priorities. How are these new priorities changing the way you live today?

PRAYER: Sovereign Father, opportunities abound to start over and change our ways. May godly fear result in obeying and living for You. We trust in Jesus, Your Son, who holds the key to everlasting life for all who believe. In Jesus’ matchless name, Amen.

