

DEVOTION NINE.

What would Jesus do? [PART TWO]



In today's devotion, I wanted to feature some of the positive stories that have risen out of this bizarre situation that we find ourselves in. Many of these stories have been posted on social media, yet I am sure there are so many more that are unseen as people have been quietly serving from behind the scenes. Some of them... have even come from you guys leading the way!

If I could chose one positive that I have seen come out of the Coronavirus, it would be that how we as Christians have really pulled together to be the church to those most in need. I was speaking to a good friend from our previous church, whose name is Sam. He has been able to remain in work as a gardener during this time, because he made the conscious decision to offer a personal errand service to his elderly customers who are needing to self-isolate. He calls ahead and makes a list of their needs, fully dresses in appropriate protective gear (of course) and leaves the shopping in their back garden when he's done. I love this story, because I know that Sam wouldn't have done it just to keep his work, in fact he was offering to continue his services to his loyal customers whether they could pay him or not. It was his kindness that kept his self-employed business running.



Perhaps your family have done something to support the neighbours of your street, offering help to the most vulnerable at this time? The Haines family have been involved in setting up a support group for neighbours to link into, .

Matthew Newton has been cooking meals for his mum whilst she has been poorly. I don't think he had any other option but I know that he certainly did it without hesitation and out of love for his mum (sorry Matthew!)

Why am I telling you all of this in a devotional? Well I believe it's because it is how Jesus would have lived through the coronavirus in this day! His unwavering love for people and his desire to build relationship is like no other example in human history! By following His example, we can personally benefit from the results of showing love in a time of crisis.

I love reading stories of how family setups are thriving all because they are learning how to be family again! This is a facebook post from Axel's mum, who came to appreciate this point, including the glorious weather we've been having!

No power or virus could hold back spring to enjoy time off from work, school and embrace family bonding and time together. GOD has heard our excuses when we say we don't have enough time for family life, we have to rush everything, I have to be to work, you have to be at school, after that it is after school club, homework, cooking, bathing, reading, ironing before we can sit down oh no it is bedtime, repeatedly every day, every week, every month. Now God has given us a chance to be the family we always longed for. IT'S UP TO US TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE AND MEND AND BUILD OUR FAMILY!



Read JAMES 2:14-17 (The Message translation relates it well) How does this make you consider your actions this week?



What can you do today to make a difference in somebodies life? Perhaps a video chat to an old friend or distant relative? You might not feel brave enough to do it, but just do it anyway, see where God might take you. Remember, He is always with you and is your strength!!



GOD I LOOK TO YOU – Amanda Cook (Bethel)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKfnF8qmibw>