

DEVOTION THIRTY FIVE.

Could This Be It?



As I'm writing this, lockdown measures have just been relaxed. We can now keep 1 meter distance from people, shops and bars are reopening to the public with health precautions in place and 2 households can now mingle. Finally, it feels like we can breathe again. It's made me question how have I dealt with this? Have I been a good member of society, cautious, sticking to the government guidelines or have I been rebellious without a care. I'd like to think I've given it my best shot, much like you!

But why? Why have we so willingly agreed to, like sheep, lead to live life with restrictions? The answer is simple: because we care. Because we are aware of the possibilities that carelessness can cause the spread of a harmful, life threatening virus. And we do it with our heads held high, in support of those around us knowing that we will get through this and there will be an end.



This brought me to conclude how God the Father loves us. He has never wanted to stop our fun, in fact he created us with a purpose to enjoy the fullness of life and to live life like every day counts! However, in the beginning, mankind did not know how to live in a way that pleased God, our hearts were a product of sin. God, through the prophet Moses gave us a new law that enabled us to live in accordance to God's Holy standard, we know this as the 10 Commandments. Whilst nobody is perfect at keeping to these laws (I've lied, I've lusted, I've envied... the list goes on!), **the Father puts these rules in place to protect us, because He knows the best way for us to live our lives.** "Well why would he?" Because he created us, that's why!!!

The good news is though, it doesn't just stop there. God knew that these rules weren't the easiest to keep, and although he still had grace and mercy for when we did fall short, he had a plan. God sent his son, to take on the weight of all of our sin. Jesus said: ***I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full!*** JOHN 10:10. It's amazing that even in this world that we live in where we understand the measure and implications of breaking the rules, Jesus offers us hope and a way to live in its fullness!



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