

**Joyful in Hope – Day Seven, March 25, 2020, (thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”  
Romans 12:9

Dear Heritage Family,

I realize that I am quite late in getting today's episode out. In my defense, I took some time this afternoon to make some phone calls and do some favors. (OK. I also did some yard work. I mean, come on, it was 57 degrees and sunny. Doing yard work was like taking a mental health day.) However, due to the late hour, I'm going to keep this short and sweet.

I just want you all to know **how fabulous** I think you are. Here we are, confined, with rare exception, to quarters. Our lives have been turned upside down. We are limited in where we can go, what we can do, and with whom we can do it.

*“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;  
perplexed, but not in despair; . . .*

***Therefore, we do not lose heart.***

*Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

(2 Corinthians 4:8,16-18)

You all are doing great! I am so encouraged when I talk to you on the phone, and when I get feedback from these daily chats. And I know the other elders feel the same. Our Heritage family is a rare group. Encouragers and servants. I Thank God for each and every one of you!

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**Prayers, please** - Please keep Phuong Janulis in your prayers tonight. Ron told me that, while her liver biopsy showed that they caught it early on, her tumor is in the early stages of cancer, and she has been referred to an oncologist.

Peace and Health,  
Pete