

**Joyful in Hope – Day Thirteen, April 1, 2020
(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**

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

Hello, Heritage Family,

I'm going to keep this short today. No, that's not an April Fools' joke. I really am going to keep it short. Just a couple of thoughts.

I was reflecting today that, if things had gone according to plan, I would have been flying home from Africa today. I keep hearing stories about all the plans and events that have been interrupted, put on hold, cancelled because of the present situation with the coronavirus pandemic. Travel Plans. March Madness and Hockey Playoffs. Spring Break and School. Weddings and Funerals. Taxes.

We wonder when life will get back to normal and we can resume our schedules, pick up where we left off. Hopefully, we've all come to the realization that even if things get back to normal, normal will have changed. Maybe as Christ followers, we'll take a step back and begin to live our lives in agreement with the words of James, chapter 4: 13-15:

¹³ Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.”

We have an important opportunity to slow down and seek the Lord's will.

Heritage Prayers – Tonight, 7 PM.

Join our Zoom meeting, either by computer or on your smart phone.

Simply use this link: zoom.us/download. On App Store look for Zoom Cloud Meeting.

You'll need to copy and paste it into your web browser. The meeting will begin at 7 PM sharp, and we will end at 7:40 PM. Make sure you are unmuted, and you will have your choice of being on video (if your computer/phone has a camera) or not. We'd love to see your face, though.

The meeting ID is: XXX-XXX-XXX but I don't think you'll need it.

If you can't make it to the Zoom meeting, I hope you will pause for a few minutes at 7 PM, and pray with your family, or on your own. It would be great if the entire Heritage family were praying at the same time.

- Pete

Peace and Health