

**Joyful in Hope – 30 – April 21, 2020**  
**(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**

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

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**We’re All InThis Together!**

No doubt, you’ve seen the ads on television. Or perhaps you’ve watched the public service spots that show how people are pulling together during this season of crisis. The new slogan that has overtaken pretty much the whole world is uniting people in a simple, yet powerful way. It encourages people to think past their differences and focus on the fact that we all belong to one race – the human race. We are all experiencing the same problem, dealing with the same pandemic, fearful of the same virus, hopeful for the same outcome. And while it may be true that there are certain groups of people who may be more susceptible, more vulnerable, the reality is this; this affects us all. As soon as it affected one, and then one hundred, one thousand, one million, it affected everyone. **We’re all in this together.**

I love to see all the signs of support for first responders and essential workers. I love watching the video clips of neighbor standing out on the front porches, banging pots and pans, or ringing bells, as a show of support for the doctors and nurses who are leaving their homes to work yet another shift tending to covid19 patient. I love it that when Janine and I go for a walk in our neighborhood, everybody, and I mean 100% of the people we encounter, are respectful of social distancing, and move to the other side of the street, or walk down the middle of the street. What I love even more is that everybody waves and says, “hello”, smiles. **We’re all in this together.**

I also love to hear that our Heritage family members are calling each other, checking in on each other, sending notes to each other, zooming with each other, and most of all, praying for each other. Good job. **We’re all in this together.**

Speaking of praying for each other – David Moseley is asking that we pray for his mom. She has experienced some symptoms of covid19, and will be tested tomorrow morning. And continue to pray for Janet Smith, the Hauser/Jankowski families, and Phuong and Ron. Blessings to all.