

Being on Restriction

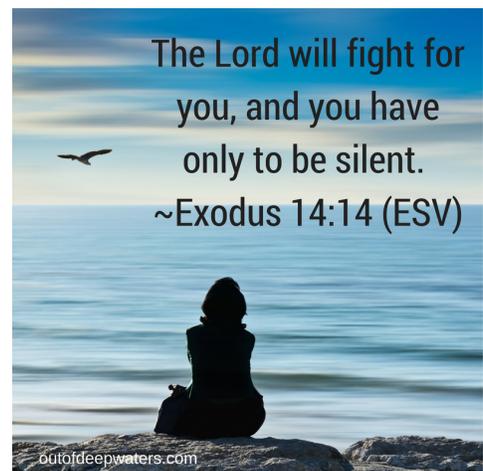
Why does it seem like we can't do anything? The only thing we can't do is be together, but for some reason it seems we have to just sit. Many people are not working at their job, but we are also not working at our house. We can't sweep the floor... there's a virus. We can't mow the lawn... there's a virus. When we are restricted on one thing, we carry it to everything. We are not restricted in everything.

Being on restriction is the worst. We always hate being on restriction. We can't go around other people and have fun with them. It is like having to sit in a corner in a time out. The reason for the restriction is health. Not just our health but the health and wellbeing of others. We may not be sick and there is nothing to share, but because people are afraid, we must respect their wellbeing. There is no sense making them anxious just because we don't have anything. Restrictions are not just because of health but also because of fear.

So where are we not restricted? We are not restricted in loving people; it is just more challenging to show it when we can't give a hug. We are not restricted in prayer or study. We are not restricted in our relationship with God. We can associate freely with him and not worry about catching anything but the Spirit.

We are not restricted in forgiving other people. It may even be easier now because we are not around them all the time. We can let go of hard feelings and be more gracious. We can make more decisions because we are not confused with more activity. We can decide to follow Jesus now even if we are restricted in activity. We can make a plan for our life when activities are open. We often have the restriction of tiredness. We can't do it because we are too tired. This may be the time of rest before we get started on new things.

--Terry



Giving During the Quarantine

There have been a number of inquiries on the best way to make contributions during the quarantine period. Fortunately, there are a number of avenues available--choose the one that works best for you!

- Go to **www.mesachurch.org** (our web page) and look for the **Give Online** link at the top of the page. Click on this and complete the information requested. *There is a small fee for checks and auto withdrawals from bank and a % fee if a debit card is used.*
- Use **Bill Pay** through your regular bank--these checks are delivered by mail from your bank. *There is no charge for this service.*
- Mail a check to the church office.
- Drop off your contribution at the office window. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Live Stream Service

Several have indicated that they get dropped from the live-stream video worship. The explanation that has been given is due to high demand in the area at that time on Sunday. Many churches are streaming on Sundays, so a little more patience than normal is sometimes needed. You can often just close out and come right back in. If you have Facebook, some have had better luck with it than with YouTube through the web page. Both are available for watching later in the day; however, the one on-line will be sermon only since part of the copyright prevents us from storing the group singing. Ashby's class starts at 9:45 am; live streaming will start 5 minutes before class. Worship begins at 10:30.

Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy goes out to Renda Clark and her family following the death of her mother, Charlene Leamons. Charlene passed away early morning April 25, 2020 in AR. Charlene was also Memaw to Brandon, Daysha and Jared Clark and great grandchildren, Hannah and Ada.

Order of Worship--May 3, 2020

Song: "Awesome God"

Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song: "I know that My Redeemer Lives"

Song: "Hilltop of Glory"

Song: "Ten Thousand Angels"

Communion & Contribution: Jon Bouley

Song: "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Song: "How Great is our God"

Lesson: "In The Face of Danger we Build" (Terry)

Song: "There's a Stirring"

Prayer: Jackie Hinkle

Song: "Gloryland Way"

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Stacey CummingsHospital
Tracy Bouley..... Pending Surgery
Debbie McMorries (Steve Young's mom).Pending Surgery
Julie Vega Staph Infection
Kevin Olson (A. Nichols' son-in-law..... Praise Home
Jerra Bonebrake Shoulder Surgery recovery
Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador).....Health
Stephanie Hasper Biopsy Results - See Doctor 5/7

on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Lisa Fenwick, Bob Klosterboer, Joyce Rutledge (B. Kerley's Mom), Dot Reners, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Jacquelyn Gatica, Joan Piercy, Debbie Suazo, Tewana Carter, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Stacey Cummings, Lynda Campbell, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Shirley Mathis, Jon Hardin

military prayers

Andrew Jones (C. Burd's G'son), Anthony Galvan (Millers G'son), Jake Hinkle (Hinkle's G'son), Briana Aston (S. Yeats' Niece), Michael Ford, Jake Teague (Grandson-in-law of Sue Johnson), Jared Cannon, Kyle Sharp, John Dunwoody, Zack Ubrig, Chris Kingsbury

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: On-line service

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$10,484

YTD Average: \$11,328