
FROM THE HEART

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I wanted to share a quick thought I believe the Lord put in my heart for us.

The pandemic is obviously requiring us to spend a lot of time with your loved ones. Well, they were your loved ones before you spent 6 straight weeks with them. The Bible says that iron sharpens iron, but too much rubbing against each other can just wear down the sword. Come on now!

Seriously though the closeness and sheer proximity of family is great but the truth is, too much of a good thing can bring us all to get on each other's nerves and brings us to a place where we say and/or do things we regret.

I want to encourage you to give the people you're living with some extra grace. Be quick to listen and slow to speak. Guard your heart from being easily offended, while giving room for the Holy Spirit to bring extra peace, joy and margins in this season. You can probably be pretty sure that the other people in your house are likely as challenged as you are with our current situation.

I also felt prompted to encourage anyone who lives alone to be aware of how you're alone; be careful not to become too isolated. Reach out to the best of your ability, to other people in this time, whether through FaceTime, Zoom, even an old fashion phone call. Get with other family where you can be safe. That will go a long way building up mental health. You know that we were created for relationship. Be strategic and connect as you can.

And lastly, we heard some of the lessons the Lord is deepening in Jim Kropf's life this past weekend. I'm excited to share a more this weekend. But know this, that God is deepening things in your life during this pandemic. He is not idle in your life. And if you're not sure what He's teaching and/or doing in you, might I encourage you to ask Him. God will take what was meant to harm you and turn it around for your blessing and His Glory. Lean in and find out what wonderful things God is doing to lead you into your future.

Love and miss you all!