



Time for a Reboot!
Psalms 61:1-4

Observations

- **Have you ever had to reset your electronic equipment? (computer, phone, breaker, etc.)**
- **Usually, in a computer or data transmission system, a problem could be that it gets locked up for whatever reason, and a RESET clears many of the errors and can bring the system to its initial, or normal, state**
- **I think that in a way, COVID 19 has *locked us up!***

There are some key areas in our lives that are not working properly, (Frozen facets of our lives, areas that worry and concern us) and need to be brought back to their intended position

We Need to Remember Four Truths During This Pandemic

- **That God is Still On the Throne; Acts 2:29-31**
- **That He is Still in Control; Acts 17:24-26**
- **That He Can Be Trusted; Proverbs 3:5-6**
- **That God is Our Help; Psalms 121:1-2**

When We Remember These Things, We Will Trust and Pray During Times of Crisis as the Apostles Did, Acts 1: 15-20 (They identified themselves in scripture)

As Children Of God We Can Use The Pandemic

- Use the Pandemic, not to go through, but grow through it Romans 5:3-5
- Use the Pandemic to deepen your relationship with God, John 6:66-69
- Use the Pandemic to show the world the beauty of Christ, His Servant, and His Church, Ephesians 3:20; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 5:16



Reboot Yourself With These Thoughts

#1 You Are Not As Big As You Thought

- **COVID 19 has taught everyone that we are much smaller than we thought we were**
- **The smartest, most influential, and most powerful people around the world are trying to figure it out (power, degrees, money)**
- **A year ago, people around the world believed they were in control of themselves and many others**
- **Now, we all know that in spite of man's comprehensive intelligence, we are actually pretty small**

There Is Someone So Much Bigger Than Our Problems Jesus!

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” Colossians 1:15-17

- What God is saying to us during this time, is that we are smaller than we think we are. God speaks to—and through—diseases; Habakkuk 3:5-6
- He is also saying that He is bigger than we think we are
- He wants us to lean and wait on Him during these times; Isaiah 40:31

#2 We are More Alike Than We Thought!

- **Have you noticed that this world likes to point out our differences?**

Race, Skin Color, Education, Socioeconomic Status, Age, White Collar or Blue Collar, Republican or Democrat, Liberal or Conservative

- **On the other hand, the Coronavirus Pandemic has reminded us that, contrary to what we have thought, we are not all that different**

Covid 19 Doesn't Discriminate!

- Sports Stars, Clinicians
- Movie Stars, Royalty
- Politicians
- Correctional Officers
- Prisoners
- Whites and Blacks
- Republicans and Democrats
- Males and Females



We Are More Than Alike Than We Thought We Were!
(Same Questions and Answers Affect Both)



All Tested Positive for COVID

Sports Stars, Movie Stars, Politicians, Royalty, Correctional Officers, Prisoners, First Responders, Big City People, Little City People, Republicans, Democrats





#3 Stop Attaching Yourself To Things In Life That Won't Last!

- As a youngster growing up, there was a game that we would gather around and play called Monopoly. Of course the object was, to win
 - Winning meant that you ended up owning the best property, and the most expensive places on the board (Park Place, Pennsylvania Ave., Boardwalk. You owned hotels, Railroads and a boatload of cash, Banks borrowed money from you!)
 - Question: What happened when the game was over?
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It All Goes Back In The Box!

So It Is, With Our Earthly Life!

Now, it's not a bad thing to do well in the game, but we must never forget: One Day The Game Will End; Ecclesiastes 12:7, *"Then shall the dust return....."*

- It Will All Go Back In The Box: Cars, Houses, Jewelry, Titles, Stocks, and Bonds—and even your physical body
- The Pandemic has caused a need for us to REBOOT our thinking:

Stop Attaching Yourself To Things That Won't Last! Colossians 3:2-3, *"Set your affections....."*

1 John 2:15-17

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

- The world and everything in it will pass away
- That means that it won't last, even your body
- What is your life? James 4:14

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, N.I.V.

“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 what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

- **What is temporary?**
(Hardships, the pain, the difficulties, the suffering, the setbacks)
- **What is eternal?**
Our final victory in Jesus Christ
- **Knowing the outcome changes our view of the Setbacks and Pain that we face**

- **The University of Alabama won the National Championship in college football, this past Monday, January 11, 2021**

- **Watching the game was somewhat stressful (penalties, turnovers, injuries, along the way)**
- **However, when I watched the same game the next day, I wasn't stressed at all. Why?**
- **When you already know the outcome, it changes your view of the stresses/ setbacks along the way**



Remember As You Reboot Your Spiritual Thinking During the Pandemic:

- **We are smaller than we thought we were**
- **We are more alike than we thought we were**
- **Stop Attaching your life to things that don't last**
- **Start Attaching your life to what really matters**

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 2:38

Confess Christ

Matthew 10:32

Be Baptized

Acts 2:38