



Dear 55Alive Ministry –

The scripture in the graphic above has become more and more meaningful to me. Realizing that our REAL hope is in the Lord and our trust is in HIM! As things with the Covid-19 pandemic seem to be moderating it is important for us to remember that God's people can overflow with hope and joy because of our relationship with the Lord. Be IN His word daily, pray for our country and your loved ones, get at least 30 minutes of exercise DAILY (walk in your neighborhood) and reach out to others – call them and talk about GOOD things!

Please continue to pray for our First Responders!! Our police and Firefighters along with our medical personnel in the hospitals have gone above and beyond in dealing with the pandemic. We need to thank the Lord for each of them!

We meet together on May 31! You will see more details soon! – Bro. Phil

SUNDAY, May 17

Join us for the Livestream broadcast of our service at 10:30 AM this Sunday morning. You can join through the church's Facebook page or by going to www.birchman.org/live. Our technical team has done a FANTASTIC job of making the service available – don't miss it!

Here are some verses and special words to encourage our hearts this week:

Monday, May 18

Psalms 21:13 (HCSB)

Be exalted, LORD, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your might.

The Message Paraphrase says Psalm 21:13 this way – I love it!

Show your strength, GOD, so no one can miss it. We are out singing the good news!

Philippians 4:4-6 (NASB)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

"Having the answers is not essential to living. What is essential is the sense of God's presence during dark seasons of questioning." — Ravi Zacharias

Tuesday, May 19

Psalms 5:11 (NLT2)

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (ESV)

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

"Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them." — Elisabeth Elliot

Wednesday, May 20

2 Samuel 22:2-3 (ESV)

He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior;

Philippians 1:6 (AMP)

And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.

"Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works." ~ Martin Luther

Thursday, May 21

Psalm 146:5-7 (NASB)

How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,
Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;
Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry.

Jude 1:24-25 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before
the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ
our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.
Amen.

***"We may speak about a place where there are no tears, no death, no fear, no night; but those
are just the benefits of heaven. The beauty of heaven is seeing God."*** — Max Lucado

Friday, May 22

Psalm 121:1-3 (GW)

I look up toward the mountains. Where can I find help? My help comes from the LORD, the
maker of heaven and earth. He will not let you fall. Your guardian will not fall asleep.

Ephesians 3:14-16 (HCSB)

For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named. [I pray] that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be
strengthened with power in the inner man through His Spirit.

***"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is
powerful on his knees."*** ~ Corrie Ten Boom

Saturday, May 23

Isaiah 35:4

Tell everyone who is discouraged, be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your
rescue!

Philippians 4:8 (NASB)

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is
pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if
anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

"There is no one who is insignificant in the purpose of God." — Alistair Begg

Some closing words from PJ!

During the remaining restrictions let me encourage you to be SMART!! If you must be out, wear your mask! No handshakes, no hugs (except “air hugs”) – fist bumps and elbow bumps ONLY!! Then, sanitize those areas!! Be SAFE!

In his Life Principles Study Bible, Charles Stanley has this powerful statement for us:

“By surrendering our lives to Him and then asking Him to teach us His truths, we can put into practice the life principles He has given us. We also can learn to live a life of spiritual success and avoid the snares and traps that would lead to ineffectiveness, heartache, and disappointment. God’s greatest goals for your life are for you to know Him and then for you to live your life committed to Him.”

My prayer for each of us is that when we reach the end of the restrictions and the fear related to Covid-19 our loved ones and friends will find us closer to the Lord and more in love with Him than at any point in our lives. May the Lord use this challenging time to help us develop more of His character in our lives **SO THAT** we will be more effective in our daily lives. May the people around us see a real difference in the way we live.

Keep smiling – Bro. Phil