

“Let not your heart be troubled”

Since March 2020, our world has been turned upside down and inside out. Everything we have known as normal has either been canceled or eliminated. Some of our loved ones have succumbed to covid or other illnesses and have been called home. The civil unrest in our country continues, and the question is asked: are we ever going to get back to some type of normal? What are we to do with all this?

As your Administrative Bishop for the Commonwealth of Virginia, I must commend you for your steadfastness in observing the CDC recommendations in its effort to thwart the effects of Covid-19. Although we have all felt managed, and our rights stepped upon, we still do our best in social distancing and even wearing masks. Yes, at times, I have felt helplessly controlled. However, recently we have witnessed an uptick in the number of cases of Covid-19 in various sites in our country. In fact, recently, we have been told of many people close to us contracting this heinous virus and some even hospitalized. Even with the media's agenda shown to us every day, I sense a spirit of hope!

I feel compelled by the Holy Spirit to speak these words of comfort to you who are on the front line of this battle. *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."* (John14:1). These words of Jesus have brought comfort to me during this crisis. Trust in the power of the Lord Jesus and as much as is in you, "follow peace with all men". We will get beyond this crisis; meanwhile *"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."* (Jude 1:3))

I am praying for each of you!

With deepest respect,



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