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**Who can I trust in these unsettling times?
Who is competent to deal with my situation?
Where do I find comfort for my soul?**

David made his decision: “The LORD is my shepherd” ---and he had enough experience with this “LORD” that he could confidently add: “I lack nothing.” (Psalm 23:1) We want to encourage you to keep your mind focussed on this LORD instead of giving in to self-obsession and fear. HE wants to be your trusted guide!

Thank you to all who tuned in to our first ever online gathering. We hope it was meaningful and encouraging to you and your family. In case you missed it, or you were not able to connect, we have posted a video recording on our website or via our new YouTube channel.

We are preparing for our next Online Gathering this coming Sunday with our guest speaker, Pastor Ken Wiedrick, the outgoing Executive Director of Ministry Services for the Canadian Church of God Ministries. The link to join us again at 10:30 AM on Sunday will be on the website. We look forward to meeting with you again online!

In light of current challenges, we at Grace Point are doing our best to be responsible stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to us. We are keenly aware that so many of you are facing financial uncertainties. Some of the measures we have taken so far include:

- mothballing the building (turning down all thermostats; cancelling waste pick-up and cleaning services; turning exterior lighting off, etc.),
- freezing all non-critical spending,
- taking advantage of loan payment deferrals, and
- tapping into available federal, provincial and municipal financial supports.

We are actively monitoring the situation and know that more substantial cuts are likely.

All of us are facing the impact of this crisis, but may we encourage you to continue to support Grace Point as you are able? There are several ways you can do that: online through our website, by mail or drop-off at the office during our office hours, Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Contact our office at 780-466-8290 and leave a message or email us if you need your donation to be picked up.

We want to stay in touch and want to hear from you. Email us at office@gracepointchurch.ca or check our website regularly. GraceKidz and CORE youth families, keep your eyes open for emails about the online programming being offered by Joy and Pastor Syd! Youth and children's ministry have not stopped; it's simply different! Stay tuned for further online programming and ways to connect as they are developed.

Please continue to pray for the staff and leadership of Grace Point, as we are praying for you!

The Leadership and Staff of Grace Point Church