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**Even when I must walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger,
for you are with me
Psalm 23:4 (NET)**

COVID Hits Home

As this pandemic continues, the likelihood that one of your family members and friends is hit with the virus increases daily. In fact, we have heard from some of you that this has already happened. That's when statistics become reality---when COVID hits home. And then there is the psychological impact of physical distancing and strict quarantine. You may have children, parents and grandparents who you can't visit right now but who long to see you. You may have friends in hospital who are battling an illness alone without family at their bedside. Or in other cases, there are babies being born without their dads and grandparents being able to hold them.

Practice God's Presence

It is during times like this that the practice of God's presence becomes one of the most important disciplines. We know that God is present. He promised it more than once (E.g. Psalm 23:4 or Matthew 28:20), but it is up to you and me to open our minds to this truth by meditating on God's promises and being in constant conversation with Him. Continue meditating on Psalm 23, speak to him in all circumstances and you will experience how God is present. You are not alone no matter what you are facing.

New Opportunities

In a time when physical distancing is needed, we are finding new ways to connect with one another. In the next few weeks, new online groups will be launching on a variety of topics including the RightNow Media study 'Anxiety and Covid-19', a study of the book of Philippians, and CENTERED (from our Grace Point Church EXPLORE discipleship pathway). For more details and to sign up, please check the "Stay Connected" website page later this week.

Your Grace Point Church Profile

If you are using our newly launched online giving option, please be sure to **log in** with either your phone number or email address by clicking the happy face icon at the top right. You will most likely find your personal profile has already been set up for you!

Since everyone has their own profile, if you and your spouse have been jointly receipted for donations in the past, you will receive an email notification that your donor accounts have been joined. You do not need to enter both names when making the online donation.

Stay tuned as we roll out more features through the Church Centre mobile app and our website in the coming months including registrations, child and youth check-ins and ministry volunteer scheduling!

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