

# *Pastoral Perceptions - January 2021*

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I wish, along many others, that the turning of the calendar page would mean the end of COVID and that the limitations forced unwillingly upon many would be removed. However, that will not be the case.

Do we despair? We can, but the feeling would not change things or make anything better. I am not one to believe that COVID is a punishment from God for the error of our ways as a few claim. If that would be the case, then we would always experience life as torment as none of us can claim to be without sin.

In nearly any time we experience setback, we have an opportunity to learn from the experience. In these past nine months and probably another six to come, relationships have become more valued. Family gatherings and the small things of life should be even more appreciated. Suddenly we realize the importance of the little actions that we take so much for granted.

I am not writing anything new here. I am very well aware that each one of you reading this knows this already. It is also the same with the relationship with God. We know what is required of us. Micah 6:8 speaks directly to us and has long been one of my favorite all time Bible verses.

Will you join with me in this coming year to be more intentional to be faithful and to strive to have integrity with the teachings of Christ?

Each year brings changes. Some we plan and others as a reaction to what was not anticipated. Either way, we have the promise of our Lord that we will not be abandoned and that we are loved.

Amen.

~ Pastor

