

the gateway **Life**

ELIM CHURCH

To the Gateway family

Hi everybody, how are you all doing?

I would just like to encourage you, and tell you that you are not alone. Yes, God says 'He will never leave you, nor forsake you'. What I want you to remember is - you are not physically alone. Without doubt you have a network of friends in Gateway, maybe you are a quieter type and don't have that many, that's okay, let me remind you - each person has a Life Group leader who is there to listen and pray. You are not alone. (If you are uncertain who your Life Group Leader is then please telephone David and Denise).

Recently I had a tremendous learning experience. I was mentally, emotionally and physically exhausted. I knew that people were praying for me, praise God many people. I had such a battle to keep on, keeping on, there was a temptation to think the wrong thoughts, say the wrong things, move in the direction of self-pity! As some would say, "I got to practice what I preach". I had to Abide in Him, I had to focus on who God said I am not focus on my mind or my body. Was it easy, NO. Some verses came to mind, ah ha, this is why James says of Elijah, "He was a man just like us".

During this short but intense time, which came after being used by God in surprising and wonderful ways, I was reading the devotional of the day. One word hit me and has really encouraged me; the word is 'contend'. We have to contend, to dig in and do all we can. It causes me to remember Paul's words to the church at Ephesus, that they were to "put on the full armour of God and having done all, to stand"! Stand, dig the feet in, into what? Into HIS word, into HIS promises, into who HE says I am. Just the other day I was speaking to a friend, he is in chronic pain, he hasn't been able to sleep for days, physically he has had a bad run of it. To me he is a spiritual giant, but just like Elijah, just like you and I, he is human and susceptible. It was lovely to hear his honesty as even he had to contend!

Brother and sisters, everybody will have found the challenges of lockdown difficult. Some will have found them more difficult than others, some will have had to contend more than others, some will have felt that they haven't contended well.

Please listen, please hear me. You will come through this, you are not alone, ask for help from God most high and those around you, you are not alone.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for the way you love one another.

Thank you for honouring God the Father.

May He continue to keep you at this time.

Much love

Pastors Marty & Rebeca

What's On @ Gateway

Monday 7pm



zoom
for **WARRING WOMEN**

Tuesday 2pm



zoom
with the Pastor

Wednesday 7pm



zoom
for Gateway Youth



YouTube
Word & Prayer
7:30pm this Thursday
livestream


CHURCH ONLINE



Next Sunday Morning
10:30am



GATEWAY KIDS
PART 14



gateway kids **STORY TIME**



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DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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