

To the Gateway family

It is September already, the summer has past and now it is time for back to school in the Davison household. In many households there are rhythms, times, and seasons, this is normal and healthy. However as our children return to school, this is not like any other year, there will be staggered arrivals, one-way systems to reach classrooms, facemasks in the corridors and on the buses.

Without doubt, there is a desire that everything would go back to the way it was..... change for some brings stress and anxiety. We all have our coping mechanisms, however the healthiest for body, mind and spirit is to come to God with our anxieties, to seek God to be our peace, our tower of refuge.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6 NKJV

One mechanism which isn't healthy is the 'batten down the hatches, until it all blows over' where we move into a 'survival' or 'siege' mentality, trying to hold out. This hasn't blown over quickly, yet the word of God remains, true and faithful.

Sometimes it takes the light to go on so to speak for us to realize. Some of Paul's greatest letters were written during his time of imprisonment. There were restrictions on his life; however the restrictions didn't limit how God was going to use him during that time, IT WAS JUST IN A DIFFERENT WAY! God still has good works prepared for you to walk into with each new day! Hallelujah how amazing is that! God knows everything, God knows what is going on and what will go on and He has good things lined up for you to walk in!

My dad always asks the question "What is the first commandment of God?", His answer is that the first commandment of God to the children of Israel is to listen. The Shema, is a Jewish prayer, prayed in the morning and evening prayer services, it starts off with Deuteronomy 6:4 which says

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"

Israel's first order is to listen, to hear what God is saying!

Excitingly God has been speaking and God speaks on different levels, to the Church as a body, to the family as a unit and to the individual.

What is God saying to you? Are you HEARING?

I have been really challenged by the life of George Müller, his desire to live a life that points others to God, to live a life that the works we do are so amazing that it is only possible through the miraculous of God.

I've noticed when I look to see God's hand in my day to day, I see it.





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The same is true when I expect the miraculous of God in my life, it will happen!

Let faith arise as we endeavour to HEAR His voice each day, obey Him and reflect His Glory, even in these unprecedented times.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Amen".

Ephesians 3:20-21

Pastors Marty & Rebeca



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- Email the church office <u>admin@gatewayelim.church</u>
- Phone on the church mobile 07942 671129
- · Text on the church mobile

We will need the following information:

- Your name and telephone number
- The names in your group/family (if you are booking more than one seat)

It would help us if you could book your seat on the Monday or Tuesday before the Sunday, so we can plan the layout and make any necessary changes.



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