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Greetings in Christ!

As you are aware, we’re in the middle of a previously uncharted dynamic (at least in modern times) – COVID-19 infection and worldwide fearfulness. But, for those of us who believe, God is still in charge and we can trust Him to carry us through. God tells us in His Word, “Do not be afraid”, 365 times – one reminder for every day of the year. The apostle Paul tells us in

2 Timothy 1:7, “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Although our church doors are closed for the time-being, we know the REAL church is the PEOPLE who enter those doors. We, the people, will not be shaken and will continue to gather to worship, study, and encourage each other using other means.

**Called Aside** will continue meeting, beginning next **Wednesday, March 25th** from **10 am to 11:30 am** via telephone conference call. We’ll continue our study in Genesis and our usual format of Praise Reports, Study & Discussion, and Prayer Requests. Invite others to join us.

To participate, just a few minutes before 10 am, call **425-436-6334**. You’ll hear a prompt to put in an Access Code. That number is: **191432**. Then you’re in! Get comfy, sip your coffee and pull up a chair. (Pssst….you can even wear your pajamas!). You may dial in at any time during our meeting, so don’t worry about being late.

Because we won’t be able to see each other, I would ask that we try not to talk over each other, pausing once in a while to let someone else speak. As host, I’ll referee things, but I know we’ll do just fine and we’ll get used to the format over time.

Our first study will be the one we missed this week: Genesis 27: 1-40, about Jacob getting Isaac’s blessing. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or need help with anything. We *will* get through this and come out stronger on the other end!

Blessings,

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