

Promises Not Panic, Day 1, 3/16/2020

Intro- Promises Not Panic, time to reflect on and receive the promises of God and silence the panic that is wreaking havoc on the church and nation. **Comments first...**

- a) remember when 2020 was year of vision and clarity...
- b) we're seeing clearly that in the nation and the church...
- c) we are **less prepared** in all ways for challenging times than we **ever thought**
- d) we are **more selfish** than previously **willing to admit**
- e) we are **more faithless** than **ever imagined**
- f) we are **more fearful** than **ever considered**
- g) we are **more shakeable** than **comfortable confessing**
- h) we are **more misguided** than we can **comprehend**- TP is what we're running too???

Fact- Corona has so scared the crap out of so many that we are running to toilet paper for our salvation!

Listen- we haven't just been **exposed TO** the Corona virus; we've been exposed **BY** the Corona virus! See that clearly.

Hey- the church needs a word from God so we can live above the fear and hysteria that is overcoming so many. We can live in such a way that we shine in the darkness and be a beacon of hope for the flailing and fearful world around us.

Consider these biblical truths... totally contrary to the world's ways...

1. **Be praise-filled and prayerful** - **1Thess 5:16-18** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in every thing give thanks, this is the will of God for you.
2. **Be patient in tribulation-** **Rom 12:12**
3. **By patience possess your soul-** **Lk 21:19**, composure not conspiracy, discipline not drama!
4. **Allow God's peace to keep you and guard you-** **Isa 26:3** I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Me. **Phil 4:6-7** 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.
5. **Be courageous going forward-** **Joh 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Let's have communion together- commit our hearts, minds, families, church and nation to Jesus.

Pray- Remember Jesus, increase in prayer and praise, increase in patience, increase in possessing our souls, increase in peace, increase in courage, in Jesus Name!