

ISOLATED, BUT CONNECTED
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God's plan for the planet is the church. His caring force in the earth are people like you and me. I've never seen a time like this where people are sick. People are afraid. The economy is feeling the effects of this pandemic and right across the land there is complete disruption.

Maybe this is the time, in the midst of all this darkness and fear and terror for you and I to do what scripture tells us to do. Rise and shine. There's a wonderful verse, it says, 'Arise and shine for your light has come.' (Isaiah 60:1a) Perhaps this is the greatest moment for the church, despite the terrible times that we're in. Just because people are socially isolated, it doesn't mean that they have to be lonely.

Maybe you and I could pick up a phone. Maybe we can FaceTime somebody. Maybe there's a neighbour that needs their lawn mowed. Maybe there's somebody that needs you and I to go and get some groceries or help them with some of the basic needs of life. You probably know a friend who's lost their job. Maybe there's some practical way that you can show tangible expressions of the love of God.

This really is a very difficult time for humanity, but in the midst of it God has got people like you, He's got people like me. Let's rise and shine and let's show the world that in all of this, God is still real, God is still love and He will show them His love through people like us.

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