



December 16th 2020

This year is one that most of us will never forget. 2020 will be a reference point for years to come and we will tell stories of how we survived it and what life was like for decades. But let's promise each other now that we will tell our Covid stories with more resonance than just our favorite masks or how many Lysol wipes we used.

Let's recall, too, how low and discouraged we felt at times. Or how the sustained feeling of fear for over ten months wore away at us. Let us recall the power of God's provision. Let us remember what we heard God saying to us during this season of such confusion.

Disorientation is a very uncomfortable feeling, but it does create a powerful learning environment. Personally, I've learned that anxiety can be debilitating. Mental health is crucial and therapy is invaluable. I've learned daily encounters with God are what sustain me and direct me. When I am overwhelmed, only God knows the way I should turn. I've learned that desperation and dependency are good things with God. I've learned that the Lord's promises are my armor.

A surefire way to remember what we are learning, feeling, and processing is by sharing it with others. The more we share our challenges, the more we get to celebrate together as God sees us through.

We invite you to celebrate with us as we praise God for the Lord's financial provision in this time. We adjusted our Genesis budget this year to reflect this season and we have met our budget projections for October and November. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and generosity! Typically, December is the month with the largest contributions and largest budget projection. Our adjusted giving projection for December is \$52,000. Please join with us as we ask God to see us through and make our year-end gifts to Genesis by December 31, 2020.

2020 has schooled all of us in our need for community and God's grace. If you are in need, please let us know so we can support each other. May the Lord bless you and keep you. And may 2021 bring new life and a cure!

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