

Dear Brother and Sisters of CACC,

New Zealand had entered our day 5 lockdown, how have you been ?

This has been very tough on me. Last Wednesday (day 1 lockdown), I went back to CACC to tidy up. I have such mixed feeling that cannot be described.

In the last few days, there are things we do all the time but now we have to stop :

Unable to meet at church, unable to visit our brothers and sisters (but still shepherding)

Unable to come to the same building and worship Him together (on-line worship)

Unable to attend prayer meeting, however, we still continue and pray for each out (planning an on-line prayer group every Saturday at 10am) etc.

We all need a few days to adjust to this new normal. May the Lord keep blessing us all.

The Covid 19 affected the whole world. Many cities or even countries need to be lockdown, it has disturbed lots of people. I believe not many of us would experienced situation like this ever before. According to the professor's prediction (Prof Yuen – microbiologist in Hong Kong), Covid 19 could last for a long time (possibility 2-3 years). This brings a lot of negative feelings as we are unable to see how the future would hold. It brings us to rethink what life means to us.

Life is always unpredictable, I recall what Jesus said, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:34 )

It's normal to worry. That's why Jesus said In the previous verse “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33) We need to build a good relationship with Him. By His grace “Problems will come everyday, so we need to shed our worries everyday”. Therefore we shouldn't spare any space in our hearts to worry so that we have the mindset to combat this “enduring fight”.

“When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.” (Psalm 138:3 )

May this bible verse be the encouragement to us all.