

A Message from the Pastor's Office of Good News Community Church

There is no doubt that what we are facing has caught many of us by surprise and the fear and unrest we are experiencing has affected us all. Many of us are left wondering and worrying about things we don't understand and things we can't control.

For me it has been very reassuring to know that this has not taken God by surprise or caught Him without a plan. It is so good to know that even if everything around us seems to be constantly changing and out of control, God doesn't change and He has promised to always be with us.

Isaiah 41:10,13 says, *So do not fear for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.*

What a great promise from God! God has also reminded us in His word that He is not far away or uninvolved, but that He is right here with us.

Deuteronomy 31:8 says, *The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you, He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.*

In this time of uncertainty we need to reach out to God and lean on Him knowing He alone is our true source of peace in these troubling times.

In John 14:27, Jesus says, *Peace I leave you, My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

I have found each of these verses very comforting and reassuring. If you need someone to pray for you or if you need a listening ear, please contact the church at 780-663-3664 or pastor@ryleygncc.ca.

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