

## LOCKDOWN DAY 46 – 11 MAY 2020

Molweni, Hello friends and family of False Bay Diocese,

Scripture: John 14:1-7 and Isaiah 54:10. Song: *Trust and Obey*

I trust that you had a peaceful weekend and are still complying to lockdown regulations. Please do not panic and please do not ignore regulations. Please do call your mother again today if she is on her own.

In yesterday's gospel reading, which I am referring to today, we have the text where Jesus says "*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.*" What a beautiful statement! Why would Jesus say such a thing; unless He thought that our hearts are troubled or would be troubled. Every single relationship is built on trust. Without trust no relationship can last, no marriage can last. What do we place our trust in? Some people trust in themselves, their abilities, their secular lifestyle.

It is in God that we need to put our trust. If we place our trust in the things of the world, they will let us down. The unpredictable happens. Not a single person on earth was thinking last year this time, that this year at this time, the whole world will be in the grip of a Covid-19 lockdown. That our children would not be going to school. This is one aspect that has highlighted the vast inequalities in our country. Our prayer is that every school ends in a better place than they were before the pandemic. That running water, transport and health conditions would have improved and put in place. We pray that the academic year can be salvaged.

Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand. (Isaiah 54:10). There is more to life than the physical reality of the Coronavirus.

Jesus says: "*I am the way, and the truth and the life.*" If we do not get back on the right road, we may **not** end up where we need to be. My car has its own navigation system. I have learnt not to trust it blindly. When you programme google maps on your cellphone and get the spelling wrong, you also land up somewhere where you did not intend to go, even though the voice says that "*you have reached your destination.*"

I ask all of us today, what is our destination? What is our goal? Is Jesus indeed our guide and heaven our destination? How are we responding to God's will? Are we obedient to the will of God and do we trust in God? "*Trust and Obey, for there's no other way.*". Jesus says, "*do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.*" We are invited to look at things in life with different **eyes**. The **eyes of faith and trust**. Do not let your hearts be weighed down. We are called upon to make spiritual sacrifices, especially during this pandemic. In this time of darkness, we give ourselves completely to God. Let our uncertainties not become a brick wall. Allow the light of Jesus to shine through all the obstacles that we are facing. No matter how we **feel**, we are never without the **companionship** of Jesus.

**Today**, I ask you to reach out to any person belonging to Christ the Redeemer in Westridge. They celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday last week under lockdown. Congratulations! Keep up the good work of inspiring others with hope.

**We pray** for the church throughout the world, that all people will find in God's church, purpose and meaning in their own life. We pray for those who no longer believe in God, that they may return to God. We pray for all families who are struggling.

I am, Because we are, Because God is ... Opening hearts to heal God's world. *Have a blessed week beloved children of God.*