

TUESDAY

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Hey guys! Although I can't physically be there with all of you, I still hope you are doing well and are enjoying this time with your family. If you think about it, it is sort of like a mini vacation and the perfect time to relax from the craziness of life. Even though we might not be in our every day routine, it is still important to remember that God is still with us!

God is still fully present always, don't ever forget that!

I remember one time when I was in junior high, I was having your typical, not so good day, at school and towards the end of the day I was starting to truly feel alone. But lucky me, at the end of the school day, I checked my phone and my mom texted me a very sweet note saying how much she loved me. It was in a time of sadness and negativity that I felt like my mom was with me and comforting me the most. James 1:12 says, *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."* What this verse is telling us is that it is in rough times that God wants us to persevere, or to continue to have faith in him. This verse also says that if we do this, we will grow in our relationship with the LIVING Christ. Something we say often at SeaCoast is that we need to bring a LIVING Christ to a dying world. What that means is that people are hurting and might feel very sad during this time and, as Christians, we need to bring light to their lives by telling them about the love that God can bring.

All this to say, this time of life can be negative but continue to have faith in the God that created the universe and in this hard time, bring positivity and light to the world through your FAITH in God. Today, I challenge you to think of three people in your life that need to hear about God's message of love, text them an encouraging message and pray for them.

I hope you all have a wonderful week and I can't wait to see you all again.

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