

TO MEET MY NEED

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INTRODUCTION

Last week, Pastor John challenged us to have faith over fear in a special response to the coronavirus pandemic. This week, we return to our Give God Room series as Pastor John invites us to "Give God Room to Meet My Need."

DISCUSSION

Pastor John encouraged us to ask three questions of ourselves. Let's come back to these, do some self-probing and discuss with our family in our home, our small group on Zoom or with a friend over the phone:

- 1. What are you learning about yourself in this unprecedented season?
- 2. What weakness do I need to admit to God?
- 3. Who needs to see joy, patience and faithfulness from me this week?
- 4. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10** several times. Describe how God's grace has been sufficient for you during this season. Also discuss how God's strength and power has become more evident during this life-altering season, both personally and universally.

DO SOMETHING

During the message, we were given some practical ways to "give God room." As we enter a new week of this pandemic, we can develop these three tips simultaneously.

- 1. Pick a place and a time (to meet with God) and guard it.
- 2. Develop a rhythm (for meeting with God) that works for you.
- 3. Use resources/objects as spiritual reminders or prayer prompters.
- 4. Share each of your three chosen strategies above with a loved one.
- 5. Additionally, make a commitment (or recommitment) to set your alarm at 12:12PM as a reminder to "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12).

RESOURCES

- 1. Prayer: Communing with God in Everything–Collected Insights from A. W. Tozer Available on Amazon in book, Kindle, audiobook or audio CD formats.
- 2. Don't Be Overcome by Fear featuring Erwin McManus on RightNow Media. Click the "Next" button underneath the video on the first page to access this video.
- 3. Check out the variety of Romans 12:12-themed journals on Amazon
- 4. New City Catechism: 38 "What is Prayer? with John Piper. This 2½-minute video on RightNow Media includes study questions.