Dear Members and Global Friends,

As I pen this letter to you, I have been praying for God’s Protection Grace upon you, your family and loved ones. May He continue to guide you and your household during this pandemic season. May you faithfully walk in the footsteps He has ordered for you!! For those of you who have encountered unexpected medical conditions may you experience His Healing Grace, and for those of you who have lost loved ones, may you discover His Comforting Grace during your season of grief.

One of the most powerful things we all can do during this time to encourage one another and bring joy, comfort and hope to one another is by reaching out with a five minute phone call to someone you know and haven’t spoken with in a while. Let’s start with our family and church members first. Please call them and check and see how they are doing. You don’t have to be on the phone long. Let them know how much you appreciate them and ask them how you can pray for them. Pray with them over the phone. This is a powerful way to connect with each other and someone that you might know who is experiencing loneliness and going through a difficult time. The power of your phone call and prayer can make a real difference. Please don’t leave this just to your church leaders and deacons.

We all have an obligation to minister to one another this way!! If you call and they don’t answer just tell them you care about them and haven’t seen them in a while. Your call is just your way of letting the individual know that you care about them and wanted to pray with them for a brief moment. Leave a prayer on their voice mail. They might or might not call you back. However, they will appreciate your call. I have gotten numerous text messages from individuals who didn’t pick-up or were busy when I called. On some occasions they would leave me a nice thank you text message. Some individuals might not call or text you back at all. However, it doesn’t matter!!

What does matter is that you took the time to do something right. You took the time to be a blessing to someone else, by thinking more highly of others than you do yourself as noted in Phil. 2:3. Remember to “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

One of the things I have learned about ministry over the thirty years that I have been doing this work, is that it is not the sermons we pour ourselves into developing and delivering on Sunday that matters the most and has the greatest impact on people. It is the short phone calls we make to members and friends that matter the most and being there for them during a difficult moment. Let’s focus on what matters most and make a phone call to someone you haven’t spoken with in a while!!

Take a moment soon to do this; and allow the power of your five-minute phone call to make a difference for someone!!

Grace & Shalom!!

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