



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

2020

Let us look at the past year with our 2020 vision. Here are a few things on my list: Covid-19 virus, hospitals overrun, virus sickness, virus deaths, lockdowns, masks required, social distancing, quarantine, fever checking, ban on travel, elective surgeries delayed. CDC, PPE, Black Lives Matter, social protests and riots, economic slowdown, layoffs, bitter elections, mail-in ballots, Zoom, election results delayed, outspoken President, stimulus checks, food lines, empty shelves, one-way signs in store aisles, no toilet paper, sports with no spectators, delay of game because of sick players, closed theaters, working from home, schools went to online learning, churches went to online services, parades canceled, fairs canceled, social events canceled, local bank branches closed, major shift to online buying, restaurants offering take outs only, low giving to nonprofits, some small businesses closing forever, parks closed, libraries closed, wildfires, hurricanes, depression, anxiety, confusion, and anger. Am I missing anything?

The Lord has met my family's needs during 2020. I did not have any loss of pay. In fact, I was the only one who got a raise and a bonus. (The company that I work for had a 10% workforce reduction.) I was able to work from home because my son just gave me a new PC. Being on the high-risk list, we were very careful and did not get covid-19 but my sister and neighbor did. We did not go without food or shelter. We were able to get toilet paper when we got down to our last roll. We have not been physically in church for nine months, but we have been able to watch our services on TV. We have not been dined in-person at our favorite restaurants but were able to get take outs. We did have some physical issues but we were able to get the care that we needed. The car that I used to drive to work, still has the same tank of gas that it has had for the past nine months. (I got a deal with the insurance company, that I only pay them for insurance on the days I drive it.) We did all our Christmas shopping online. We did not have to wait in line to vote in person but the neighboring district had a three-hour waiting line. We had the nicest weather on record. At times we did get depressed, anxious, confused, and angered. But we were able to see and talk with our children and grandchildren who live in the same town. We did take two in-state trips. With the phone, e-mail, Zoom and the mail, we were able to keep in touch with our friends. My mother-in-law even got 110 birthday cards for her 90th birthday. Truly the Lord was good to us in 2020. Will He do the same for us and you in 2021?

I am really enjoying reading and outlining II Kings. There are a lot of amazing and supernatural happenings. It would make a great Sci-Fi movie. The only difference is that II Kings is all true. This month's reading II Kings 4 fits 2020. I called the chapter "God Shall Supply Your Needs".

In the first part of the chapter, God majorly increased the amount of oil, so a poor mother could sell it and get her sons out of bondage. Next, God provided the material needs of shelter for Elisha. Then God physical healed a woman who could not conceive. Several years later, the child died and the woman was really emotionally upset. Through Elisha's prayers, the child was brought back to life. Last, men got sick by eating bad pottage. Not only did God use Elisha to heal the pottage but also to supply food for over a hundred men.

"My God shall supply all your (financial, material, physical, emotional and basic) needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil 4:19

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Yes, that is me.



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