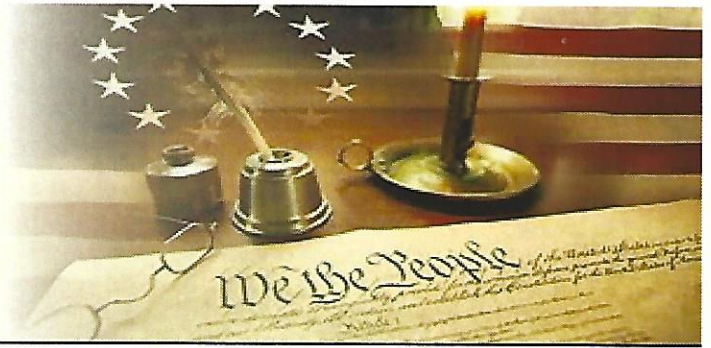


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Dear Friend in Christ,

I pray this letter finds you, your family, and your congregation in good health and spirit in these dark times. I read a powerful letter from a Delaware man named Dan Menefee addressed to the Delaware Clergy this week. The letter was in response to the severe Bill of Rights violations imposed by state governors across America. These violations are taking place in spite of the fact that our President has condemned the governors' actions and declared all houses of worship as "essential." In Dan's letter he makes the point that requiring church members to wear facial masks, social-distance, and make no contact with non-family members is a violation of the basic principles of the Gospel. He goes on to point out that such requirements promote fear, anxiety, and mistrust amongst the body of believers. Such requirements cause irreparable harm by turning the faith-based body of strength into a fear-based shell of weakness. I could not agree more.

As of today, in our state of 19.4 million people, there are 20,000 deaths attributed to COVID-19. That is .001%! Most of us realize by now that this number has been inflated for political motivations. Close to half of these deaths are due to the tragic if not criminal act of Governor Cuomo ordering patients infected with the virus into nursing homes across the state. I love this line from our brother in Delaware, "***We must not play into the hands of the enemy by allowing our children to live in a generation of believers who cannot put their trust in the Lord.***"

I attend church services led by (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX). I could not love Pastor (XXX) more if he were my own blood brother. It has been my utmost fervent prayer that Pastor (XXX), alongside all of you, would lead our church as the ***Fear Not Fellowship***...the Church God intended for us to be. We are praying that the one great and divine silver lining through this horrific and diabolical global catastrophe will be a reset in the hearts and minds of our shepherds. In 2009 I wrote to many if not most of you in Orange County about a dream I had where I was one of the people Moses had led out of bondage. I could feel the sand under my feet in the moment of our disobedience to God, as we turned to the golden calf Aaron had fashioned. The point of the dream, I so clearly realize now, was a warning I was compelled to share. Not a single one of you responded to my letter eleven years ago.

*Psalms 11:2-3 and 32:8 ring as true to my heart as your church bells once did. My righteous guide...my Lord. How it would break my Savior's heart to see us forced apart and masked in fear...outside His Church...inside our cars...in a parking lot?*

I am praying for you to understand how impossible it would be for many of us to return to such a place.

For Him,

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*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's*