

## CRAZY CORONA CH-CH-CH-CHANGES

I have been pondering all the changes and things I have never done in all the decades I have lived on this planet. I am sure you have some that are quite unique and even funny. Please email or write to share some of them with me. I will include a few of mine here.

**ZOOM!** Before this pandemic I had never heard of Zoom, except for the kid on the car commercial who says "**Zoom! Zoom!**" I discovered it works! I can say "**Zoom! Zoom!**" . . . and then look at my wife, Kristen, and she hooks us up with other people on the computer using Zoom!

**EASTER!** One thing I could only (never) imagine is attending an online Easter service . . . in my pajamas! Jesus was asked where the proper place was to worship Almighty God by the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. He replies that it is not a place but rather we are to worship God in Spirit and in Truth (and Internet). Have you had trouble worshipping God online? Maybe it is because you have considered worshipping God as your act of going to a "holy" building with a steeple and lots of people. That, in and of itself, is actually NOT worship.

The primary Greek and Hebrew words for worship include the idea of bowing down in reverence to God. Maybe this virus has led us to realize we are uncomfortable worshipping in our home because we have not really been genuinely worshipping God if we are just sitting in a building on Sunday morning. So I challenge you to truly worship online by singing the songs to God with all your heart and giving Him the worship/reverence He is due. Seek God passionately asking Him how your life can glorify Him by putting into practice what you are hearing during the message.

**SAN FRANCISCO!** One of the things I have never done was drive some 8 hours up to San Francisco one day and then 8 hours back to San Diego the very next day. My loving wife, Kristen, wanted to see her brother, Dave, before he passed away as he was in intensive care in the hospital. Because of the virus we did not want to risk flying. Sadly, no one in the family was able to visit him because the hospital was locked down because they were treating some others with Covid-19. However, she called the doctor who allowed her to see Dave in light of the circumstances. She spent a wonderful day with him just a few days before he traded his failing, deteriorating body in for a new one as he journeyed on to Paradise. I am actually writing this on Dave's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, which he just missed by a few days. Kristen was like a guardian angel to him over the years as he had a number of health issues and she always unselfishly and lovingly looked out for him. He is now at peace but we will greatly miss him!

During this time of fear and uncertainty, let me remind you the Bible urges us to "Fear Not!" 365 times . . . once for every day of the year!

***Contentment*** is attained from *confidence* in **God** rather than from **changing circumstances**.