

Greetings in the wonderful and mighty name of Jesus. I hope all is well with you all at home.

Praise God for His love and for His readiness to have a loving relationship with us.

I love keeping company with God and when I am not, I'm working for Jantz 42 hours a week feeding customers outside. Very busy, praise God!

I'm active with Noah and Nicolaus, my sons, in their daily lives (sometimes not easy). Including schoolwork at home (zoom) on their laptops. Also, weekly scripture encouragement with retired Pastor John Doty.

Also engaged in a "Principle Based Lifestyle Training" with Pastor Robert Morris and his lovely wife Gloria. Noa and Nicolaus are still engaged with New Life youth under Pastor Jose Fuentes. We are blessed to be actively fellowshipping with Vella. Such an encouragement. Lots of laughter and desert.

I have come to the path of life in Jesus (John 14:16) *I am the way, the truth, and the Life*. I am filled with joy in my daily life in God. I look forward to spending eternity with the Lord because of Jesus.

I have a concern based on the signs going on now with COVID-19, racial tension, political concerns. All these things draw me to Luke's theme of watchfulness:

35 "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks, they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them

watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

As I continue to be ready for Jesus return, I think about those around me. Just at work including customers and employees. I see over 70 people daily being watchful as verse 12:40 says "Be you also ready therefore for in that hour when you are not expecting the Son of man comes". My statement repeated frequently, "one step at a time, one prayer at a time".

I hope and pray as you read this letter God would send an angel to come and refresh you and strengthen you. I leave you with this, "Now all glory to God who is able through His mighty power at work within us to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever amen." (Eph. 20:21)

God is able. Seize the moment church family as you carry on in your day! Remember **one step at a time**, **one prayer at a time**.

Abundant grace and blessings to each of you! In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Phillip Perales

P.S. Pastor Doty wanted to pass on that someone unknown is contacting people via cellphone text claiming to be him. Any texts coming from a 209 area code should be ignored as they are not from Pastor Doty's cell phone.