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3 Ways to Face Life Together, Even When Apart



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Social distancing has disrupted normal routines, but it doesn't have to diminish a sense of community. In a season where people may feel isolated or alone, you can be a reassuring voice through it all, and encourage others to share hope too!

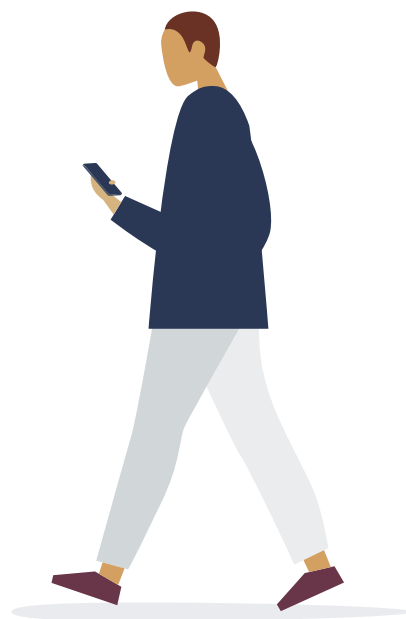
1. DIVE INTO THE WORD

Ready to go to new depths in the Word in this uncertain season? Check out these reading plans on the Bible app. Not only will this bring encouragement to your own life, but this is a great opportunity to invite friends along on your journey. Digital community groups can form around a Bible reading plan. Questions and comments can be left throughout to spark discussion, bringing you closer to each other and God's Word.

Here are a few reading plans we recommend:

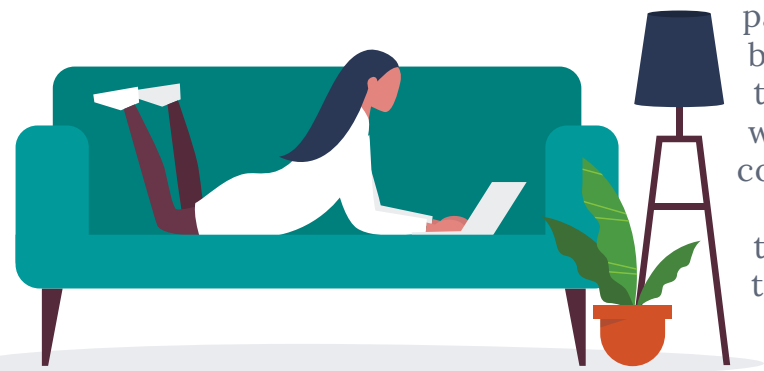


1. *A Journey from Worry to Confident Hope*
2. *Making Time to Rest*
3. *Trusting God Day by Day Devotional*



2. LEVERAGE SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media streams are being bombarded with negative news articles and anxiety-filled posts as people react to the world around them. You can be part of the solution by promoting a sense of calm by sharing hopeful content. With school closures, this is a great moment to minister to students where they are - online. Share Scripture and start conversations on social media. Instagram Polls are a great way to get instant feedback on a topic, too. Young people have an abundant amount of time on their hands right now. Let's give them something uplifting to talk about. (Psalm 91 is especially relevant these days!)



3. DIGITALLY ENGAGE WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CHURCH

Minimal interaction with others through social distancing can lead to loneliness. You may be physically separated from your neighbors or friends, but you can still come together in a variety of different ways. Churches all around the world are leveraging platforms like Youtube, Zoom, and Facebook Live to continually host services and small groups alike.

Even for individuals, this is an incredible opportunity to connect (or reconnect) with people in your life to offer an encouraging word or pray together. Facetime your parents or grandparents to check in on them. Use Google Hangouts to connect digitally over a devotional book club. Skype a friend for an afternoon chat over coffee. There's plenty of opportunity to be creative in this new cultural landscape! Create a chain reaction of kindness through digital means. You can do life together, even when apart.



We don't have to wait until the threat has passed to nurture community. The digital age gives us incredible resources to connect with each other. In an often polarized culture, we are all experiencing the effects of this pandemic to some degree. Let's be purveyors of hope, intentionally supporting one another during this time.

PSALM 91:14-16

14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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