



Dear Friend,

December 2020

There's an incredible scene in the Gospels in which Jesus was walking on water toward His disciples. At first, they were filled with fear, thinking Jesus was a ghost, but once Peter realized it was their Lord, he found the courage to get out of the boat and do the miraculous by walking on water toward Him. However, when Peter took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the storm around him, he began to sink. Yet, even though Peter doubted, Jesus reached out and saved him.

This year provided countless "storms" that sought to demand our attention, emotion and fear. The list for 2020 is not only too long to comment on; it frankly doesn't deserve any more of our attention. However, that which *does* deserve our attention is God's incredible work in and through His people.

Amid the storms and challenges of 2020, God not only allowed us to continue ministering to men and women in our region, but He also provided creative ways to expand our reach to participants in other parts of the world. One of our participants is from Trinidad and Tobago, and he sacrificially joins us on Zoom until 1:30 AM his time!

The nationwide shutdown could have hindered us but instead afforded us time to build a small video studio, which is now available to update our online video programs, provide communication to churches, and produce video teachings for international online conferences.

Our Hope Group continues to grow in supporting family and friends with loved ones who have embraced a gay or trans identity. The group has been processing through the curriculum "Hope for Hurting Parents" and has also had inspiring guest speakers such as Angel Colon, a survivor from the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting tragedy.

Thank you for standing alongside us with your prayers, encouragement, and support to make this, and so much more possible. May we move into 2021 with our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and not on the distractions and storms around us. When we do this, we will see and do the miraculous! I look forward to doing this together.

Merry Christmas, and may the Lord bless you and your family,

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