

Ministry Leader Overboard! Covid years

In March of 2021 the [Awesome Kidmin Conference](#) in Winnipeg, Manitoba asked me to be part of their virtual conference due to Covid 19 restrictions all across the country. I recorded these sessions in case the live event internet connection failed so they would have a backup plan. Although these sessions are recorded for a specific event, God's Holy Spirit is present with you today where you are. Although the context of this session has changed, the content can still be applied to you as a Children's Ministry Leader and whatever the storm you are facing.

As part of the Soul Care session, you may want collect everyday items to participate in the prayer experience. What you need is:

- Journal or Notebook
- Pen
- Bible
- Light-colored glass dinner plate
- Blue **washable** marker (NOT PERMANENT!)
- Container of water (jar, water bottle or small pitcher)
- Tea towel (NOTE: KEEP THE WATER AWAY FROM YOUR COMPUTER!)

Please watch one video and then do the exercise and take time to talk with the Lord.

Lament - Ministry Leaders

Items needed: plate, washable blue marker, water, tea towel

Watch the video

2020 BC - Before Covid

- We came into last year with 2020 vision!
- What was happening in your ministry and family before the storm of the pandemic?
- What kind of "boat" were you in when the tsunami wave hit?

Song suggestion: [Praise you in the Storm](#) by Natalie Grant

Scripture to reflect on during the song: Romans 8:35a

Questions to ask yourself and ask the Lord?

- Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?
- Where was He in the ministry?
- Where was He for you?

Confession - Ministry Leaders

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2020 DC - During Covid

What did this storm look like for you in ministry when the storm hit?

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- How did you end up in the water?
- Are you treading water frantically?
- Do you feel like you are drowning?
- Are you tangled up in "the rope" you were hanging on to?

Song suggestion: **Peace, Be Still** by Hope Darst

Scripture to reflect on during the song: Romans 8: 38 &39

NOTHING can separate us; confessing these sins reminds us that he is even closer.

Questions to ask yourself and ask the Lord?

- Jesus, do I have any unconfessed sin in my life?
- Lord, did I hurt someone with my words or actions during this past year?
- Father God, what do I need to do to make things right with those I have hurt?
- Holy Spirit, please help me to listen to your still small voice when fear tries to rise up in me.

Thanksgiving - Ministry Leaders

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2020 AC - After Covid

What will happen in your ministry and family after this storm?

- How will the Lord take those dreams and ideas and use them now?
- What promises have you been holding on to through this season?
- There is hope on the horizon!

Song suggestion: **Promises** by Maverick City Music

Scripture to reflect on during the song: Hebrews 6:19

Spend time with the Lord and meditate on these thoughts.

Jesus is the anchor to our souls!

- Jesus, be my anchor and my Prince of Peace.
- Father God, thank you for sending Jesus to make a way to you!
- Holy Spirit, lead me and guide me as I navigate this new course in ministry.