

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JOHN T. McCOY

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to navigate through these difficult times in our Nation and the world, I felt the need to stop what I was doing and give a “**Shout Out**” to all Mothers.

Things are quite different this Mother’s Day than they were in previous years. There have been many more words added to our vocabulary that weren’t part of it last year at this time; Words like “social distancing” and “flattening the curve” and “lock-down.”

But, out of all the new words that we have been introduced to, none **still**, have not been coined to adequately describe the value of our Mothers.

Not to take any credit away from the front line workers that governmental officials have considered “essential”, because they are such a blessing to all of us, so let’s keep them in our prayers. But, since tomorrow is “Mother’s Day”, as we think about the term “essential workers,” let’s consider the work that a Mother does. Yes, they are **ESSENTIAL**, but they are **far more** than that. With schools being closed, many of you with school age children, have had to add to that already difficult job description of being a Mother. Some of you are probably teaching or at least facilitating a learning environment for your children.

It would be an impossible task for me to try to cover all the pressures and new challenges you are facing, but rest assured, you are appreciated. And, **YES**, you are **VERY ESSENTIAL**. You are essential, not only to your children, but you are essential to much more. You are essential in the Spiritual guidance to not only your children, but to a Nation that so needs Spiritual guidance as we move on, **In Hope**, and **Healing**, in the days and weeks ahead.

So, please, make sure you take some time for yourself. Maybe just some time alone with God for a few minutes. I can try to write some encouraging words to you, but I’m not so naïve to think that my words can take the place of God’s Words. So, if at all possible, go into your secret closet, and let The Holy Spirit give you that **DIVINE** encouragement you need to navigate these difficult times.

Your gifts might seem a bit different this year, with many stores and flower shops and restaurants being closed, but be encouraged and believe that God has the answer for what we are going through. The Prophet Isaiah said that “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

We will get through this **Together** – (Even if it’s six feet apart)!

AND REMEMBER: You are Loved – You are Appreciated – And I am so thankful for all of you as you continue to work on the “**Front** of the front lines.”

May God Bless You All

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