



March 18, 2020

Hi Agape Church family,

The world is in crisis, and one thing that makes this crisis terrifying for people is a chronic sense of uncertainty. COVID-19 is an invisible enemy. We can't detect the presence of the corona virus with our natural senses.

For the Church, this is nothing new. Did you know the Church is experienced at fighting invisible enemies? Satan and his demonic kingdom have been invisible enemies for centuries. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age" (Eph 6:12). And more than fighting experience, followers of Christ have VICTORY experience! We are well equipped for this moment! We have the right weapons! "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds" (2 Cor 10:5). It is our time to shine, to stand strong on God's Word, to stay in faith, to take our place in prayer, and to help our hurting world. It is our time to renounce fear. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Tim 1:7).

To suppress the spread of the corona virus, our government has placed restrictions on the size of public gatherings for the near future. Out of respect for our government and care for people, this will require we change how we gather as a church. **Starting this Sunday, March 22, our weekend services will be online only.** Please join us every Sunday at 8:30am, 10am, or 6:30pm at **AGAPESLO.ONLINE.CHURCH** for worship, a message, ministry updates, and giving...live with our staff. We encourage you to gather your family and a few friends together on Sundays for these online services to keep community small...but very much alive in this season.

Large group events at the church campus are postponed until further notice. Other small group gatherings in compliance with the governmental guidelines may proceed as scheduled. These include Influencers, GriefShare, Pure Desire, AgapeYouth, Intervarsity, Life Groups, House Church, Tuesday morning prayer, and war-room prayer at the discretion of group leaders.

Other ministry updates about ways we can bring the Gospel to our community in this moment will unfold in the coming days. Stay in faith Agape!

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey N. Bower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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