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I Didn't See That Coming!

Dear Pastor,

We don't need to tell you, but life is full of surprises. Some are welcome and pleasant. Others are tragic and hard. They are surprises precisely because we don't see them coming. Unlike our omniscient God, none of us knows with certainty what any given day will bring.

Our days right now are unusually uncertain. At least it feels that way. If you criticize someone's "alternative" lifestyle, you are accused of committing an act of violence, while those who commit actual violence, like arson and looting—or worse—are defended by many as "peaceful protesters." But how surprised should we be? Taking the life of an unborn child by means of elective abortion has long been called a woman's "right to choose" and is now commonly referred to as "women's reproductive healthcare." A culture that embraces genocide against the unborn as "healthcare" is fully capable of totally inverting the meaning of good and evil.

Paul reminded us that in the last days "evil men and seducers [impostors] will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13).

So, how do we respond to the tragic and even non-sensical surprises of life? Just as Paul said to son-in-the-faith Timothy: "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of..." (II Tim 3:14).

Our God is still God. These are not days to be discouraged, downcast, disappointed and defeated. These are days for us to be faithful and engaged. We "continue" being good neighbors and we "continue" sharing the Gospel. We "continue" being good ambassadors of the King of kings by being good stewards of our earthly citizenship. We "continue" to love one another and to love and pray for those who oppose us. We "continue" to pray for all men and for those in authority (I Tim. 2:1-4). We "continue" in all these things and more because it is required in stewards "that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2) and because we serve a faithful, trustworthy God (Cf. Lam. 3:22-23). "Let not your heart be troubled" by what you didn't see coming, because God knew it all along and He will use it for good.



In Christ,

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PS: We wrote this email Friday before the news came of the passing of Justice Ruth Badger Ginsberg and before Governor Evers earlier today issued his third 60-day statewide Emergency Public Health Declaration with an order regarding masks. While not "surprises" in the truest sense of the word, both of these certainly add to the uncertainty we all feel right now in many areas. **We urge you as a pastor to lead your people in earnest, fervent prayer during these days that are challenging for all of us and definitely show that our nation is at an incredible crossroads. In that regard, we have [important election](#) and Church Liaison materials available [HERE](#). Please use these educational materials to encourage your people to honor God by voting in a biblical way. By the way, today is National Voter Registration Day. An email to your people to remind them to make sure they are registered to vote would be great! They can register online [HERE](#).**

PPS.If you're near Plover, please plan to join us on Thursday evening for our community event, "We're Here...For Such a Time as This" from 6-8 p.m. Supper is included. Registration is free but required. You can register online [HERE for this event](#) or for the event next Thursday, October 1, in West Bend at The Colu

PPPS: Visit committovotewi.org and pledge to vote. We encourage you to share this link with your church family and encourage them to make this commitment as well.