

Daily View

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13



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Waimea Bay, North Shore, Oahu, Hawaii
[No one was allowed in the water on this day]

Is it sprinkling, a storm or a hurricane?

I was speaking to a friend about what I wrote yesterday (*“Did you know you are indestructible?”*), especially the part where I challenged the notion of living every day of our lives with “an abundance of caution.” His point was that caution is a good thing, especially as it applies to our efforts to keep others from getting the virus. Good point; I would never disagree with that. But I decided we may be defining “caution” differently.

He defines “caution” as “concern and setting wise boundaries” and no sensible person would argue with that. And “abundance” of that is a good thing. However, I was defining “caution” as “care taken to avoid danger or mistakes.” When coupled with “abundance” (“a great quantity”), I was viewing it in terms of living every day of our lives in fear, treating life as if we are walking through a minefield everywhere we go. I should have used that analogy in the article. My point was that Jesus and the apostles didn’t live that way.

As we exchanged thoughts on this, my friend summed it up by saying, “It is indeed a challenging time, and each has

different challenges.” That is so true and it reminded me of a little “essay” that circulated at the beginning of the outbreak. Many of you probably have read it long ago but it’s even more interesting now, after months of dealing with this health crisis:

We are all in the same boat—but we are not all in the same storm.

For some people, it’s sprinkling. This is a break. It’s a breather. It’s a rest. A time to reconnect with their families. Honestly, it’s kind of peaceful.

For some, it’s a storm. It’s a bit scary. It’s disruptive. It’s enough to make you stay up and watch the news and worry a bit.

For some, it’s a hurricane. It’s tearing at the boards. It’s pulling off the roof. It’s washing them out to sea. It’s dark and unknown. It’s life changing.

It’s not wrong to be enjoying a sprinkle or enduring a storm. Rest with your family. But don’t minimize the hurricane engulfing your neighbor. Laugh at a meme but get on your knees for those in the hurricane.”

This is a good reminder. And, I love it when “iron sharpens iron” (Proverbs 27:17) — sharpens our focus and refines our thoughts. Keep it up!

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