

# Daily View

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

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## A look back and a way forward...

### A Look Back

I started sending these daily reports/essays/op-eds — called the “Daily View” — on March 20, 2020, *165 days ago*. I never imagined that we’d still be dealing with the virus at this level on September 1st. It might be interesting to take a look back as we approach the six month mark from the last time we all met together on March 8th. Here’s what I wrote on March 20:

In an effort to keep in touch during the Coronavirus pandemic, I’ll be churning out a daily edition of the Folsom View (and if it goes well, I’ll continue after the madness ends). The opinions expressed here are my own and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the elders or anyone else. Please feel free to interact, whether you agree, disagree or just want to join the conversation.

It included a photo (see above) which did not necessarily have anything to do with the topic I was discussing that day. I explained it this way:

Why the photo? I love photography and I love viewing photography. Looking at a beautiful scene or an evocative moment transports me into that scene and produces peace of mind, if just for a moment. I’m hoping these photos have the same effect on you. I decided to begin with one of my favorites, taken a few years ago in New England.

I referred to the shutdown in this paragraph:

As you surely know by now, we have been forced to cancel all gatherings at the building for the time being. *Predictions for the length of this hiatus range from 2 weeks to 2 months or more.* We are looking into various options to keep the church connected, at least virtually. Video sermons/classes, live-streaming, podcasts, and other options are all on the table, hopefully beginning next Sunday (March 29th).

I concluded with a “*Coronavirus Update*” which seems quaint in retrospect. I pointed out that Governor Newsom said that “more than half of all Californians would get sick in the next 8 weeks.” *That’s more than 20 million people.* Newsom’s spokesman had to clarify that, but clearly the fear level had been set and there was no turning back. There was no mask requirement back then; that didn’t come until June 18th. And, for the record, as of yesterday, the total number of cases in California was **704,085** [Source: <https://update.covid19.ca.gov>]. It’s still a very serious, deadly disease, but I’m thankful the governor overstated the danger.

### A Way Forward

I figured out that the people who are doing the best during this ever-changing crisis are those who have learned to take one day at a time and try to make the best of that day. I haven’t always done that but, lately, I’ve tried to focus on what I have learned about myself and about the church in the past (almost) six months.

I’ve been disappointed that things are not back to “normal” but, on further reflection, “normal” is not always a good thing. After all, “normal” may mean “in a rut.” And, as someone once said, *“a rut is just a grave with the ends kicked out.”* Historically, the church did its best work under non-normal circumstances. Acts 8 tells us the church scattered after Stephen’s death, and the rest is history.

Personally, I’m determined to emerge from this stronger and better and to take the things we learned and leverage them as much as possible to help myself and the church grow. I’m not being naively optimistic. I’m taking it a day at a time and making the best of it. At least, that’s the plan.

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