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Newsletter



#### GOD VS ME By Jordan Bikila

How many times do you go through a season and you think "wow I've been in this weird place for a long time". You have allowed a season to turn into a lifetime, you have made wrong decisions and you have become God of your life. You have allowed your will to take over and you find yourself in a constant battle with God and then wonder why nothing is going to plan.

Submitting your will to God is a beautiful thing, allowing Him to be the Director of your life, although easier said than done, is so rewarding. You can never out do God, His plan for your life will always be better than yours because He knows you better than you know yourself. It is important to remind ourselves on a daily basis that "He died so we can live".

As followers of Christ it's our privilege to serve Him in every way He wants us to. Stop fighting God, I promise that you won't win, instead partner with Him in your journey and allow Him to work through you.

# THERE IS HOPE BY DOROTHY ATTA

Diseases and deaths increase whilst having our schedules stripped away. Forcing us to be aware of our surroundings and the uncertainty in the atmosphere. Being exposed to bad news on our screens, constantly hearing of the many lives being affected. The world has been shaken upside down, people are turning on one another for necessities, the mothers are struggling to feed their babies and in the midst of it all The Church remains the source of light in a broken world by sharing messages of hope all over the internet.

The Bible says in Matthew 11:28 'Come all those who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest'. God has not only gone before you but He is walking with you in these difficult times. His arms are wide opened ready to embrace you and pour out His unconditional love. You don't have to be strong all by yourself because God is with you and He wants to take your weakness in exchange for His strength.

I encourage you all to lay down your fears, doubts and worries at Jesus's feet because In Him you will find love, peace, grace and all you need for the journey. We may not know when all of this will end but we can be sure that God is in control. If you've experienced loss or need someone to talk to. We have a Hub line (07715 845869) a team leader is available to listen, encourage and pray with you.



### **HOW HAS CORONA AFFECTED MY LIFE?**

#### BY BELLA CAMARGO RIBERA

My life has been affected quite a lot. I am selfemployed, so not being able to have clients or do my job means I haven't had an income. The lack of control over the situation has been quite scary. At first I was so worried about it. However, after reflecting on the situation, I realised that I have never had this much time off and one thing that is within my control is how I choose to spend this time.

I have chosen to spend this time with God. Everyday I wake up, I invite God to be a part of my whole day, with worshiping, reading the bible, doing things I like whilst talking to Him and at the end of the day I tell Him what the best and worst part of my day was.

A few weeks ago I was feeling quite worried and so I fasted and cried out to God for a word for this season and He showed me Psalm 30:5. That made me put my trust in Him even more and rely on Him with everything, my money, my bills, my family back in Sweden. Also when I involve Him in everything I do I can just feel His comfort telling me "I will never leave you or your family in your hardest battles, I will be with you forever".

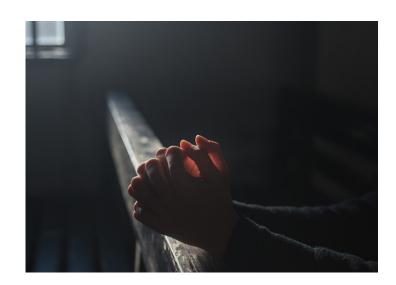
So yes, Coronavirus has affected my life, but instead of seeing it in a negative way, I see it in a positive way because I've never trusted God as much as I do now.





## THIS IS HOW I FIGHT MY BATTLES

BY THARA POPOOLA



If you've seen Avengers: Endgame, you'll know just how epic the final fight scene was (SPOILER ALERT!). In the final battle we see Thanos unleash his entire army, leaving the Avengers clearly outnumbered. Captain America, being who he is, gears up ready to fight Thanos and his army on his own. He stands firm and confident, even though he is clearly outnumbered and then just as he is about to charge, we see the whole Marvel universe roll up, ready to stand with Captain America in battle. It was truly a wonderful moment and yes, they defeat Thanos (sorry not sorry, you really should have seen the film by now).

How do we fight our battles? In 2 Kings 6 we see the story of Elisha and the war waged against him. Elisha's reaction to this army is similar to Captain America's reaction, in the sense that he did not fear the battle that was ahead of him. Elisha said to his servant, who was petrified 'Do not be afraid, for there are more on our side than on theirs'. Now my maths isn't great, but they were certainly outnumbered. However, Elisha was not seeing in the physical, rather he was seeing in the Spiritual.

We are living in uncertain times and it's easy to let fear surround you, because of what you see in the physical. As Christians, we are called to be like Elisha rather than the servant. You will note in the scripture that Elisha did not fight using a physical weapon, rather he called onto God, he prayed! this is how we must fight our battles and intercede for those whose eyes have not yet been open.

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