



Here We Are!

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March 9th, we all enjoyed Purim was a joyous celebration with lots of Hamentaschen cookies. Life in America was great.

Just a week later, the entire world, as we knew it, changed. Grocery store shelves were empty. Schools and businesses closed. Why? Because of a ‘silent enemy,’ Coronavirus, which has lead to a world-wide pandemic.

Spiritual bootcamp

For months – yes, for years – at CFS we have prayed and fasted for our nation. As a body, we have participated in many Jericho Fasts* for our nation. We have yearned to see God heal our land. To bring righteousness to the USA and to Israel.

These Jericho Fasts* have been a training ground, a spiritual bootcamp, for preparation for today’s COVID-19. It is interesting, how many are sensing this pandemic is another preparation.

President Trump Calls for Day of Prayer

March 13: President Donald Trump announced:

“It is my great honor to declare, March 15, as a National Day of Prayer. We are a Country that, throughout our history, has looked to God for protection and strength in times like these. No matter where you may be, I encourage you to turn towards prayer in an act of faith. Together, we will easy PREVAIL!”

Application to us

Over 300 times in the Bible, we are told to not fear. Two Scriptures:

- 1) Deut 31:8c: “Do not fear nor be dismayed.”
- 2) Is 43:1b “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”!!!

Now, is the time for us to stand fast. Be calm. YHVH has prepared us for this time; He has trained us in spiritual bootcamps.

Fill these days of social distancing with YHVH:

- 1) Let us pray. Call a friend in the Congregation and intercede with them for others.
- 2) Continue reading and studying His Word.
- 3) Consider a Jericho Fast*. (This doesn't have to be a total fast or even a liquid fast. Give up something you enjoy eating/doing. Spend that extra time in prayer.)

Let us remember

The powerful Purim theme: *for such a time as this He created us -- to change history!*

