

Lessons from the Land of Quarantine | Week #03

Anti-Venom Needs Venom | June 4 & 7, 2020

Anchor Verse: Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Psalm 23:4

What's the Issue Anyway?

What do you love to avoid, but know you really shouldn't?

We are masters of _____.

Avoidance is tool of _____ that gives us _____ blindness and deafness.

What wisdom does Scripture offer?

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient with the long journey,

Impatience is a pathway to _____ - _____).

⁵and they began to speak against God and Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?" they complained. "There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!"

Weariness attacks _____.

⁶So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died. ⁷Then the people came to Moses and cried out, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away the snakes." So Moses prayed for the people.

_____ is not petty and easily offended. (6-7)

⁸Then the Lord told him, "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!" ⁹So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!

The Point: When we are willing to _____ at what is killing us, God can use it to _____ us. (8)

How does this relate to Monday morning?

Look for venom inside your _____.

Ask "_____ did that get there? When did I get bit?"

Commit to understanding the _____ within oppressed communities?

Stop hiding behind _____.

Take the time to learn the names of _____ and their stories.

Protect the nobility of a profession by exposing the _____ and _____ that would destroy it.

Why does this even matter?

We can live a life _____ of the call of Christ Jesus.

NEXT STEPS (What is God inviting you into today?)

1. Commit to reading a book or resource that will help you understand the pain within people of color.
2. Commit to developing a relationship with someone who does not share in your privilege.
3. Elevate the voices of people of color on your social media footprint.

Thought provoking question:

1. What do you love to avoid, but know you really shouldn't?
2. What privilege have I inherited that allows me to be blind and deaf?
3. Why is it hard to "Look" at the snakes of racism, sexism and homophobia?
4. How would you describe a life worthy of the call of Christ Jesus?

