



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



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### **"From ME to WE"**

*"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."*

*2 Timothy 1:7*

This pandemic (that is getting worse), just like any other stressful situation, brings out the best and worst in us. In our present society, with an emphasis on individualism or "me, me, me", it shines like a magnifying glass on the unconditional need for everyone to be a "We" type of person. It clearly illuminates the difference between "me" and "we."

More than ever, everyone needs to be a "We" person. Everyone needs to take some time to focus on the needs of others. This is how We will get through this situation, successfully. As God's people, We know this and do this. The goal now becomes to share this message with as many other people as you can.

It can be intimidating to consider speaking to other people about such things as being "your brothers [sisters] keeper" and providing care to others. But, now is a critical time to do so. It can be done as simply as just talking about goodness or caring or showing compassion and love. God will be at work in your words.

Let us pray: Lord, we face a time when We all have a great need for all you provide. Help us to accept your spirit of power, love and discipline, so that your words may be heard through us to others. Amen.

"Now I can say I Live a Day" (John Wesley)

Pastor Pablo

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## Online Devotionals

To grow in your relationship with God and others, it is important to have some spiritual disciplines in your life. Below are some helpful websites that will lead you to read scripture, pray, and focus on God.

**UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL** <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

A daily devotional including scripture lesson and story.

**UPPER ROOM DAILY REFLECTIONS** <https://upperroombooks.com/neweverymorning/>