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# God's Corona:

## *A Crown of Light in the Darkness*



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I'd guess that the most-spoken word in the world today is '**Coronavirus**.'

*VOX reported on March 12 that Sprinklr (a social media analytics platform) "...counted a record nearly 20 million mentions of **Coronavirus**-related terms on March 11. For context on just how big that number is, mentions of the newly canceled NBA games were under 2 million and mentions of (President) Trump were about 4 million on that day."*

That's a lot of mention about **Coronavirus**.

Do you know what the word '**corona**' means?  
In English, simply stated, the word describes the outer layer of the **sun**.  
NASA explains it this way:

"The **Sun's corona** is the outermost part of the **Sun's** atmosphere. The **corona** is usually *hidden* by the **bright light** of the **Sun's** surface. That makes it *difficult to see* without using special instruments. However, the **corona** can be viewed during a **total solar eclipse**."

Hmmmmmmmm.

Total Solar eclipse is absolute darkness. That's when we **see** the **sun's corona**. Likewise, when the world gets darker, full of fear, the **corona** of **Jesus shines the brightest**. Could it be, through this **plague** and **pestilence**-- through this **viral darkness**-- what the enemy means for fear and anxiety, the Lord is using to **shine His Kingdom more brightly**?

Did you know that the Spanish word for **crown** is **corona**? Additionally, the online dictionary includes a second English definition for **corona**: "a part of the **body** resembling or likened to a **crown**."

### Check this out:

Immediately after Adam and Eve disobeyed God, when the **virus** of sin and death entered all of creation, Genesis 3:7 reports, "**Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked...**"

Have you ever wondered why they suddenly knew they were naked?  
Didn't they know that before they sinned?

God provides the answer: after they disobeyed, their **eyes were opened**, and *then* they knew. This word 'know' means to intimately be at one with. It's possible that, prior to sinning, they had a head knowledge-- a basic awareness-- that they were naked.

But *after* sin, they suddenly KNEW, as in, intimately related to the reality that they were naked. *They finally 'got it.'*

The Hebrew word for naked means, "utterly naked and helpless".

I personally believe that before sin,  
Adam and Eve had a type of **glow** that clothed them,  
a **covering of God's glory**.

Yes, they were naked in the sense that they wore no clothing as we understand today, but they had no sin-- no separation from the Lord.

They were in **perfect harmony and unity with God**, and His presence was with them in a way that I believe must have **manifested a stunning glow**, like heavenly robes. Then with the fall came the removal of that 'clothing.'

Everyone in the world is utterly naked and helpless.

We are all victims of the **virus** of sin and death  
What is the prescription for this **virus** affecting every human being?

**His name is Jesus.**

*"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**." Galatians 3:26-27*

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the most spoken word in the world today was **Jesus**?

And I don't mean using God's name in vain.

I mean calling on the name of the **Lord** to be **saved**;  
Trusting in **Jesus**, whose name is the name above all names;

Believing that He is the **Son of God**  
who paid for the sins of the world;

Surrendering to Him who is **crowned**  
with **glory and honor** forever.;

Casting down our **crowns** to worship the **King** of kings  
and **Lord** of lords.

*"You are worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory and honor and power;  
for You created all things,  
and by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11*

## **CHALLENGE**

In the midst of my personal contributions to the daily **Coronavirus** Google searches this week, I sensed the Holy Spirit say,

*"Leanna, you know what you need to know:  
do what is wise to prevent sickness, and do not be afraid.  
But now: what are **you** going to do to use this for **My glory**?  
What can **you** do today to **further the Kingdom of God**?"*

What a great question.

I asked the Lord for His suggestions. Apart from a few additional ideas that came to mind this morning, the Holy Spirit gave me the below list within ten minutes.

In the coming weeks, as you find yourself facing the **unknown**, dealing with daily life **changes**, living at home more than usual, and spending time either **alone** or with family and children more **often**, I pray this list is a **source of light** in the midst of the **darkness**:

If you find yourself in an online support chat, be nice :) then finish the chat with a **Scripture or a blessing in Jesus' name**.

As long as the mail is still running, send a 'mystery blessing' to a friend.

**Spring clean!**

**Read your Bible before you check the news.**

*Choose **intentional parenting**: Think about what each of your children needs, then intentionally teach or talk with them about it.*

**No fear. Only Faith in God. There is no love in fear. Trust God.**

Get outside.

Start (or re-start) a **Bible devotional**.

***Um, wash your hands.***

*It's disconcerting to consider how many people didn't do this before Coronavirus.*

**Minimize:** use half the amount you usually use of laundry soap, toilet paper, or other consumables.

Limit electronics and pull out the dusty board games.

**Share. Take a wrapped pack of toilet paper to a neighbor, ring the doorbell, then run. Do it with your kids- they'll love this acceptable version of Doorbell Ditch! You can attach an anonymous note to the packet, letting them know Jesus loves them and one of their neighbors cares about them.**

**Start an online book club.**

*Comfort the UPS deliverer or the stranger next to you filling their gas tank. We have hope in **JESUS**.*

Arrange a form of video-chat with friends you miss.

Switch from any junky shows to **cleaner** options like Pureflix.com, or Rightnowmedia.com.

**Be creative: start a new hobby, consider an online business, or build that website you've said you've wanted to do.**

Take eyes off self. *Pray for the entire world.* That's not too big for God.

Teach your kids the biblical understanding of a pandemic.  
God told us this would happen-- show your kids where in the Bible.  
He also told us the end of the story-- let that bring them comfort.  
(Spoiler alert: those who trust in Jesus are the ones who win.)

*Be mindful to not take your anxiety out on those around you. Take time to work on healthy communication together. Make an agreement to **not raise voices or point fingers**. This is a great time to practice "working together against an issue, rather than working against each other for an issue."*

Choose a topic of the day or week, and then study and learn about it.

If the mail still runs, have kids write letters to local friends.

**Do 'that thing' you keep saying you'd do if you had more time.**

Create a time capsule to open again on a date you set for yourself or with family. Write about what is happening in the world. Use it as an opportunity to verbalize feelings and to create a memory.

Aren't these fun, constructive ideas?

This goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway :) --  
worship God with a weekend church service online.  
Continue tithing, praying, loving, connecting.

**With good ol' fashioned pen and paper, write a daily log, as if you were a survivor on an island. Report the facts, add creativity, and share your raw emotions.**

**Please, don't complain. It's toxic to others and to yourself.**

**Sustain a positive, life-affirming influence on those younger than you.**

**Model love, not hate. God says love Him, then love others as yourself.**

**Simple.**

Remember to breathe. Slowly and Deeply.

*There are so many more ideas-- feel free to email me with how you've been inspired to **shine the light of Jesus.***

I realize we're learning new things every day about Coronavirus, so some of the ideas above may need to be tweaked accordingly. Either way, I hope they're a blessing!

***Praying for the supernatural protection of Psalm 91  
over you and your loved ones~  
In Christ, Leanna***

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