## Sunday, April 26, 2020 • Pastor Tim Ma

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"...'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble'...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." (James 4:6,10)

"...yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance... Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." (2Corinthians 7:9-10)

## <u>CRISIS</u> is an opportunity to pray with power.

"...And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5:2–5 NIV)

"He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God...'" (Psalm 46:10)

## The position of power starts with <u>SURRENDERING</u> to Jesus.

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9 NIV)* 

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is **powerful** and **effective**." (James 5:16 NIV)

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