



**Times Remembered**  
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This past week reminds me of the sixties; with the protesting, looting and destructions of buildings. It is sad that people have to stoop so low to destroy innocent businesses that get caught up in the violence and destroyed.

It was one of the saddest things I've seen.....the man, (George Floyd), lying face down on the concrete pleading for his life and the policeman holding him with his knee on his neck; cutting off oxygen for approximately 8 minutes until he died. What kind of person does that? He was already in handcuffs. Very scary and unacceptable in our country.

I don't condone violence and I never protested in high school during the sixties. I believe leaders

# Protesting

should meet and discuss the problems; not ignore them. We are all God's children; created in his image, whether we our yellow, black or white we are precious in his sight. But it seems our country can't get on the same page anymore. It is heart breaking; are we turning our backs on the Lord?

We have always needed God from the very beginning of our nation, but today we need him especially. The Bible says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble." Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. (Psalm 46:1-2).

But we ask ourselves; why does God allow evil like this to take place? People are angry because of the corona virus and the protesting, looting and shooting. But God understands those feelings. And God can be trusted even when life is at its darkest.

Ministers have been asked hundreds of times why God allows tragedy and suffering. I've been told they do not know the answer totally, but we have to accept, by faith, that God is sovereign, and He is a God of love and mercy and compassion in the midst of suffering.

None of us will ever forget the

pictures of our courageous fire-fighters and police battling on the front lines, and carrying people from burning buildings. A tragedy like 911 could have torn our country apart, but it didn't, but instead it united us and we became a family. Where has the unity gone? Why can't that happen today?

We have lost over 100,000 people to the corona virus and now we have protesting, shootings and killings and all the other troubles. There is fear of the virus exploding, since all the protesters weren't practicing social distancing. There could be a 100,000 - 200,000 more deaths.

We never know when we, too, will be called into eternity. Whether we board a plane or have a car wreck. People don't realize we could be exposed to a deadly virus by going to work, out to eat, going to the grocery store or doctor's office. And that's why each of us needs to face our own spiritual need and commit ourselves to God before it's too late.

We must put our trust in God totally and pray faithfully that each of us will feel the loving arms of God wrapped around us during the troubling times, and know in our hearts that He will never forsake us as we trust in Him.

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