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Devotional:

II Corinthians 1:9

“Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves, but on God who raises the Dead.” ESV

This time in our lives, may seem extremely difficult but we have to realize that right now a lot of us, friends and family alike, are relying on ourselves and others to help us get through this uncertainty. But think of it this way, this verse reminds us that we have to rely on God to be able to see this thing through. It has only been a week since I've been up in Alaska, but I realized that I have been relying more on God more so than ever before, there have been times throughout the week where I have felt somewhat lonely being so far away from home. And not being able to do most of my regular routine such as work, Church, home, somewhat of a social life with friends. All of a sudden I'm up here in Alaska where I don't really know anybody except for one, and I'm actually glad that I do know at least one person up here in Alaska, but my entire life my routine has drastically changed and I'm trying not have too much anxiety, and rely only on God. I have tried to go to the Baptist Church up here this past Sunday, but they have also canceled their services, I was kind of disappointed, a little bit....okay maybe a lot. So when I got back to my cabin I opened my Bible and I came to this verse and 2nd Corinthians 1:9 and it reminded me that I have to remain strong, I have to have confidence and know that I'm doing the best that I can, and I can only do that through God. It is truly remarkable up here the beauty of it all however, as I read the news or listen to the news and I hear more cases have been established back at home, I do find myself concerned with the well-being of all my family and friends and my church family. But I know that we can get through this, not only should we rely on our friends and family for words of encouragement, we have to rely on God to be able to find strength encourage through this uncertain time in our lives. May you stay safe and healthy during this time, may God be with you.

Much love,

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