



## The Spotlight - February 2020



We hope that your year got off to a good start, but one month into the new year, and the news reports from around the world continue to be full of distressing events that are affecting many - you may be suffering or at risk in one way or another yourself right now or have friends and family who are - we certainly have. To tell you the truth, if we were not walking in the love and protection of Jesus, and were operating on a purely human level, we'd probably feel despair. However, we're not because we know that if we choose to accept and walk in feelings of despair or panic, we would no longer be following the God we profess to love. If you're a Christian, then this is true for you, too. This is not hard talk: it's just a fact because the Lord says: **"Do not fear."** over and over again in the bible. Simply put, there are no circumstances in which we are to live in fear or panic. Yes, of course, such feelings will be stirred within us from time to time; we have a supernatural enemy who does his best to stir them, but we must call on the Lord and then do our part by refusing to accept such feelings because if we don't, we are choosing to follow Satan over the Lord, and that will always cost us dearly! It helps to remember the teachings that tell us how to act such as Psalm 118:24 which says: **"This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."** Note that this an instruction for every day, not just for those days when all is going well and we're feeling joyful. If you're not a Christian, the above will probably provide very little comfort - we understand because we lived outside of God's promises and protection for a very long time and know that in times of crisis it's so easy to become overwhelmed and stressed. We constantly pray for non-Christian friends and family to be blessed, but if you are struggling to conquer panic or fear or challenges in your life in any way today, do let us know, for we can be trusted with your confidence, and we can pray specifically for you - it's the best gift we can give you and the best gift we can ever receive.

Well, January has actually been a very exciting time in TLC World, for it saw the launch of a new video series called 'Spilling the Beans'. Each week featured a theme which was expanded upon in less than five minutes. These so-called coffee break insights are perfect coffee break teachings or pep talks for Christians and a very bearable quick listen for non-Christians, too.

If you haven't caught any of them yet, click the links or visit our YouTube channel (link below) to listen to these coffee break insights:

- [1. Starting Over](#)
- [2. Bible Relevance](#)
- [3. Christian Courage](#)
- [4. Christian Eligibility](#)

Blessings and love from Fiji,  
Jim & Elaine

*Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

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