



Leading Light
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During COVID, one of the things that brings heaviness is the animosity and angst.

- The handling of the virus & the economy
- Protest & pro or anti sentiment about it
- Masks for or against
- Rights advocates taking on the cops

Not a secret, I have an opinion on all these issues (as most of us do), but I've been challenged recently to respond with grace, understanding and an attitude of serving.

1 Peter 4:7-11 (10) TPT

Since we are approaching the end of all things, be intentional, purposeful, and self-controlled so that you can be given to prayer.

Above all, constantly echo God's intense love for one another, for love will be a canopy over a multitude of sins.

Be compassionate to foreigners[l] without complaining.

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[ARK and women in ministry]

Multiple churches now have prohibited me preaching...

- It causes angst in me (and them!)
- Here's the thing – one of God's grace gifts to me is communicating his Word. If I'm offered an opportunity or a platform I should take it, regardless of whether it's what I'd hoped for or not.
- I choose not to be militant (and tell them I'm not militant)
- My attitude is to use whatever avenue available
- I've found the situation diffused because of the above, and I've found I could make an inroad because I used the opportunity to serve rather than fight.

Using your gift in any capacity, even when not what you'd hoped or expected, not only builds the church, it reinforces your purpose

- And a leader with purpose is a leader traveling light.
- It actually lightens the load.

When lockdown re-enforced – feeling powerless, and frankly useless.

[Offered to sing off camera on a Sunday – one of my ‘grace-gifts’ is singing.
So I should use it to serve in this time.]

1. changes the scenery
2. makes me feel like I’m contributing

In a season of powerlessness and uncertainty – investing your gifts wherever possible gives purpose, and lightens the burden of the season.

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