

Hi Church,

I just wanted to encourage you today. With much of our country still in lockdown there are many people doing it tough. I know our pastors, leaders and CityCare team have been busy ministering to people and helping them in practical ways through these times.

It's important that we all continue to lean in, encourage one another and help each other through this pandemic. The gathering of the saints should never be optional. Together we are stronger.

In John 14:1,27 Jesus said, *“Do not let your hearts be troubled.... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you....Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* In these uncertain times, the peace of God is greater than our challenges.

Bobbie and I want to thank you for your prayers over the past few months. We are so blessed to be part of a church that knows the power of prayer and faith.

I also wanted to let you know that I've made a decision to step aside from my role on the Hillsong Church boards that oversee the governance of our operations. I did this so that these boards can function to their fullest capacity during this season. This doesn't change my role as Global Senior Pastor. I thought it was important to let our church family know in the interests of transparency, and I wanted you to hear it from me directly.

I am still full of vision and know that there is an exciting season ahead for our church. Can you believe that soon we will be talking about Christmas? A year ago, we certainly didn't expect to be still dealing with lockdowns and restrictions. Let's pray that Australia will turn the corner soon so we can meet together in worship with no barriers.

Let's do everything we can to be in church this weekend whether you are meeting in the room or online.

With love,



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