

NOT UNDER A BOWL

2nd in a Series on the Pandemic **Passage: Romans 8:15** - Topic: Fear

This past Sunday, Rick preached his first sermon from his living room. He gave an apt message for a world in pandemic: it was about fear.

He began by saying we are living with two huge threats: not only the virus, but the financial infrastructure of our society is crumbling. Companies are laying people off or going out of business entirely. But Jesus taught us not to worry with an alternative: seek the Kingdom of God instead. Rick pointed out that to stop worrying about something, it would just be replaced by another thing to worry about unless something else were put in its place.

Then Rick spoke about Jonathan, King Saul's son. He pointed out that Jonathan tried to make a difference in a troublesome situation. And God used Jonathan in a truly powerful way.

So Rick then pointed out that we need to change our mindset in this pandemic. We need to let our lights shine.

To do that, we can be a good example, we can pray for people, and we can care for them. In doing these things we will be focusing on the furtherance of the Kingdom of God, not on the impending doom. We need to serve our Lord, and focus on that, and the danger of this present time will recede into the background. So, Rick concluded, we should ask the Lord each morning what He would have us do to serve Him.