

## Words for Reflection

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A Conversation between society and God

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**Society:** What about my plans?!

**God:** My plans for you are always better than your own. Don't worry. I'm going to work this all out for your good.

**Society:** We're not going to get anything done!

**God:** That's the point. You know how you keep spinning your wheels—always working, moving, doing—but never feeling satisfied? I've given you permission to stop. I've cleared your calendars for you! Your worth isn't tied to business or accomplishment.

**Society:** What does this all mean?

**God:** It means I'm in control. It means you are human and I am God. It means I've given you a wonderful opportunity to be the light in a dark world. It means you are going to learn to rely on me.

**Society:** What are we supposed to do when we can't leave our homes?

**God:** Rest. You are always so busy and overwhelmed, crying out to me weary and exhausted. Can't you use a break from your fast-paced and over-scheduled lives? Go ahead and rest. Pray. Love your families. Be still and spend time with me.

**Society:** You mean we're supposed to stay home with our kids all day, every day?

**God:** Yes. And you're going to be just fine. This time together is a rare gift. The rush of daily life has come to a halt. Play games. Bake cookies. Work on projects you've never had the time for. Teach them kindness and grace. Show them how to endure difficult circumstances and steer them toward me.

Prevention, yes. Precaution, yes. Preparedness, yes. But after that, it's time to put the needs of others before your desires. When you see someone in need, help them. Offer up what you have. Do not worry about tomorrow! Haven't I always taken care of you? Now, [consider the needs] of someone else [by giving them space].

**Society:** Why is this happening?

**God:** [What is necessary is remembering that I will never leave you.] Patience and perseverance. [Remember] your purpose and priorities. Now is the time to learn and teach your children what this life is really about.

**Society:** We don't know who to believe.

**God:** Believe in me, [the Divine Physician, and the physicians whom I send]. Trust me. Ask me for wisdom and I will surely give it. [Stay home and take care of one another.]

**Society:** We're scared!

**God:** I've got this and I'm with you. [I will never leave you.]