



# A Very Serious Question to Ponder...

People are asking many questions today. What is happening? What is going on? Where did this come from? How long will this continue? Where does it go from here? Question after question, but no real clear answer.

Even the Psalmist asked a question over and over: "My soul also is greatly troubled; but You, O Lord---how long?" (Psalm 6:3) He was weary with groanings and he made his bed swim and drenched his couch with tears. "Lord, how long will You look on?..." (Psalm 35:17) "How Long?..." (Psalm 79:5) "O Lord God of hosts, How long..." Psalm 80:4 "How long, Lord?..." (Psalm 89:46) The recordings go on ... How long will this be or continue?

But the Question to really deeply ponder is the one the Almighty asks! It is found in Numbers 14:11:

"Then the Lord said to Moses: **How long** will these people reject Me? And **how long** will they not believe Me, with all the signs, which I have performed among them?"

As found in the film "I, Robot," a professor's recording states: 'Now that is right question!' What God wants is the right question! The Lord asks the right question to Moses that will lead to answering all other questions man may have. The right question is: How Long Will It Be Until You Believe Me? How Long Will It Be Until You Trust Me? The other questions will have the answer when man answers God's question! What will it take for you to believe and trust Me? That is the real question.

What is the Almighty revealing when He asks this question to Moses? Consider the following:

- He has shown Himself in the miraculous as they journeyed out of Egypt. It was supernatural and unparalleled. Believe Me ... I am able to do anything! I am able to do 'exceedingly abundantly above' anything that needs to be done for YOU! Believe Me!
- He has shown Himself in His unmatched promises 'housed' in words. He says it and it is done! You can Trust Me. My Word will not change! Trust Me ... People of Israel and people of God.
- 3. He has shown Himself in *Pure and Benefiting motives* for them and you. His motives protect, bless, liberate, energize, empower, and enrich YOU! You are BLESSED and He is HONORED! **Trust Me!**

God asks: How Long will it take for you to Believe Me and Trust Me?

Bottom Line: Let Go and Let Him! Yes, Let Him sort things out, make things clear, and correct what needs to be corrected. He can do it. Let Him! Just Let Him ... Give it to Him! I have done this recently in a number of simple, yet aggravating, problems that had not been resolved, and they have NOW been solved. He Did It. He cares about the small things in your life as well as the larger matters. Believe Him ...Trust Him. I wish I had more paper to write what He did for me for you to see.

When we believe and trust, the Holy Spirit gives to us what we need at that moment when we ask: "How long, Oh Lord ... How long?" It may not be the answer but it will be the 'sustaining energy of hope, peace, joy, and comfort' as we wait for the resolution! This is personally tailored for you and you alone! And that will be something to journal and tell others!

God Calls. We Equip. You Advance.

## The Latest Happenings ...

The Global Impact Missions Conference 2021 was held February 7-11, 2021. With restrictions in place regarding COVID-19, students met in plenary and breakout sessions. Missionaries from various organizations were present. The need for evangelism was presented in addition to providing support assistance for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



Pasco County Paramedics will be based on campus for the next eighteen months while their new facility is being constructed. The new L.L. Speer Hall will be their location. Pasco County is providing the communication and technology needed. Soon Welbilt Boulevard (the road in front of the college) will connect with Mitchell Ranch Road onto State Road 54. The college's location is in the center of territory that will need coverage by emergency personnel.

**Check out** the refreshed website. There are many areas in which activities and updates are located. The President's Circle has a dedicated spot containing articles, news, and other

information regarding the college. In addition, giving can be accomplished online.

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**Enhanced software,** computers, digital platforms and IT equipment are available for our students. Over \$300,000 has been given to assist the students in these areas as well as helping faculty and staff in their various responsibilities.

The college continues with 'students in the seat,' following all CDC Guidelines for Colleges and Universities. The *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund* is generating funds for Trinity College of Florida to use in designated areas.

The **Sports** program is continuing in a designated manner. Coaches are disciplining and assisting students in their pursuit of character development.



## **Upcoming Events ...**

The **President's Council** will meet March 12, 2021. It is a group of professionals within the business and educational arenas. Other related skills are represented from business to financial development. It is an advisory group to assist the Board of Trustees.

The ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) Annual Conference is February 17-19, 2021 in Orlando, Florida. All types of presentations are made for college/university personnel.

**The Ligonier** conference will be March 17-19. Biblical presentations are made in plenary sessions.

The **2021 Annual Banquet**, 'A Fresh Start on a Trusted Path,' is scheduled for May 6, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of New Port Richey with the **2021 Commencement** on May 8, 2021 in the same location. Speakers have been selected. Watch for details.

### **Urgent Prayer Requests**

You can really help by praying for these issues specifically.

- 1. Health and Well-Being of Students and Faculty.
- 2. Reaccreditation Committee Visit to the campus in April 2021. Three years of work have been completed for their review. With approval granted, the college will be accredited for another ten years.

- Use of HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) monies: These are grants from the government with designation.
- 4. Use of gift monies given to assist in debt reduction and financial ratios. New donor cultivation.
- 5. Prospective students for the fall of 2021. A new admissions director and financial aid director are in place to assist in this endeavor. Former staff is assisting in this event also.
- 6. The successful and safe completion of this semester.
- 7. The Board of Trustees: Counsel, Wisdom, and Support to and for Administration.

It has been said: <u>"Faith is a confession of trust</u>, not a demand for an immediate answer. <u>Let your confidence be in God</u>, whatever His answer may be." David Jeremiah

'A man's heart is right when he wills what God wills. Thomas Aquinas

In partnership with you and trusting Him together,

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