

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

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TO THE FAMILIES

RE: Letter of encouragement for families

Dear brothers:

We are aware of the huge pressure you have been subjected to because of the effects of COVID-19. Therefore, we would like to share some thoughts from the Bible to help you deal with this difficult situation and to feel Jehovah's love and protection.

Are you a family head that is trying to provide for your family's basic needs? Have you sadly lost your employment? Are you waiting for your government assistance that still has not arrived? 1 Timothy 5:8 says: "Certainly if anyone does not provide for those who are his own, and especially for those who are members of his household, he has disowned the faith and is worse than a person without faith." How comforting it is to know that Jehovah has his own household and that he is the foremost example in caring for those "who are his own" and for "those who are members of his household"!—1 Tim. 5:8; 2 Tim. 2:19.

If you live alone or with unbelieving relatives, you are not alone! Jehovah assures you that you can count on an even greater support than that of your own fleshly relatives. King David said: "Even if my own father and mother abandon me, Jehovah himself will take me in." (Ps. 27:10) Meditate on this: even if we cannot count on the company of our fleshly relatives, or if they do not share our faith, Jehovah assures us that He will take us in, and if Jehovah takes us in and soothes us like a father, is it possible to be in more tender caring hands? What a joy it is to be able to rely on this promise when we are experiencing difficult times!

What about you young ones? It may be that this confinement is causing you to feel anxious, frustrated or even lonely because you cannot get together with your brothers and sisters and friends. Feeling that way is normal. Jehovah created us with the need to interact with others, and doing so helps us to develop as a person. But think about this: Do you realize that right now is an ideal time to define and map out your spiritual career? If you have not yet done so, analyze this in your personal study. Call some of the older brothers or sisters from your congregation so that they can tell you about some of the goals they set when they were younger. Get in touch with brothers and sisters that are older than you that are good examples in Christian living; they can give you practical suggestions about how to have success in achieving your goals. We wish to share with you a very interesting point: Read Ezekiel 14:14. How old do you think Daniel was when Jehovah spoke of him as being an example along with Job and Noah? What lesson can you learn from this? When you finish with this project, we would like for you to tell us about your goals and what you hope to do to reach them. Remember that everything starts with the stage of life you are in right now: your youth.

It may be that you little ones wish that you could go back to playing in the park and getting together with your other little friends from the congregation. If that is how you feel, how can you use your time? We would like to suggest a very nice project: Why not make a drawing, or several drawings of what you imagine paradise will be like? Add to the picture some of your favorite Bible characters. Also, include some of the animals that you would like to be able to play with there.

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When you have your pictures ready, give them to your parents so that they can send them to Bethel. We will be so happy to receive them. Send us a letter explaining which things you have missed about the congregation, preaching, or your service to Jehovah during this time. Your opinion is very important to us!

With the assurance that Jehovah will continue to provide us the necessary encouragement and strength to continue serving Him with joy and confidence, we send you our Christian love and greetings.—Heb. 13:6.

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*