

Connections Made: from my California Family to all of You!



My July travels concluded with a long weekend stay with my family in Lake Tahoe.

The trip was planned January 2020 and in spite of and because of Covid-19 and social distancing expectations, we decided that coming safely together as a family was essential for our individual and collective well-being. In addition, it was exactly what everyone needed; we connected and supported one another. We prayed. We laughed and laughed and laughed. We played games. We swam at the beach. We went hiking. We spent a lot of time hugging each other. And, every night was filled with a wonderful meal followed by a lot of dancing.

However, what tied us together intimately and thoroughly was a “wrestling with the uncertainty” of living with Covid-19. The reality of this ambiguity was experienced by all from ages 12 to 64. This was a collective reality. We were also aware that we share this new reality with many.

An essential condition of living a life of faith is growing comfortable with ambiguity. Our success-oriented, goal-oriented society, in general, does not value the state of ambiguity/uncertainty. We like to be in control!

A discussion surfaced during the weekend of two Scripture stories that speak to **“faith journeys” non-negotiable call to embrace the ambiguity unknown.**

The story of “the Call of Abraham”, and “Mary’s Call” takes on a completely different understanding and value given our Covid-19 reality. Thank God Abraham and moved forward into the unknown for one outcome of his faithfulness was the birth of monotheism (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). And, thank God Mary did as well, for the outcome of her faithfulness was the birth of the Savior of the world. Walking into the unknown is a game changer.

Together, let us answer our Call of Faith to support and take care of one another as we face the uncertainties ahead.

The story of “Abraham’s Call” is found in Genesis 12: 1-4.

The story of “Mary’s Call” is found in Luke 1:26-38, (emphasis verse 38)