

St James' Thought for the Day – Saturday 18th April 2020

Sing in the storm

- Revd John Marshall

We have had the monthly prayer notice sheet for April 2020 from Fellowship Afloat Christian Trust. (FACT)

They reflect on life in lockdown.

I would like to share a couple of paragraphs. The writer likens this time to the wilderness. It was headed Easter- Resurrection and the anchor of hope.

“For Jesus, his wilderness experience led him to pray and meditate on the scriptures, he reflected about His life and what His mission would be after the wilderness experience was over, an opportunity that we have now, to help ensure that we are equipped and ready for the post-coronavirus new norm, whatever that might be!”

“It seems that the wilderness has circled the globe and we are all at risk of its impact. We can no longer claim to be in control.

So we trust in God, we turn to Him just like Jesus did in the wilderness. We often reflect on anchors at FACT- perhaps, at least in part because we ourselves are on a ship that relies on her to stay in place.

However throughout our history we have found it to be true- our hope in Jesus is our anchor. Storms have come over the years but our anchor has held. This storm is unlike any before and we know it is having a significant impact for more than just Fellowship Afloat but we are certain our anchor will continue to hold.

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You may like to get more information about FACT from here. There was a picture of Trinity the lightship where FACT is based in our exhibition of Hope,

Simon took it.



Bible Verse: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. - Isaiah 43:2

Song: Raise a Hallelujah - you can listen to it here
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2XtRuPfaAU>

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive*

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me

Bridge

Sing a little louder
In the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder
Louder than the unbelief

Sing a little louder
My weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder
Heaven comes to fight for me

Collect Prayer for Today:
Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.