

During the year of 2020, a novel Coronavirus was introduced to the world called COVID-19. It is contagious and without a cure. Therefore, in March 2020, most people in the United States were resigned to their homes in order to curb and slow down the movement of the virus. Thus, people all over the world were experiencing the same thing - a pandemic.

During this time, violence towards African Americans manifested itself and was televised for all the world to see. The hatred of Black and Brown people in America was highlighted. After which, people all over the world took to the streets protesting that Black Lives Matter! People realized that not only were Black people marginalized in the United States, but also the world over. Also, the pandemic revealed the inequality in the lives of Black and Brown people in the United States in the areas of housing, health care, wages, employment, education, etc. Black, Brown, and Native Americans were dying from the pandemic faster than any population in the United States. To top everything off, the majority people in the United States began to show or believe that the minority was taking over what they called "their country." Thus, racism, which was never fully addressed in this nation, raised its ugly head all the more.

All of these problems were brought together during a single year. It looked like death was abounding in every area of society. NOT! The Lord says, It's Time To Live! This is the 2021 Theme given to Apostle Leander Robinson for Covenant Warriors Christian Center. The 2021 Theme blessed me to realize all the more that God's Scepter is still extended in our lives. Race relations must be dealt with. Inequality

must change to equality for all. People must not be marginalized due to their skin color, heritage, etc. Justice must prevail for all citizens. We must speak life over race relations, inequality, and justice for all citizens. Again, we go back to the basics – the Word of God.

Mark (NKJV) 12: <sup>30</sup> “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This *is* the first commandment. <sup>31</sup> And the second, like *it, is* this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Body of Christ, if we truly show the Agape Love, that God kind of love, the hatred and fear would disappear. It's SIMPLE, but not necessarily easy if we do not get self out of the way.

Take blind Bartimaeus. In order to get Jesus' attention, he yelled. Mark 10:47 (NKJV). He came out of his comfort zone. In order to have the life that is planned for us, we must come out of our comfort zone and do something.

Sometimes we have to call out to the pastors, elders, or prayer partners for help. We have to encourage ourselves and also enlist the encouragement of others.

Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP) “For I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you, says the LORD, plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Being alive is breathing...inhaling and exhaling. “It's Time To Live!!!” means so much more. It means doing things that you always wanted to do. For example, taking care of your health by following health guidelines, exercising, good sleep habits, etc. Plan a vacation after the pandemic is over. Dream big and execute a plan to bring it into being.

It's Time To Live!