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Pastor Green's Daily Encouragement

During most weeks, I'm more than ready for the weekend to arrive, but this week even more so. Just let me watch a football game and don't interrupt the day with any news reports. We saw enough reports on Wednesday to last us a lifetime. So here we are, the work week for many is ending, and we are in a strange position. It would be good to just get in the car and take a long drive. Take some time to reflect and then clear our heads of what has been happening around us. The coronavirus is messing with that idea though, where can you safely go? All the more reason to stay close to home and spend some time in prayer. Ask God to stop the nonsense, and I mean the nonsense from every position and angle out there, not just from the gang that stormed the Capitol. What has the past year taught us about anything? That violence is OK if you call it peaceful, that breaking the law of the land is OK as long as it fits your personal beliefs. No, No, No, it's not OK. It's not OK to damage public property and trespass illegally just because it fits our agendas. It's not OK to burn and loot the property of others because we're not happy about the way someone was treated two thousand miles away. And in doing so, we are also violating the law of God. We are called upon to obey our elected leaders, even if we disagree with them. There are elections to remove them from office if they're not serving the will of the people, nor the will of God. You see where this is leading us . . . to the only way out, through the love and mercy of the Lord. Our ways are clearly not working, and it's well past the time that we should be turning our lives over to the Father Who created us. Do you wish to see change in the world, in this country? Me too, then the only way that it's going to arrive is through Jesus. We've tried it on our own and we've failed, and obviously we've failed miserably. Pray this day and throughout this weekend that God would hear our prayers and heal our land. And when next week arrives, keep praying, and keep encouraging others to do the same. In Christ alone will we find victory. Our song for this Friday is one that I posted back in March of last year, it was appropriate then and maybe even more so right now. It's a Casting Crowns song called "Praise You In the Storm." And it's a perfect time to praise God, from Whom all mercies flow. Have fantastic Friday, in the Name that is above all names, Jesus Christ our Lord.