

**Enduring the Turbulence of Life**  
**Part 2-A Call to Action**  
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THE DEFINITION OF TURBULENCE

THE QUALITY OR STATE OF BEING TURBULENT: SUCH AS

1. A GREAT COMMOTION OR AGITATION... EMOTIONAL TURBULENCE
2. IRREGULAR ATMOSPHERIC MOTION ESPECIALLY WHEN CHARACTERIZED BY UP-AND-DOWN CURRENTS
3. DEPARTURE IN A FLUID FROM A SMOOTH FLOW
4. A STATE OF CONFUSION, UNREST, DISTURBANCE, VIOLENCE, OR DISORDER

**TURBULENCE IS A CALL INTO ACTION!**

ROMANS 1:8-15

7 TO ALL IN ROME WHO ARE LOVED BY GOD AND CALLED TO BE HIS HOLY PEOPLE:  
GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

8 FIRST, I THANK MY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS BEING REPORTED ALL OVER THE WORLD. 9 GOD, WHOM I SERVE IN MY SPIRIT IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF HIS SON, IS MY WITNESS HOW CONSTANTLY I REMEMBER YOU 10 IN MY PRAYERS AT ALL TIMES; AND I PRAY THAT NOW AT LAST BY GOD'S WILL THE WAY MAY BE OPENED FOR ME TO COME TO YOU.

11 I LONG TO SEE YOU SO THAT I MAY IMPART TO YOU SOME SPIRITUAL GIFT TO MAKE YOU STRONG— 12 THAT IS, THAT YOU AND I MAY BE MUTUALLY ENCOURAGED BY EACH OTHER'S FAITH. 13 I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNAWARE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT I PLANNED MANY TIMES TO COME TO YOU (BUT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM DOING SO UNTIL NOW) IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT HAVE A HARVEST AMONG YOU, JUST AS I HAVE HAD AMONG THE OTHER GENTILES.

14 I AM OBLIGATED BOTH TO GREEKS AND NON-GREEKS, BOTH TO THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH. 15 THAT IS WHY I AM SO EAGER TO PREACH THE GOSPEL ALSO TO YOU WHO ARE IN ROME.

I MUST SERVE ALL PEOPLE—THOSE WHO SHARE IN GREEK CULTURE AND THOSE WHO ARE LESS CIVILIZED, THE EDUCATED AS WELL AS THE IGNORANT.

Turbulence is a call to action:

**1.) DESIRE TO SERVE GOD OUT OF LOVE.**

GOD, WHOM I SERVE IN MY SPIRIT IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF HIS SON, IS MY WITNESS HOW CONSTANTLY I REMEMBER YOU - ROMANS 1:9

BUT IF YOUR SERVANT SAYS TO YOU, "I DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE YOU," BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND IS WELL OFF WITH YOU, DT 15:16

**2.) DESIRE GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE**

"I PLANNED MANY TIMES TO COME TO YOU (BUT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM DOING SO UNTIL NOW)...".

ROMANS 1:13

11 I LONG TO SEE YOU SO THAT I MAY IMPART TO YOU SOME SPIRITUAL GIFT TO MAKE YOU STRONG— 12 THAT IS, THAT YOU AND I MAY BE MUTUALLY ENCOURAGED BY EACH OTHER'S FAITH. ROMANS 1:11-12

### 3.) FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION TO GOD AND OTHERS

14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

I must serve all people—those who share in Greek culture and those who are less civilized, the educated as well as the ignorant. Romans 1:14-15

16 For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 1 Corinthians 9:16

### LIFE QUESTIONS>?

“Our calling is not primarily to be holy men and women, but to be proclaimers of the gospel of God ... Paul was not conscious of himself. He was recklessly abandoned, totally surrendered, and separated by God for one purpose—to proclaim the gospel of God.”

Oswald Chambers

1. What do people say when they talk about your faith? What do they say about COV? What do you want them to say about your faith? About the faith of the COV Community? What is the best way for the public to know of our faith? On this last point - send a suggestion to [admin@sanramon.com](mailto:admin@sanramon.com) on how we can get others to speak of our faith. (Romans 1:8... your faith is being reported all over the world.)
2. How are you going to demonstrate your gratitude to Christ by showing His love to others?