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As we prepare for another weekend lockdown and a more stringent curfew, many of us are frustrated and angry. This second wave of Covid-19 is much worse than the first, and it seems as if we may never overcome it and the measures we are taking are not making a difference. However, it is at times like this that I firmly place my trust in God and our leadership. Something must be done, as we are losing a life a day, and that is simply too many.

Philippians 2: 4 says "Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Leaders are called to do this very thing, "be interested in the lives of others", and it is that interest and care that has prompted these new measures, however unhappy they may make us. I ask that we do our part and stick to the new measures; continue to wash our hands for 20 seconds or more; properly wear our masks, covering our mouth and nose; and social distance at least 6 feet from others. We are called to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers and that is what we must do.

In addition to obeying the laws and staying as safe as possible, let us remember that survival during these times is harder for some of us. If you can lend a helping hand to a neighbour in need, please do so without hesitation. If you have more than enough, please consider sharing with those who do not. This kind of kindness is what will help us all to survive.

Please continue to spread joy and send inspiring quotes or scriptures to <u>presidentsoffice@ub.edu.bs</u>. Please stay safe and be encouraged.

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