## **DAILY DEVOS WITH PHIL**

## **DAY 5: PEACE OVER PANIC**

Hey Everyone,

It's Phil here. I hope you're doing well and that these Daily Devos are helping you stand firm in these uncertain times.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) says: 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

I think we're all feeling a little bit weary and overwhelmed in the current climate. We're living through unprecedented times and we've never had to deal with such radical changes. But can I encourage you not to get weary in doing *good?* 

Be kind to others. Be unselfish. Spread the love – like we've been saying – *not* the virus! Keep honouring God. His Word promises that if you won't grow weary in doing good, then there is a harvest coming.

Don't give up. Don't lose the plot – God's peace is there and available to you.

Romans 12:1–2 (MSG) encourages us about how to live: 'So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. ...'

You don't have to be super spiritual. Bring your everyday life – including all your uncertainties, challenges, fears and basically everything that's going on – to God. Do good from wherever you find yourself in these crazy times. Fix your attention on Him. And remember. He works from the inside out.

Let's be the kind of people who continue to do good. Let's love others, and be considerate, and stay at home in order to protect the most vulnerable in our societies. At the right and proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not lose heart.

Trust God. He is with us.

Don't forget – spread the love, not the virus.

This is Phil, God bless.