

We Were Made for This (Part 2):
Experiencing Beauty in Ugly Times
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6 Ways God is Shaping Us through COVID-19

1. God is reminding us how _____ we are in a _____

²² *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.* Romans 8:22

2. God is fostering a spirit of _____ and minimizing _____

²⁶ *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. **For we do not know what to pray for as we ought**, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*
Romans 8:26

Jesus' Prayer for us:

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. John 17:22-23

3. God is showing us that an “_____” is far richer

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Romans 8:26

Jesus' Prayer for us:

¹⁵ *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.* John 17:15

²⁰ *“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* John 17:20-21

Application: Q1: How are you doing?
Q2: How are your neighbours doing?

4. God is _____ a different kind of _____

²⁷ *And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* Romans 8:27

5. God is revealing His _____

²⁸ *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28

6. God is making us _____ – Making us like _____

²⁹ *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.*
Romans 8:29