



## SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 2, 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

Just when you thought things could not get any worse, they did! What an awful experience it is for all of us to turn on our television sets and watch people burning down our country. I never thought I would live to see such a day in America! It is not the purpose of this letter to go into all that is happening around us, but I want to go on record for a couple of things:

If you watched last Sunday's online sermon, you already know of my response to the murder of George Floyd. I can't get that picture out of my mind. It is the worst thing I can remember witnessing in my lifetime. George Floyd did not deserve to die, and the people who were involved in killing him and allowing him to be killed need to be punished by the full extent of the law.

Although I have never met him or his family, I want to go on record—I love George Floyd, and I love his family. I have wept for them, and if I could, I would put my arms around them and pray for them and tell them that what was done to their son/sibling does not represent the people I know. I would ask them to forgive us for allowing such hate to exist in our supposedly civilized nation. And I would promise them that I would do everything and anything I could to make sure it does not happen again to anyone of any color or any race.

The peaceful protests that began almost immediately after George Floyd's death were respectful and honored George Floyd. But what is happening now is not honoring the life of George Floyd, and it is certainly not respectful. There are still those who are peacefully protesting. But they are now in the minority. Local thugs and outside anarchists have taken over this whole scene. This is not accidental. Groups like Antifa have been trained in the art of using a crisis to create chaos. They are being bussed into the major cities of our country to incite riots. I don't have to tell you what they are doing; you can see it for yourself. They destroyed the beautiful little city of La Mesa, and they tried to march across the Coronado bridge and destroy that village as well. Law enforcement has been taxed to the limit and are doing their very best to protect our people and our property, but hundreds of businesses have been destroyed, and many of them will never be rebuilt. With many just barely hanging on because of the Coronavirus, this is the final blow. This is a sad day in our nation!

But this is not the final day in our nation. We will come back. It will be harder now than it would have been. But I know the people of America, and they are resilient fighters and soldiers and rebuilders. Just as many citizens showed up after the riots with brooms and shovels in their hands to help clean up the mess and start to put things back together, we too will show up to preach and pray and serve to restore beauty and civility to our nation. God is not finished with America!

While all of this is going on, we are having church online, and as you probably already know, the Supreme Court has sided with our Governor to keep our churches closed indefinitely. By faith we are planning to open our church back up on Father's Day weekend. We are planning and praying and putting everything in order to make this happen. We need your prayers and your cooperation as we begin to roll out the necessary requirements for public meetings.

Once again this weekend, we will be turning to the Psalms for encouragement and direction. I have never been so thankful for a book of the Bible than I have been for this Old Testament hymn book. It is keeping me going with my head up and my heart on fire.

This past weekend, 26,610 people watched our English online services; 6,855 viewed our Hispanic online services; 15,970 were a part of our Arabic online services; and 1,174 witnessed the Iranian service. When I say that this many people watched, it is actually more than twice that many: The numbers I have cited do not really represent viewers, they represent computers that have connected with us. There were 182 people who made decisions to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Now that Memorial Day is past and we are in the month of June, the summer season of the church has officially begun. As the impact of the Coronavirus drags on, we are beginning to see our offerings slightly decline. I want to encourage you to stay faithful in your giving. During these days, we absolutely need everyone on deck as we persevere through this pandemic. There is a return envelope in this letter should you need one.

I promise you, God is still on the throne, and He is doing His work in our hearts and in our church.

I am so thankful for each one of you, and I will see you soon in online church!

Love from your pastor,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Jeremiah".

David Jeremiah  
Senior Pastor