

'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times', wrote Charles Dickens in 'A Tale of Two Cities'. That line could have been written for 2020, as we've experienced 'the worst of times' like never before during Covid19. Our 'normal' way of life that we took for granted seems so far away, as we've lived under the shadow of the pandemic. With our church, community and family lives disrupted, what has been amazing and caused me to drop to my knees in thanksgiving is the resilience that people have shown. Now that our lives have been stripped down to their bare essentials somehow God has helped us to realize what is important. It is our families, our worship, church life, and community that mean the most to us. As we look forward to the 'best of times' in 2021 may we all be reminded of God's provision for us in Romans 15:13 from the Message bible, 'Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

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