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# Leadership in Lockdown





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# 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Do not lost heart in gospel ministry because:

- You are being renewed daily by the resurrection power of Jesus (v16)
- Your afflictions are gaining a lasting eternal glory because of the resurrection of Jesus (v17)
- So, fix your eyes on our unseen eternal hope (v18)

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# Coronavirus Update

Hospital patients in the UK:

- 13 December - 17,329
- April - 21,682

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# World Perspective

- USA - surge after Thanksgiving
- Sweden – PM said had ‘misjudged resurgence of the virus’ – mortality rate as high as Spanish flu 1918
- European restrictions for Christmas

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## Wales: New Tier System Introduced

- Alert Level 1: 5 other people indoors & in private garden – max 30 outdoors
- Alert Level 2: 3 other people indoors and outdoors
- Alert Level 3: No one in home/garden – 3 people in open premises/outdoors
- Alert Level 4: only people live with indoors and outdoors
- Churches: open with capacity determined by social distancing

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# Scotland

- Additional areas to Level 3
- Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, East Lothian
- Churches open with limit 50 (20 if in Level 4)

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# England

- London now in Tier 3
- Tier 2 & 3 - only household groups indoors/private garden
- Tier 3 – only household group outdoors (except parks)

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# Christmas

- Discussions to reconsider Christmas law/guidance
- Advice not to gather – esp with elderly relatives
- 57% people said relaxation over Christmas should be abandoned

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# January to March

- 'Third wave' expected
- Tighter measures likely – lockdown?
- Judicial Review of national lockdown failed (Simon Dolan)
- Challenge to closure places worship not considered

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# Implications for Churches

- January until March likely to be difficult
- Leaders and Congregations frustrated/exhausted
- Take a break after Christmas
- Plan sensibly for next 3 months

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