

We are not in the same boat but rather in the same storm!

Some may say “we are all in the same boat”, but it’s not like that. We are in the same storm – but not the same boat.

For some, quarantine provides a moment of reflection, of reconnection, time to relax at home. For others, this is a time of desperate financial & family crisis. For some its a time to reconnect at home with family. For those living alone it is a time of loneliness and fear.

For some the increased government subsidy to unemployment insurance means more money than when they were working. For others it means working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or losses in sales.

For some shortages in supplies meant forgoing your favourite Easter candy, while others were concerned if there would not be enough essential foods such as bread, milk and eggs.

Some get angry at those who break quarantine, while others want to go back to work because they do not qualify for unemployment and are running out of money.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some don’t believe the virus is a big deal.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.

Realize that and be kind!

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