



In this turned upside down crazy world we are living in now, I have been reflecting on the pilgrimage of my life. God has allowed me to live through many things, both good and bad. As a boy in America, we are taught to be tough, strong, smart, and to look after those weaker than us. I took that to heart. I have always been a defender of weaker kids in school. As a soldier, my job was to defend all those that could not defend themselves. As an Radiographer trained in X-ray, CT Scans, and MRI, my job was to protect my patients by doing the best job I could for them. As a young father, I knew I was charged with taking care of my family first and foremost. With all this responsibility on my shoulders throughout my life, it has been a heavy weight at times. Although I continued to work as an “essential worker” throughout this quarantine, I have had time to contemplate that it was never me. The weight I thought I carried alone, Jesus carried for me. As a Christian, our job is to “love thy neighbor as thyself”. However, we are never told we had to carry the burden. In fact, we are told to place it all at the foot of Jesus. We are told “do not fear” many, many times throughout the Bible, yet we still do, Christian or not. I believe once we reflect on what Jesus has done for us in the past, it is easier to release our worry, and replace it with a confident gratitude. This confidence will help us draw closer to God and feel stronger in spreading His good news to others. It is never all on us, but on Jesus. I just had the hymn, “I surrender” pop into my head, odd huh? “All to Jesus, I surrender all”.

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