

NOT SURVIVING, BUT THRIVING:

Kingdom Ministry in a Time of
Pandemic and Racial Tension

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but thou shalt know hereafter.”
– John 13:7**

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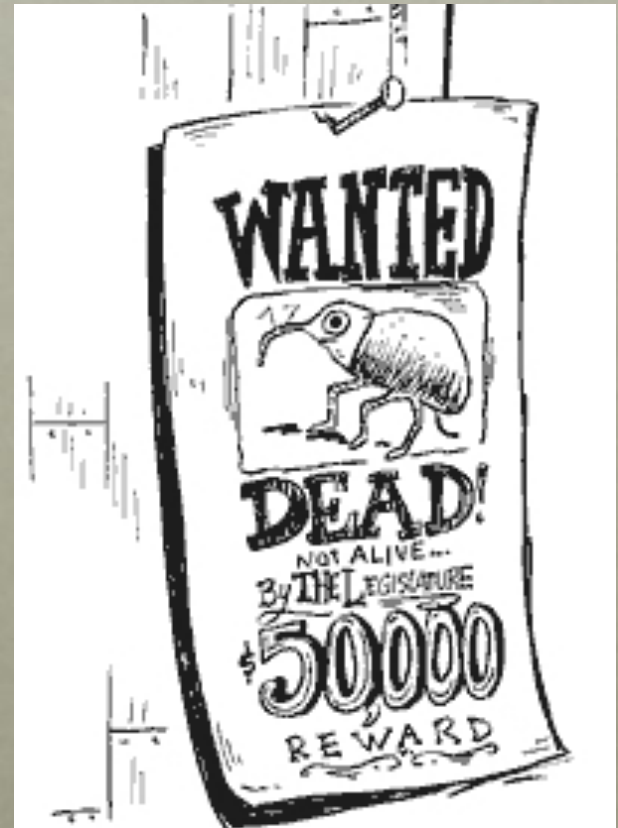
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Boll Weevil

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**“We cannot understand why the Lord takes our
near and dear ones away from us by death,
sometimes while they are in the very prime of life.**

**We cannot understand why our dear Lord
sometimes lays us low on a bed of sickness and
pain when we should like so much to be well,
going about working in His vineyard and doing
good to our friends and fellow-men.”**

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“We cannot understand why God, who rules the universe, suffers great steamboat disasters, railroad wrecks, ravages of war, various cruelties, oppressions, persecutions, and all other wrongs which are found recorded on the pages of history. But although we cannot understand these things, we have the divine promise that they are sent to us for our good and that we ‘shall know hereafter’.”

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“I decided that I would write one more letter, and if then no relief came, I would close the school, for I was just about discouraged. Now, that letter was to go to Dr. Booker T. Washington, our great leader.... [All] I asked of him was to give me the names of some individual or association in the North that he thought would help me keep my school alive for the benefit of my race.”

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“Money is already a story. Money has been an ever-present sign of commitment to a way of life.... We are caught always between God and mammon, caught between the way God organizes relations and the way relations are organized by mammon.... How will we live... is the crucial question for theological institutions. By this question we are asking both how will we survive and what will be the character of our surviving.”

- Dr. Willie James Jennings

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“A life + Christ = Success.

**A life – Christ = Failure,
no matter what you do.”**

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“Just as God uses nature, creatures, disease, and death as instruments to bring men to Jesus, so He used the little Mexican boll-weevil as an instrument to [bring] the Lutheran Church... to Alabama... “Thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter,” says the savior.”

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“Our great leader... took the wrong process.... He preached industrial education, and built a great school at Tuskegee... From that school the sentiment reached the public schools. Doctor Washington’s plan... while good in its place, will never solve [the problem]... The one thing needful is to teach the Word of God.”

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