

# **This is the Day...Monday**

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## **Normal?**

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”*  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Oh well. After two years of diligent mask wearing in public places, using enough hand sanitizer to fill a swimming pool, and carefully avoiding close contact with others, turns out I am now a card-carrying member of the Covid Club. Evidently, that little virus doesn't care about all our safeguards and precautions. It can find a way past them all. The good news is that my case of Covid was mild, and the symptoms were nothing more than those of a minor cold. But it is still Covid, and the protocol required me to isolate. For me, Covid is less of a health issue and more of an aggravation and interruption in my schedule. But Covid does not care about my schedule. But neither do all the other trials in life. The truth is, dealing with Covid is just another part of a normal life.

Typically, we think of a normal life as a life without troubles. A normal life is when we can go through our daily routine without any concerns or worries. A life where we can tend to our agenda for the day without interruption or roadblocks. A life where we are blissfully happy and carefree. However, that is not a description of a normal life in this world at all. That is a description of heaven.

So, what is normal? Normal is appreciating a day of peace after overcoming a trial. Normal is pushing through even when you want to give up. Normal is hanging on through the worst of the storm knowing there is someone holding you. Normal is the doctor's diagnosis, the letters from the creditors, and the pain of broken relationships. Normal is having a positive Covid test. It's not heaven but, we don't live in heaven yet. It's just normal life.

A life well-lived is not measured by the days of peace and tranquility. It is measured by our resilience and vision during the normal trials and pains which life can bring. It is measured by the storms encountered and conquered. It is measured by our growth during the worst of normal times as we strive to remain faithful.

Just like millions before me, I am living life with Covid. It is just another normal day of life. In every life, there is a time for everything. Good, bad, painful, and sad. But don't be afraid, be faithful. It's just normal life.