

## Personal Reflections by L. Finlay

As I reflect further on how the Corona Virus has affected my everyday life, here are some thoughts I would like to share.

Some things have not changed in my daily routine: my first duty in the morning involves feeding and caring for the needs of my pets - Hannah, my Persian cat and Eve, my Rough Collie. When Eve goes outside after her breakfast, I get a chance to notice the increasing growth of our tulips in the backyard, and the decreasing amount of snow. Watching more and more grass emerge is a welcome sign of Spring.

Next comes breakfast, followed by my devotional reading from the Bible, Dr. Charles Stanley and Joyce Meyer. The radio tuned to the Toronto Classical music station and sometimes breakfast tv, inform me of the state of this virus locally, nationally, and internationally. I find myself having additional time to read my Bible, pray for all of you and for the rest of the world, and also to listen to what the Lord is speaking into my own life. This has been a good time to get to know my Lord better.

It has been a particular joy for me over the past 13 years to conduct a Ladies Bible Study. Although during the present critical time we can't meet in person, we are able to continue our study from each of our homes through electronic connections. This is our way of coping with changed circumstances. I am also enjoying offering encouragement and friendship to people I know, through texts, emails and the phone. While one's schedule may be disrupted these days, maybe one's personal life can remain with a measure of normalcy by adapting, modifying and compensating. Like the willow tree, we bend but we do not break in the path of strong winds.