

# The World Has Changed

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Several days ago I told someone the corona virus pandemic is the first disaster to hit world-wide since WWII, so I believe it will be much larger and more profound than we expect. He responded, “*What did you learn that might be helpful?*” I have thought (and prayed) a lot about his question. Here are some of my conclusions as I look back at December 7, 1941 and the years that followed:

1. **Accept it!** The world has changed and it will never be the same again.
2. **Let Go!** Look forward and don’t try and hang on to the old normal.
3. **Expect Uncertainty!** It is like WWII when we didn’t know when (or even if) we would win.
4. **Think Long Term!** This may go on for years before it settles down.
5. **Live Lean!** Prepare to do without and substitute, but build margins of the essentials.
6. **Love and Be Loved!** Relationships with God and People will become increasingly important.
7. **Trust God!** Stop worrying and apply His Word e.g. The Sermon on the Mount.

Remember, these are just one old man’s thoughts from my unique view. Many will disagree and I may be wrong, so get all the Godly counsel you can. Then, as usual, hold onto what is good (of God)—and discard the rest.

*From Grandpa With Love*

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