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Hi Friends,

There is so much uncertainty at the moment. That which had seemed reliable, has proven to be unsteady and temporary. For students, there is so much fear over the climate, job market, housing market, energy crisis and wars. They are anxious over future pandemics, dominance of AI mental health tsunamis and so many other valid concerns.

But **there is hope!** When in crisis or times of uncertainty, we need a bigger picture. We have a great hope in the person of Jesus and he is greater than all the fears in the world. In fact, he encourages us to take heart because **he has overcome the world** (John 16:33).

At the turn of the millennium, there were great fears over what the new era would hold. Would planes fall out of the sky, banks crash and computers not turn on? Would there be untold wars and famine? We didn't know. As the first sunrise of the new millennium hit the first bit of land on the international date line, a small group of people in the tribal dress of that island sung these words from the Messiah,

"AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER!"

That is how planet earth welcomed the new millennium.



HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER

And it's true. He has reigned for the last two millennia and the awareness of this is only going to increase as we move ever closer towards his return.

We gathered last week to pray through the night for students in the UK. This was how we started and it went on for a long time. We sung these words and simply declared the Lordship of Jesus over every single student, every university, every parent, every lecturer. **He is Lord. He is King. He reigns forever. Hallelujah!** Of course we still need to engage with the challenges of the day, but our posture is helped when we surrender to God Almighty and pray **"not my will, but yours"**.

I want to encourage you to take this perspective when you feel overwhelmed or when you are talking with a student who feels that it's all too much. **He shall reign forever and ever.**



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P.S. If you missed the prayer night but want to join us at our next prayer event, our annual [Wide Awake conference](#) is in June and tickets are on sale! We'd love you to [join us!](#)

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