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My dearest brothers and sisters,

Greetings and blessings to you and your families. As always, I hope and trust that your week has been fruitful.

Perhaps you may have noticed that there are many issues in the media that have consumed us - remember the recent outage by Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp. It was a global phenomenon that suddenly shattered many of us who are reliant on these apps, we became helpless and unable to effectively communicate and work. The world has certainly advanced technologically. However, I wonder if we ask ourselves - have we also advanced in terms of how we respond and react to the world around us?

This week, I invite you to read a short story about reflections.

The reflections

Once a dog ran into a museum filled with mirrors. The museum was very unique, the walls, the ceiling, the doors and even the floors were made of mirrors. Seeing his reflections, the dog froze in surprise in the middle of the hall. He could see a whole pack of dogs surrounding him from all sides, from above and below.

The dog bared his teeth and barked all the reflections responded to it in the same way. Frightened, the dog barked frantically, the dog's reflections imitated the dog and increased it many times. The dog barked even harder, but the echo was magnified. The dog, tossed from one side to another while his reflections also tossed around snapping their teeth.

Next morning, the museum security guards found the miserable, lifeless dog, surrounded by thousands of reflections of the lifeless dog. There was nobody to harm the dog. The dog died by fighting with his own reflections.

Moral: The world does not bring good or evil on its own. Everything that is happening around us is the reflection of our own thoughts, feelings, wishes and actions. So what do we need to do, be wise in a world where so much is out of our immediate control? Thinking about the dog in our story, we must agree that the world is indeed a big mirror, so on that note let us strike a good pose.

I wish you a wonderful new week. May God continue to bless and guide us. We remain united in love and prayer always.

Yours,

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