**“Are we there yet?”**

When I was a teenager, I did a few ‘road’ trips with my parents. The trips were short mostly, sometimes by train, often by car. As an only child I was the one they focused on and though I was quiet and shy, and insecure, I could always think to myself or say, “Are we there yet?”

While I have spoken to most of our clients, the unanswered and unspoken question is, when will this be over? THIS being our current circumstances due to #COVID-19. There is the real desire to revert to the previous state of life, culture, society, economics and commensality.

Let’s be honest. First, after the shut down or pause, things will not feel normal. There have been ‘things’ that have slowed us down and maybe that’s good. There have been things that have been subtracted, I miss a good dinner out, theater, music venues and more.

Second, it may very well be a time to build cash reserves that might be a bit depleted along with creating a renewed #financial plan.

Third, thus, it may be a time for new plans, new vistas, new horizons. I remember the first time I saw the Rockies after being cooped up in a seminar in Chicago for the summer. It truly blew my mind. Some us have lost friends to the #virus and many thousands of unknowns have been taken out of the circle of life. This bids us to see life differently. A reassessment is welcome.

Fourth, be available to friends, neighbors, those who matter around you. And say a prayer of thanks and gratitude for having the courage to be vertical in these times when the foundations have been shaken. The #future is still a great #investment and anticipation a healthy strategy.

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