LOCKDOWN HAS BEEN FOR TWO YEARS!

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With the end of lockdown restrictions in sight, churches and church leaders are starting to consider how to draw churches back together again and how to "get back to normal". (Spoiler alert: normal won't be the same as it used to be.) In that context, I just thought that I'd share a short lesson that we learned from life overseas.

When you have been separated from other people, it is effectively for twice as long as the calendar says.

Let me explain. We'd be in Africa for three and a half to four years, during which time we lived through all sorts of stuff, we learned stuff and our kids got older. When we returned home to the UK, we had 3.5-4 years of stuff to share with our friends. The thing is, although they hadn't swanned off across the globe, they too had built up a load of experiences and their kids had grown older two. We had two lots of experience, growth and stuff to catch up on. We were effectively 7-8 years apart in life events.

Now, churches have had some contact through Zoom or what have you over the last year, so the separation hasn't been quite as intense as it was for us in pre-internet days, but there is still going to be levels of life experience to catch up on. The calendar will say that we've been locked down for a year to fifteen months, but in terms of corporate lived experience it will be significantly longer than that.