



Rescuing and Restoring Children Trapped in Sex Slavery

Doug Addison with Erica Greve [Episode 74]

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Hey, friends. Welcome to another [Spirit Connection podcast](#). Doug Addison here. You know, this is a divine season that we're in right now. I minister in Hollywood and we live here in Los Angeles, well, basically because God called us here to impact the arts and entertainment and the media industry. It's a pretty high cost, actually. It costs us everything we do personally just to minister here. The high cost of living to live here, to minister here, the high cost of warfare. But I tell you, it's worth it all because we can impact the world and we can do things. You know, the cost that we have is nothing in comparison to those who are victims of crimes and injustices.

We are in a season right now that we need God's intervention with violence, injustices that are happening around the world. God's balancing the books. He's balancing the scales of injustice. That's why we're seeing things exposed right now. We're seeing stuff happening and repayment is coming.

I heard the Lord say, Matthew 18:23, *"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants"* (NIV). In other words, there are times when God will balance the books. He's doing it right now. He's settling the books in Heaven. He's examining the ways the enemy is over-attacking you, either personally or in the world, because this is the time right now. Injustices are being exposed quickly and there is repayment that comes. The key is to not try getting revenge yourself. Let the Lord do it.

So, God is moving everywhere right now and we're going to see some things happen and we're going to see some old ways die away and the new things are going to start to spring forward. We're going to see life start to really emerge from some dry places—the dry bones. God is blowing His breath, the Ezekiel 37 breath, on the dry bones and this is a time ... I tell you, we're going to see so many changes over the next few months that I want to encourage you to stick with it. Everything is happening quickly now and there is going to be a greater purpose released for you.

The books of purpose are actually being opened and greater purpose of the Lord is being released. I've been seeing this in Heaven. I've also been praying it and I heard the Lord speaking it—that the day of repayment is here.

Zechariah 2:5 says, “‘And I myself will be a wall of fire around these,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will bring glory to them’” (paraphrase). The Lord is declaring this. “I’m going to reveal injustices. I am going to now be the wall of fire and protect those people who really need it.”

Now, there’s a group of people—I’m sure you’ve heard about it. It’s those who are victims of sex trafficking and sexual crimes. It’s alarming. I was just looking on the internet. The sex trafficking industry is multibillion dollar and it includes the United States as well. It’s the fastest growing crimes on the planet; some of the highest paying, unfortunately. They estimate 25 million people are trapped or forced into human trafficking worldwide. Now, that’s alarming but God is raising up a new standard right now.

You know, while I was ministering in Hollywood a while back, several years ago, I met someone who has also given her entire life and ministry to helping people trapped in the sex slave industry. Her name is Erica Greve. I have her on the broadcast today. She is the founder and CEO of [Unlikely Heroes](#), the nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing and restoring children’s lives, those who have been victims of sexual slavery. She is a speaker and writer. She’s actually ... gosh, I tell you, she just has such a strong anointing and I’m so excited with what’s going to happen right now, because when she speaks things break open.

Doug: Erica, welcome to the broadcast.

Erica: Thank you so much for having me. I’ve been really looking forward to speaking with you again, Doug.

Doug: Yes. Me too. You know, I got a couple of prophetic words and ... I had actually reached out to you a little bit ago and I felt the Lord saying, “It’s time to have Erica on the [Spirit Connection podcast](#).” So, I’m so glad you could join us.

Erica: Thanks. You know, your words mean so much to our team. I’ve been thinking about when I told our team that I was going on your podcast ... they were so excited. Just this morning one of our team members said, “You know, I wait for Doug’s word to come out every single morning and today his came out a little bit late and then as soon as I saw it I grabbed it and I texted it out to the team and said, ‘We’re taking this and receiving this for today.’”

Doug: Wow.

Erica: You have no idea how many times I've woken up at 6 o'clock in the morning because our team ... Somebody woke up early and saw one of your words and then texted it out. I always say, "God, why do we have to text it out at 6 o'clock in the morning. Can't we do it at 9? It's Saturday." But we love them and we wait for them and you have no idea how many times they've been not just correct and right on time, but they've actually helped to build our faith and connect our faith with what God's doing ...

Doug: Yes.

Erica: ... and to focus us in on looking for what God's doing, which I feel like is such a gift but also that takes practice. So, when you release your words it's that kind of pause that makes us go, "Okay, yes, this is what God's doing and we're going to agree with it."

Doug: Wow. That's so cool. Well, you're the founder and the CEO of [Unlikely Heroes](#). Why don't you just tell us a bit about that and just you and what you do?

Erica: Yes. So, [Unlikely Heroes](#) is an anti-human trafficking organization. So, we rescue kids out of sex slavery all over the world and then we place them into our restoration home. So, we now have 7 homes, 1 in the Philippines, 1 in Thailand, 4 in Mexico, and 1 in the United States in Dallas, Texas. So, we've rescued more than 400 children from slavery all over the world ...

Doug: Wow.

Erica: ... and then after the kids are rescued, they come into our home and then we provide them with education, medical care, life skills, trauma therapy, job training ... whatever they need so that they can have the specific services that they need so that they can live lives filled with freedom and hope.

Doug: That is amazing. What I really like about what you do ... you're just not going over and buying someone out, you know?

Erica: No.

Doug: You're providing a way for them to integrate and, you know, come back into the world and be saved.

Erica: You know, what is always just such a gift is ... When I started [Unlikely Heroes](#) and I started thinking about rescuing out kids ... I mean, these kids are having over 2,000 rapes and unwanted sexual experiences every single year. So, when I really felt like God was asking me to start [Unlikely Heroes](#), you know, the picture in my mind of the kids that we were rescuing out is I

was thinking they would have been through so much trauma that they would need long term care and long term services, you know, for the rest of their lives. And what's so incredible is that these kids ... so many of them really have this understanding and this just gratefulness for their freedom that they become word changers.

Doug: Yes.

Erica: So, one of the gals that went through our home is now in Mexico City. She is from Mexico and she was trafficked for many years and then she finished high school, finished college, went on to get her law degree and she is now on the Forbes list of 100 most powerful women in Mexico and she is working for the Mexican Supreme Court and helping to rewrite the anti-trafficking laws.

Doug: Come on. Come on. That's amazing.

Erica: I mean, it's incredible to think about these kids. One of the girls in our USA home, she came into our program and tested between 4th and 6th grade and we had to put her through an accelerated home-schooling program. And then she started high school about a year behind, because oftentimes when kids are trafficked, you know, they weren't able to be in school so they come into our program behind. Then we were able to get her into one of the top schools in Dallas and now she is ranked in the top 10 percent of her class going into her senior year and she wants to be a doctor and so she's applying to go pre-med in the universities. So just like stopping and thinking about everything she's accomplished and even everything she's been through, there are kids that haven't been trafficked that aren't dreaming that big.

Doug: Exactly.

Erica: So, I think about them grabbing a hold of the future that's bigger than what I was dreaming for in my life at her age and it's just really truly incredible and such a gift from the Lord.

Doug: Yes, and this seems to be the season now. We've been hearing a lot about it. You hear people talking about rescuing people, you know, out of human trafficking. So, God placed this on you. Do you remember, was there a certain time or did you have like a vision or something?

Erica: There was. I was working ... I got a master's degree at UC Berkeley and I was interning at Oakland Children's Hospital and kids were coming into the Emergency Department who had been trafficked and there was one little girl and she came in with her mom. She was only 11 years old. She couldn't read

or write and she was mentally challenged and she was failing out of 4th grade. I will never forget her. She was sitting there with this coloring book coloring the picture of a horse with her crayons. And her mom basically gave me a heads up that she was being trafficked and so she was saying that her trafficker ... she was calling him her boyfriend.

So, I said to the little girl, "How did you meet your boyfriend?"—using her word—and she said, "Well, I was walking home from school one day and I saw a man staring at me. And the next day he was out of his car, the next day he started talking to me, then he became my boyfriend, the first person in my entire life to say, 'I love you.'" Then she said, "Then I fell in love with him." Then he started giving her drugs and then he slowly introduced her to the other girls that he was trafficking and basically desensitized her to what it would be to be trafficked.

Doug: Yes.

Erica: She looks physically normal, but as soon as you started talking to her you knew that she was cognitively delayed. So, I said, "What was it like the first time that he, you know, trafficked you, that you had to go get raped for money?" She said, "Well I was ... he said he would be watching me," and so he put her on the main track which is the street that the girls in Oakland were being sold for and trafficked on, and she said, "Every time I looked over at him he was staring at me and so I just walked up and down the street until a car came over and picked me up." Then she said, "And then I got in the car."

So I think what disturbed me so much is to know that there were actually people who were going out to find the most vulnerable in our society, the most at-risk, mentally challenged kids. I can't think of a more vulnerable group.

Doug: Right.

Erica: So, her mom pulled me aside and said, "Can you find a home for her?" You know, this is years ago before we were talking about human trafficking and modern-day slavery, using those words. I said, "No problem. Let me go find the home that exists for her," and I went and asked my supervisor. My supervisor said, "There's no place like that," and I said, "What do I do?" and my supervisor pretty much laughed at me, kind of like, "Oh, you green intern," you know. "You don't know what the real world's like. There's nothing; there's no help for her." She said, "You have two choices. You—," and she put it on me. She said, "You can call the police and have her charged with child prostitution, with prostitution. Now she's going to have a record for prostitution and her pimp will show up tomorrow night, say he's her uncle and bail her out anyway or you could send her back to the streets." So, I had to

go back to the mom that day and say, “I’m sorry, there’s nothing I can do to help your daughter,” and I had to let them walk out of the Emergency Department knowing that she was going to go be raped and someone was going to exploit her for money that night. All I can say is that I just felt troubled. I just felt troubled and I didn’t know what to do. I never thought I’d be a part of the solution or that I’d start an organization. I didn’t think anything. I just was troubled.

I graduated with my master’s and I went full time back at Bethel Church and worked for Jesus Culture for several years, and was a part of their speaking team, and the whole time I would look at the kids that were so well taken care of and had a youth pastor. I would be at these conferences and they’d just be overflowing with amazing people and I’d think these kids have so many people who are supporting them and helping them and I’d think of her face, and I think, “But she has no one.”

So I ended up ... I felt like God kept saying to me, “Will you say yes?” That was the question, “Will you say yes?” It wasn’t, “You have to do this.” It wasn’t, “I’m making you do this.” It was, “Will you say yes?” and I don’t know how you could ever say no to the Lord but, even more than that, I don’t know why you’d ever want to, because I’ve never ever regretted saying yes to the Lord. So, I did everything that I could do in the natural. I didn’t—.

People always say to me, “How do you rescue the girls out?” and at the time I didn’t even know how all this was going to work. So, I did everything I could do. I got the website, I, you know, made the business cards, and I brought it to the Lord and I said, “God, this is what I can do with my hands and everything after this ... I dedicate [Unlikely Heroes](#) to You and everything after this is going to be You.” And that’s how it’s been and within a month after that we had our first home open in the Philippines.

I all of a sudden found myself dropped off in a city on an island in the Philippines and driven into a war zone, into a militia controlled area, underneath blankets, surrounded by guards with AK47s and we got 10 girls out on our first trip. We landed on November 11, 2011—11/11/11. It was a Friday and by that Sunday night girls were showing up at our doorstep in the Philippines saying, “We heard there’s a home for us. Can we please move in?”

Doug: Wow. It’s moving. Now, this all started ...

Erica: Yes.

Doug: I'm ready to go into tears here because of ... You know, this wasn't in another country, you guys. This all started in the San Francisco Bay area, you know, and ...

Erica: It did.

Doug: This started in the United States with this vision that the Lord gave her and it's going on, you know, right here. I'm just so moved with you. First of all, the fact that you received that word and then you did something. I think when we met, we met you at a Hollywood party back a few years ago ...

Erica: Um-hum.

Doug: ... back a few years ago and you told me you were working on a film. I think you might have just started or something that was right along those lines. You may have just started [Unlikely Heroes](#) at that time. I'm not sure.

Erica: Yes. Yes, we were just launching it. At that point I was actually probably just working on all the back end stuff and working on getting it together and now thinking it's been 7 years and we've got 7 homes open now and more than 100 kids living in our homes. And the dream was always to have a home in the United States and then in 2015 we opened our first home here in the United States and we have an 8-bed home here and see these girls thriving and soaring and dreaming of their futures and doing so well. Honestly, there's no better feeling than knowing our kids are happy and doing really well.

Doug: Yes. This is amazing, absolutely amazing. You know, you've mentioned ... You know, we were praying a head of time and stuff.

Erica: Yes.

Doug: Like this is a divine time that God's really intervening, you know, because that's what we need right now. We need hope. Hopelessness has taken over the world, but we need divine intervention. Has God been speaking to you about that?

Erica: Absolutely. You know, I was praying about being on your podcast with your words that come out, because there was a woman who was speaking years ago and she was on stage at a conference at Bethel Church. And I felt like the Lord said to me ... I was like, "God what's so special about her?" And I felt like the Lord said, "She's learned how to focus in on My voice, to hear My voice." It was like she learned how to get out of the boat and stand on the waves and keep hearing the voice of God. And I feel like that really ... It's not just a gift. It's actually like ... it's like a skill that you have to actually hear

what God's doing and focus on what God's doing and then align yourself with that. And sometimes you have to actually say, "I'm not going to hear any other voice or see any other thing. I'm going to say, 'God, what are You doing?' And I'm going to move towards You."

Right now one of the things that I'm praying the most is, "God, show off." I think God, in the best way, if you say, "God, will You show off," and you're listening and you're looking for it, it's almost like He loves to give His kids Christmas presents. But the kids He loves to give the Christmas presents to the most are the ones with the best reactions. So, I always think, "God, like, let me see Your gift and let me love it. Like, let me just marvel in Your goodness and in You showing up. And how do I see that in my life?" And then I love to say, like, "God, show me where You showed up," and right now I'm seeing God showing up.

It's like this word that I keep getting is, "It's Christmastime," and a good father has already put the bike together, he's already assembled it all and he's waiting for that moment that's he's aligned it all so perfectly that the kids wake up and they turn the corner and they see all the presents and the presents are here, and all we have to do is say, "Show me Your goodness, show me Your presents," and it's time to just unwrap the gifts.

Doug: Yes. That's such a good word. I love that, you know. People look at God as way different than what He is, you know, like He's some taskmaster or, you know, that He's not going to be the giver of good gifts. That's one thing that Jesus said, you know, "the Father's a giver of good gifts." And those are the people who are having fun; they realize that. You know, we're in a time of suffering, but you can actually have a good time in the midst of the suffering.

Erica: Yes.

Doug: So, there is a divine turnaround. I believe, there is. Has the Lord spoken to you about this at all?

Erica: Yes. Can I tell a little story that might be fun and encouraging?

Doug: Absolutely.

Erica: So, I'm on email 24/7. My phone's pretty much grafted into my hand. We were filming for our newest [Unlikely Heroes](#) video on the top of a rooftop in downtown Dallas. It was just a friend of a friend that got us the building. I didn't know anything about the building. I still don't know Dallas very well. On the elevator on the way up to the rooftop. And our team said it was perfectly sunny and like blue skies and they're sending me pictures that the weather looked great on the rooftop. They're sending me pictures and I'm going up

the elevator and I immediately ... I get this email and it comes in. It says, "Erica." It was from a big musician's manager; her name's Andra Day and her music's incredible. It said, "Erica, I've got something for you. Call me immediately and I want to discuss it with you." So, the elevator doors open and the whole team said that the second that I stepped my foot onto the rooftop it started raining and the wind just picked up like crazy. So, I ran to call him and I had to like run to the other side of the rooftop where there's just like one wall and I like had to hide behind the wall just to not get rained on. The wind was so ... had picked up so much I couldn't even hear half of what he was saying. But what I heard him say was that Andra Day was going to do her next song for us.

I was so excited, and I came back and now they're pulling the whole shoot down. They had the whole thing set up and we're holding the elevator door open to get off the rooftop and we go back down to the bottom floor of the building and we're all just kind of standing there and I was like, "I really thought we were going to film today. Like, what's happening?" So, we get this call. We start praying that God would clear the weather, and so we go back up to the rooftop, it's clear, it's an even better shot than it was had it not rained, and it's like this perfect weather up on the rooftop.

As soon as the shoot was over, the person who got us the building said, "You know what building this is, right?" and we said, "No," and they said, "This is the building that was the old Supreme Court where they decided Roe v. Wade."

Doug: Wow.

Erica: So, here we are on a rooftop in downtown Dallas and I have no idea this is the old Supreme Court building, filming a video for [Unlikely Heroes](#) to bring freedom and equality to people all throughout the world. We had gone downstairs and we were probably praying right next to where Roe v. Wade was decided at that Supreme Court building.

A week later we get this song out from Andra Day and the press release just came out today actually, but we got the song lyrics and the very first verse of her song, which is called *Amen*, for [Unlikely Heroes](#), it actually talks about being on a rooftop in the rain.

Doug: Wow.

Erica: You can't make that up!

Doug: No way.

Erica: Like, you just can't make up that I got the call about the song while I'm standing on a rooftop. When are you ever on a rooftop in the rain? So, there are those moments of divine intervention that you just have to go, like, "God, not only are you so real, You planned this down to the email and the elevator and the rain on the rooftop and the words in the song, and the chorus is: Amen to basically, you know, every good and bad thing that's happened in my life. Amen to everyone who has ever hurt me. Amen.

I feel like that's such an incredible challenge that my girls challenge me with every day. I rescue kids and I'm with them, like, when I'm in the Philippines. I'm thinking, you were locked in a tiny little room, you were raped all night long by men, you had no freedom, you were not allowed to leave. These girls were 9, 10, 11 years old, just raped all night long, and I see them and they have forgiveness in their eyes and they have hope in their eyes and I think, "If you can forgive, how in the world is there anything in my life that I could not forgive someone for."

So, to get this song and it is just so meaningful and so powerful ... That our girls—that they're able to somehow take the good, the bad and the ugly of their lives and stand with God and to say amen and triumph and be victorious over it and then to see God do all that on a rooftop in the rain. The actual words are, "I know that I should be crying, but my heart just won't obey."

When I stop and think about that my heart should be crying over all of the human trafficking in this world, but my heart won't obey. And sometimes there are days that I do cry but I will tell you, Doug, I get to see some of the most amazing sides of humanity in the midst of seeing all this pain. I get to see people give for kids that they will never be able to meet or hug. They give their time, they give their resources, they volunteer for us. I get to see people just generously pour out of who they are on behalf of these kids. And I get to see these girls who have been through so much walk in forgiveness and walk in a destiny that goes beyond anything that I ever imagined.

So, I think there's so much when it comes to hope and it comes to faith about going, "God, where are You and what are You doing?" and "Show me how to see what You're up to."

Doug: Yes. That is powerful. You know, a lot of times, you know, we get caught up in our own lives, in our own pain, but there is something about—I tell you—something about stepping back long enough and reaching out to someone else. It doesn't matter if it's in the Philippines or if it's at Starbucks, you know, up the street from your house ... just reaching out and touching someone with love or understanding, and that's what your gift is. I'm so amazed at the level of compassion and love that you have and it's healed your life. I feel that, is that there's been some ...

Erica: Yes.

Doug: I think maybe some of the best therapy you could ever do is ministry that you're doing.

Erica: Yes. God's really good. I mean, He says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." You know, when you think about how we love ourselves. Like, we make sure we eat every day, we make sure that we are clothed and taken care of. You know, we think about our own lives and when you actually think about it, you never keep track of what you do for yourself. You never go, like, "I worked out today," or whatever. There's not ... Nothing's owed. And when you actually love your neighbor for yourself ... And I think that's the real heart of justice is ... Do it because you're giving with no expectation of return. And I feel like there's something that's so important about the intention and the posture of our heart before the Lord.

Like, I've always said from day 1 at [Unlikely Heroes](#), "It doesn't matter if I do this for 6 months or 6 years or 60 years, I'm going to do it as long as the Lord says and none of these kids ... No one owes me anything. Because that's the real meaning of justice, is I'm going to stop my life and I'm going to stop my time to help somebody else, not to get anything, but just to freely give just like Jesus did. And I feel like in that there's just such a treasure when you can just say, "God, I know there's never going to be a convenient time for me to help someone else." And whether that's I'm helping my neighbor, I'm helping a single mom down the street who I know ... You know what? She probably needs her lawn mowed. You know, like, we've got a team of women who help so much with our girls and volunteer and, you know, sometimes it's just really nice to have somebody who will just mow your lawn.

I feel like that when we get that heart of God, I can start anywhere, right now, today and help someone else just to do it. I'm just going to help somebody else make their life better. It's just incredible to see the gifts of joy and hope that just comes right back into our own lives, not that we're ever doing it for that, but I love grabbing the Lord's hand and saying, "Okay, God, what can we do today together? What can we do today that will be fun?"

Doug: Yes. You know, you got to go to the [Bethel School of the Supernatural](#), you talked about, and got to do some really fun things and some people might not be able to. I know, for a number of years I wanted to go to ministry training a few years ago. I wanted to be able to go to Bible college. I never did, but what I did was exactly what you just said—I started doing things. My Bible college really was helping widows and orphans, visiting people in jail, because I read that in the Bible. I visited people in jail, I prayed for the sick.

In fact, I remember, when you were talking about Berkeley, the Lord visited me in Berkeley, gave me the vision to do this back in 2001. I always said I wish I could have gone to Bible college but, do you know what? My books are now being used in Bible colleges.

Erica: I love it.

Doug: So, I just want to encourage the people who, you know, are out there who are listening and you want to do something. Maybe you feel like you're hearing Erica's story or maybe you've heard some of my story—you need a breakthrough. I just want to say that God wants to use you right now, where you are.

Erica: Yes.

Doug: This is just such an encouragement. Even in the midst of such a ... Honestly, this subject that we're talking about is such a terrible subject but, listen, it's full of hope. That's what I love about this.

Erica: You know, when you want to go somewhere, the first thing you think of is: let me take my best friend. So, where I want to be is ... I want to be where Jesus is and I want Jesus to say, "Let me take My best friend." I feel like when you can have that relationship with God where you know you can just say, "Hey, God, what, what can we do today that will be fun?" "How can I grab Your hand and walk with You through life today?" I feel like that's my favorite place to be, where I just get to be a daughter and to grab His hand and go, "Okay, what are we doing now? What are we doing next?" And that always looks different. I know that that's something, that's that place where we can all start and build that personal relationship. Because when you have a personal relationship with the Lord it's like everything just makes sense and I feel like grabbing His hand is something that I feel like is His delight and He loves it when we do that.

Doug: Yes. Now, we're going to shift here because we really feel the heavens are opening right now. Sometimes when we record these podcasts I really believe sometimes you need to pull the car over or, you know, you're going to have a divine moment wherever you're listening right now, maybe you're exercising, maybe you're doing stuff around the house or, you know, whatever it is right now. Something just shifted and there's an anointing that Erica carries and it's a breakthrough anointing and it breaks things open with that practical spirit of love and joy. That's what's going on. Her story might be, you know, triggering something in you. Maybe my story about, you know, starting out and wanting to do something for the Lord and not being able to get that breakthrough. But I believe right now the Lord is doing something. In

fact, we're just going to give a couple of prophetic words or words of knowledge here and it's going to open some things up and then we're going to do some activation prayer in just a minute.

I felt strongly that God's about to visit some people. Maybe He already has and you haven't realized it. When I say He's visiting, you expect Jesus to show up in the room. No, wait a minute. This is about something that He's going to do where He's given you a dream. There's someone who—there's a group of people, not just one person—but there are people who have been given a dream like we're talking about, but you don't know how to get there. You're about to minister to people in your neighborhood, in your community and it's going to open up this dream. You don't have to have a license to do this. In fact, in this new season right now, God is going under the radar and He's sending people in without the credentials.

So, there are some people who maybe have had a dream, that you're having this reoccurring dream of running and being chased by something evil. I want to tell you, maybe people have heard me talk about this, but I want to tell you that's how mine started. This is because the enemy wants to stop you from what's about to come. Why would he mess with you unless you're a threat? I just want to say: those who are having that dream, the Lord is now going to give you another dream. In the next couple of weeks, you're going to have a dream that's going to start now shifting that bad dream into the good ones and everything ... Right now, I prophesy everything changing and shifting in Jesus' name.

Erica?

Erica: Amen. God, I thank You that You are drawing close to the Earth in this time, God—that this is actually a season that ... There were times that had specifically laid out through history that You would draw close to a city or draw close to a person, God—that You would actually bring resurrection life to someone. And so right now, God, I thank You that You are drawing close to people, God, that we are going to see You in the one-on-one and the everyday, just like when You would walk upon Your path and You would come in contact with someone and they would say, "Someone is sick," and You would say, "They will be healed in this very moment." I just declare right now that there are people that we have been carrying on our hearts who will be healed and set free in this very moment, God, that this is a moment of divine instances, of miracles that are just going to pop out and pop open in our lives. I thank You, God, that You are doing a new thing, that there's a completion that's taken place, that there's a full circle that we have traveled.

I feel like there are so many people that have actually filled up a book, they've filled up a book and God is closing the book and He's handing them a

new book and saying, “It’s time to write this new book, it’s time to write this new journal, it’s time to write this new story.” There’s actually almost a foundational piece—a piece that has been laid—and the foundation is done and it’s set and it’s ready and now God is going to show what He’s been doing and the depth of people on the outside.

I keep getting this picture of like a peacock and I feel like a peacock walks out and he’s able to show all of its feathers off and I feel like that there are places where people have felt like God’s been doing things and this deep work in them in the hiding and in the secret and He’s about to show off these beautiful feathers of His people, of His chosen ones, to where even when they walk in the room that people are going to say, “Wow, the hand of God is truly on that person’s life.”

Doug: Yes. Come on, Lord. Let’s do it. Now, I want to just release this word. I don’t want to limit it, but there’s ... someone’s had a heart for Trinidad, or maybe you have a background with Trinidad, and the Lord’s going to release something right now for you. Maybe your heritage is in Trinidad. But there’s something that’s going to come over the next couple of weeks. Watch and see. God’s outside of time, so watch and see this.

Also I got the words “Beth and Rodney.” I don’t want to limit it, but the Lord said, “No, Beth and Rodney have a calling and need to step up right now. Maybe it’s Elizabeth and Rod, I don’t know, but I heard that name. They need to step up right now and step into this new calling that the Lord has for you.

Another word I got is that the Lord’s about to open the heavens over people like the ... I guess John 1:51 is Jesus said to Nathaniel, “You’re going to see Heaven open and angels ascending and descending,” and this is going to come over your bed. That’s the Jacob’s ladder that’s being placed over many people’s beds right now for dreams, to bring the dreams down from Heaven and open it up at a greater level, in Jesus’ name.

Do you have anything?

Erica: Yes, Doug. I do. I feel like there are some people who ... there are people who feel like they moved in a huge amount of faith with the Lord and did something that He’s asking them to do and then they didn’t see anything come from it. And I feel like a spirit of hopelessness came in and rode in and tried to say that either they didn’t hear from the Lord or the Lord wasn’t good or that even they did something wrong, like a Job season, where people said it’s because he did something wrong and he didn’t carry it well. And I feel like God is saying, “No, I’m going to use even that,” and I actually feel like God is going to answer where people have moved in extreme faith and stepped out. I feel like the Lord’s saying if you will let Him, He is going to answer those

prayers and those acts of faith that you brought forward, because they smelled like incredible incense before Him. And He might not answer it ... I feel like He's saying He's not going to answer it necessarily the way that you think He was going to, but the way that He's going to answer it is going to be more of a blessing than even the way that you actually, originally thought.

So, I saw Him coming to so many of His children that said, "God, will You give me bread," and somehow the enemy came in and lied and said, "He only gave you a rock." And now God is not just coming with bread, but He is coming with loaves and loaves and loaves and fishes and just even a miracle anointing to where we've sown in faith for God to give us back way more than we ever even sowed in.

So, God, I thank You for even financial breakthrough that's being released right now to people.

Doug: Yes.

Erica: I felt like someone is about to lose their house and God is actually saying, "No, you're not going to lose your house," and money is going to come in from far and from wide and from places. I just saw like random checks in the mail that you never even thought you were going to get—that God is going to answer those prayers and He said, "You have been faithful and I have seen you. Well done, good and faithful servant."

Doug: Yes. Come on now. I feel it really strong. Someone's been praying, the Lord's been speaking to you something out of Isaiah 34 and 35, and Isaiah 34:16, "Look in the scroll ... and read: None of these will be missing, not one will lack her mate." This is what the Lord says right now. There are people who have been praying for someone and the Lord has your name in His scroll and this is a season right now. Don't wait. Don't get married. Don't do anything outside of what the Lord's doing. So right now, Lord, there's just something happening. You don't have to be married to do this. You can, you can partner ministry-wise or, you know, you can partner. You don't have to be married to receive this word, but the Lord's opening the scrolls right now.

One of the big, first visitations I had in 1991 was that the Lord spoke to me that there are end-time marriages coming. People would come together for the purposes of ministry, business and family, and you don't have to be married. He's bringing ... 2 are better than 1; 3 is a chord that can't easily be broken, but the Lord is opening the scrolls right now.

I saw this year being a year of the changed names. He's changing your name. He changed my name. You know, He actually changed my name to David, but I never tell anyone because I already own DougAddison.com. It

would be complicated. You know, He changed my name a long time ago and He confirmed it that I'm a David, but you don't have to do anything, you know, publicly. I just look at it as that's His love. You know, that's what He did for me personally, but He's going to be changing names right now. And as a result, many people might be changing their names or just receiving that new name that He has, receiving the words that have been written in the scroll. I see this. There's an angel opening the scroll right now and opening things up. Open it up, Lord. Open those things.

Go ahead.

Erica: I felt that. No, I'm with you. Keep going. I felt that. Everything you said, God's doing it.

Doug: Yes, I felt really strongly that the scrolls are ...the Isaiah 34 scrolls are being opened right now and these are the things that were hidden from the beginning of time until now. This is the revelation that the Lord has saved. He saved the best for last. I tell you, there are people right now who feel like you've messed up, you feel like you've been there, done that, you need help. I just want to ... I don't usually do this, but I want to just call you back right now. Anyone who ... maybe you thought you were going one way and it turned out you're going, you know, opposite. You feel like you're going the wrong way or you've fallen into stuff. You can come back right now. We don't have to do a big altar call, but I just felt like the Lord said you know, just ask forgiveness, receive Jesus into your heart, and then ask Him right now to just make Himself real and you're going to see something shift.

I'm starting to have to do altar calls in leadership meetings. I'm so serious. There are people, even leaders in churches and ministries and businesses, who are coming back to the Lord or who are coming to the Lord for the first time like crazy, because we are entering into a season of harvest right now.

Erica: Uh-hum. God, I just thank You that You love Your children and, God, that You actually see past what everybody else sees and You see our hearts, God. So, God, I just thank You for that gift of forgiveness, God, that gift of forgiveness You give so many of our kids, God, that You've given me, God, that there would just be a release of an actual spirit of forgiveness that would go into overflow. That it would be so easy to forgive, that there would actually be a grace for you just to say, "... and that person and that person and I forgive them and ..." God, that there would just be a release of joy that would come with it, Father, that there would be a release of hope, that in every place that we're forgiving people, God, that there would actually be a release of hope, of abundance, of just this knowing, God, that You are just moving all things together for our good.

The word that I just keep getting is “even that.” Even that He will use for your good. Even that thing He will use for your good. So, God, even as we move forward with You, I just pray for that breakthrough spirit of hope, that breakthrough spirit of hope that would actually touch people right now and that they would have hope, God, hope. That it would just come into their lives and even in the places where they said, “God, I don’t know if I even have the grace to keep believing You for that.” God, I ask for a new vision, a new dream, a new spirit of hope to come and just set their hearts alive, God.

Doug: Yes, God. I come into agreement with that right now. I have a Bible, I call it my encounters Bible. It opens supernaturally. I tell you, sometimes when I think it’s just doing it, you know, like it’s just ... maybe it’s worn out and opens to this place all the time, I open another Bible and the same place.

The Lord’s doing something right now and my Bible opened to Daniel 7:10, “*The court was seated, and the books were opened.*” This is the Ancient of Days who is now rendering decisions for those who have been under injustices, who have had losses, who need repayments, who need their families or finances healed. They need the new thing. The Lord is meeting right now and this is outside of time. This goes on for eternity.

As I speak this word right now, the Lord is holding the Court of Heaven, the Daniel 7 Ancient of Days Court. That’s the level of the Supreme Court. He’s holding these cases right now. He’s opening things. He’s closing things. He’s closing the voice of the accuser and the court of the accuser over you and, in the name of Jesus, right now He’s opening the books for you. I have never felt this on the podcast, but I feel it sometimes ministering when I go out and open the heavens over churches and people and places, but I have never had this happen on the [Spirit Connection podcast](#), where I’ve seen the Court of Heaven open over everybody right now and it is here right now.

So, Lord, I pray. Ooooo, my goodness, there’s such a powerful, powerful release in the Spirit happening. So, I pray right now for all the needs. That’s the time, right now. Cry out for the need that you have; the Lord is opening things right now.

Erica: God, we thank You for amazing grace. We thank You for amazing grace, God. And, Lord, I just ask that there would actually be a grace that would go forward, God, that You would actually call us into the next season, that You would even call us to stand at command in front of You, God, and that we would just be able to hear that next step, the next set of directions.

I feel like the Lord is taking people right now, even into the strategy rooms of Heaven, where they felt stuck and they didn’t know how to get out. But He’s actually showing like maps and scrolls and answers and showing people how

to get out of the very places they felt stuck and not only is He showing them, but there's a grace for them to actually move into that new level.

So, God, I thank You that this is a season that we're not just jumping years ahead. It's not just 1 year or 10 years, but that it's stratospheres, God. You are divinely going to move Your people into totally new atmospheres, where even things look so different and so unique that we even have to learn how to even breathe air in a different way, God, because You're moving us so far forward, Lord, that You're moving people into divine promotion. So, I thank You, God, for the promotion that's coming forward to Your people. I thank You, God, that You are gathering Your people again, even where people felt scattered and where they felt like they had no home, where they felt like they were orphans, God. I just thank You for that spirit of adoption that is actually being released to Your people, God, and they are going to revel in the understanding of what it means to be a daughter and a son of the Most High King.

Doug: Yes, and we also come into agreement with that spirit of adoption and also with the spirit of Elijah, where the fathers and the mothers and the grandfathers and grandmothers—that the Lord said that the spirit of Elijah must come first and it must turn the hearts of the sons and daughters, but it wasn't turning to us, it was us turning to them. And that we, as the fathers and mothers, spiritual or natural, as grandfathers and grandmothers ... that we have a call to call the hearts to the Lord, but also to call our hearts to them.

It has gotten turned around in the world and many fathers and mothers have been trying to get people to, you know, turn to our God or turn to our ways, but the Lord is releasing the spirit of Elijah right now and this is the key to the new revival. It's the spirit of adoption coming into agreement with the spirit of Elijah, with the fathers and mothers turning our hearts to the sons and daughters and saying, "I love you." I had to do this to my daughter. I had to turn my heart to my daughter and say, "I love you no matter where you are. I love you no matter what you look like. I love you and it is nothing but love and I'm proud of you." I speak that right now to the sons and daughters. Maybe you've never heard this.

Erica, I even say, I felt the Lord saying this, "I'm proud of you. I'm so proud of you for getting a breakthrough, for stepping up." There were 10 people, Erica, who were supposed to receive the calling that you got for [Unlikely Heroes](#). 10 people said no but you said yes and so you're getting a 10-times anointing that's coming for you.

I speak this right now to anybody who has not been able to hear this from a father or a mother or from maybe even spiritual fathers and mothers. The

Lord is proud of you for not giving up. Many of you have felt like committing suicide, but the Lord said, “I’m proud of you that you did not listen to the liar. I’m proud of you.” This is a season right now of breakthrough and the Lord is moving right now.

Thank You, Lord. I thank You, God, that there are dreams and visions unpacking right now. There are angels being assigned to this word. I think as far as, you know, ministry-wise and releasing the anointing at the end of [Spirit Connection podcast](#), this is absolutely one of the most powerful times that I’ve ever felt in my years of doing this—that something is shifting and there’s something powerful.

Erica: You know, Doug.

Doug: Go ahead.

Erica: You said something so powerful to me, which is the word the Lord gave me in the last season. I think sometimes as people we don’t understand the way the Lord sees things. I was watching this movie, it was actually that movie *Wonder* about the little boy that has to wear the mask over his face, because he’s facially disfigured. And at the end of the movie I just said, like, “Lord, what do You think? How do You feel like I’m doing in this season?” And I felt like the Lord said, “I’m so proud of you, because you didn’t give up. You never quit.” After He said that to me, I had to go back to one of the girls in our home who just struggled so much at school and I had this ... She was there at the movie and I sat there and I was speaking with her and I looked into her eyes and I realized how hard it is for her to go to school every single day, knowing that she’s not going to be the one who comes home with the A’s or the B’s and knowing that it’s a struggle for her to be there. And I just looked into her eyes with so much compassion and I was so proud of her for just not quitting.

Doug: Yes. Yes.

Erica: And I though every single day it’s hard for her to go to school and she didn’t give up. I feel like there are people out there that need to know, “Well done. You didn’t quit and you kept going.” God has just such a feeling of compassion when He knows that. Like, I know how hard it is for her to go to school. Some of the other girls, it was easy for them to go to school, but she kept going even when it was hard and that made it even more of a special sacrifice.

Doug: Yes. Yes. You know, some people are like, “All right, you know what? I don’t feel like it was that powerful.” But, you know, I want to tell you if you would see the level of the demonic forces that have been against you and you

made it through and the test—maybe you thought you failed the test—but the Lord’s saying, “Did you know that the test was actually to see if you would quit?” So, if you are still here, if you’re hearing my voice, you did not quit. And the Lord is saying, “Well done,” because you’re about to see a shift in your life.

Wow! This has been so powerful.

You know, we’re talking with Erica Greve of [Unlikely Heroes](#). I tell you, it’s one of the most powerful ministry times we’ve ever had. The heavens are open right now. The Court of Heaven is open right now. You can keep doing business. You might want to listen to this again.

Erica, why don’t you just tell us how we can follow you, what you have to offer, you know, your website and social media.

Erica: Yes. Please go to [UnlikelyHeroes.com](#) and also our Instagram handle is [@UHeroes](#). So, follow us. We post our rescue stories and updates about how our kids are doing. We actually have a boys home in Mexico now and all the boys in our boys home are under the age 9 and so, you know, obviously, we protect all their identities, but just show those updates. One of the little boys in our home, he came in and he couldn’t read and write and now he’s writing his name and he’s even writing full sentences.

Doug: Wow.

Erica: It’s like there are so many accomplishments that our kids go through that I feel like we do everything we can to celebrate their freedom. So, I hope you guys will join us as we celebrate their freedom.

Doug: Yes, and hit the Donate button when you get there ...

Erica: Amen! We need the help.

Doug: ... because what they’re doing, you know, really support. I want to encourage you. You started in Los Angeles, is that right, in Hollywood?

Erica: Yes. Yes, kids are expensive, Doug.

Doug: Yes. You started here and now you’re in Dallas. So definitely check out [Unlikely Heroes](#) and, you know, reach out. Keep them on the prayer list. I know that they’re on my prayer list. I pray from time to time and I send them words when I get them.

Erica: Thanks.

Doug: I'm so thrilled with the story of encouragement that you bring, Erica. Thanks for being with us.

Erica: Thank you for encouraging our team. Honestly, you've ... you've made it possible for us to keep going on so many days that were hard where your words would come and we take that as the word of the Lord. So, thank you for everyone that has been encouraged so much through your life and your ministry and your yes to the Lord.

Doug: Oh, wow.

Erica: Thank you, Doug.

Doug: Well, I receive that.

All right, everybody. Thanks for listening and we'll see you next time.

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