



## A Special Episode to Answer Your Questions

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Hey friends, Doug Addison. Welcome to another *Spirit Connection* podcast.

I'm really excited about this episode because I'm bringing back something that I've had to step away from a little bit. And that's answering your questions. I have been doing a *Spirit Connection* podcast and webcast for well over 12 years, and airing it every month, spending time answering people's questions because people really wanna know about the deep things of God. And answering questions is actually a way to help mentor people. So people have been submitting their questions to me through the podcast, through our ... all the different things, as well as our online training and our website. We appreciate all of you! And I try to answer a few here and there. But this episode is dedicated fully to doing some Q&A. Just call it a Doug Talk as we go into this.

All right! Well God, we thank You for Your goodness. We thank You that You're opening up the heavens right now. I ask now that You would create an environment of being able to hear Your voice. I pray that You would create the environment of dreams and supernatural things happening. Angel encounters. I pray on Earth as it is in Heaven, in Jesus' name.

Well I wanna take a moment, first of all, to answer a question that someone has asked. And actually, the question is: **How am I doing?**

Well, thank you very much! I wanna give you a brief health update because maybe you don't know this, is that I got hit with an affliction. And it was affliction because it was just like, wow, illness after illness for four years. And 2018, I started to pull out, and to get healed fully. And now this year, I'm fully healed. In fact, that's how God really grew us. I had four years of affliction. He grew us four times on the internet! I'm not kidding. I use the internet, and I've become a stay-at-home prophet. And I'm now traveling again a little. But I don't want to go back out and do the thing. I was on the road 150 days a year for 10 years as a speaker. And the Lord told me this. He said, "I want you to continue to use the internet, but use a combination of both." And so, I do travel now to live events. Maybe one a month or so, here and there, wherever God speaks to me specifically to go and do some things like that.

But the update on my health is I'm getting better every day. I do need to gain some weight. So pray for my weight gain. I know ... What a terrible thing, huh? But I'm trying to gain weight because I had lost so much when I'd gone down, you know. I'm still in need of that. So, you know, be praying for us as God's strengthening us. I believe God's gonna open up things. And now, an anointing that I have to be able to pray for people who are suffering for some of the things that I went through. I pray for your healing, as well. And it's gonna be an amazing year. God's restoring energy right now. He's restoring. He's opening up the Books of Heaven.

Now I've been talking about purpose because the prophetic word for 2020 was God opening up three books: the Book of Understanding ... If you haven't hear that, listen to my podcast for the first part of the year, of January. Or you can read my prophetic word that He's opening things up right now. The three books is the Book of Understanding, the Plans of the Enemy and the Book of Your Life Purpose. Now spiritual books ... I don't have time to really go into all of that. That's why I said to listen to my podcast. You'll hear the teaching that I do on it. But I tell you, right now is a time God is revealing things. You don't have to "see" to get this book opened.

Now, one of the questions I get is: **What if I'm not a seer? What if I don't dream? What if I'm not prophetic like you?**

Well the thing is these things are Kingdom oriented. In other words, what happens is, God is already operating like this. In Ezekiel 3, Ezekiel is handed a scroll. And the angel said, "Eat this." And he ate it, and it was a spiritual scroll. And then he was able to prophesy. So that shows you there's a spiritual principle that God will give us things, spiritually. Whether you see it or not, it's happening.

And for a number of years, I used to not really understand some of the Jewish festivals. And Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, is the time, is the Jewish New Year when God opens the Books of Heaven. Now I didn't really understand it. And I always felt "less-than," so to speak, because I knew that, wow! ... you know, a lot of my spiritual fathers and mothers were having these encounters with the Lord. I felt "less-than" till one day, the Lord told me ... He said, "Go back and look." He said—He told me this—He said, "Go back and do an internet search on Rosh Hashanah (or, you know, the Days of Awe, during that time), see what the date is and go back and look in my journal." Because I've been journaling. I journal all the time. So I went and I did it, and sure enough, it might not have been on those days, but it was during that season of about 10 to 15, maybe even 20 days of that time ... I was having prophetic dreams. I was getting revelation. I didn't have visitations.

So here's what I wanna encourage you: You don't have to have a visitation from God. He's visiting you right now! He's speaking in ways that you can hear Him. He's speaking to you. It might be in dreams. It might be in different ways. But what I'm trying to say is, just because I happen to now have kind of graduated into a role in which I have more dramatic encounters, it doesn't make your life or the way you hear God any less than

me. And so, God is speaking right now. And so, this is called *positioning yourself*. I position myself during the Jewish holidays, two of the Jewish festivals, to hear God, you know, I just take the time. But I position ... every day! I do it. Every day, I take communion. I get some Bible verses. I do some different things like that.

Now here's some questions that people have been asking me: **I've been waiting for 10 years for God's promises. But it seems like things are getting harder instead of easier.**

Well, first of all, I'm sorry about that. And sometimes, I mean, I don't know your situation, you know, with having to work it through. You might wanna hire a prophetic life coach or someone. There's people out there can help walk you through this. You might have a block. I'm not sure. You know, you might have a block to something. It could be an area of generational ties or curses. Could be an area of, you know, people that have been against you, have been speaking against you. Maybe it's a case if you've been waiting for something, you haven't seen it, maybe that person, especially if it had to do with another person. Maybe that person said no, and that would be a null-and-void word now. So there's so many things. Because things have seemed to get harder, it's because we're in a time of breakthrough. And right before a baby is born is when the contractions start to happen. And so I wanna encourage all the people out there. All of you who've been waiting for a breakthrough. You've been waiting for what God has called you to do. I'm asking, right now, press into it. Press in. Reach out. Get some help. Get people to pray. Where two come together, God's with you. A cord of three strands is not easily broken. So there's things that you can do right now, that you could, you know, get the breakthrough that ... So, it's not as easy as, you know, gosh this is why it's happening. I can only work, you know, with what I'm hearing from people right now.

Here's another question: **How do I find out what my true purpose is?**

Well, our true purpose is to love the Lord and to develop the character ... Because Jesus said the greatest thing in the entire book of the prophets, He called it, would be to love God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. So He said this a lot. So this is your true purpose. Now as you do this, and you combine this with three things that Jesus said. First thing, He told His disciples, "Come and follow Me." So do this on a regular basis. This is how you find your purpose. I'm giving you a crash course. And, "Come and follow Me." Then He said to love God with all your heart, soul and mind. So go through some healing in the area of ... maybe there's anger with God, it may be with yourself or other people. Get that healing. The third thing that Jesus said, He says, "Go into all the world, teaching them to do what I've shown you." And so you help other people. As you help other people, God's gonna open things up for you, as well. So it's my quick recipe for finding your destiny.

Now here's a question: **My father passed away recently. How do I pick up his unfinished assignments from the Lord?**

Well that's a case that sometimes you can get them. First of all, sorry that you had a loss in your life. And you can pick up assignments. What you do, is you begin to ask God to reveal to you what these assignments are. And maybe look at things in the family. Look at the attacks. In my family, men were attacked by heart attacks. They died young. And heart attacks. And it was also addictions that hit. So I knew that there was something to do with the heart. It was a calling to do with the heart. And the addictions was the plan of the enemy. But if you could flip that around and get it in line with what God wanted to do is to help set people free from addictions or is to move into a place where you are absolutely fully devoted to the Lord. And that's what the enemy was trying to do. So I would recommend praying and asking God.

So, here's another question: **How do I let go of the former things in my life so I can move into this new season?**

I hear this a lot. So a lot of people are struggling with older things. Maybe smoking. Maybe some addictions. Maybe you've gotten addicted to opioids or something. You know, we live in a real world, guys. Don't be ashamed. Do not be ashamed. In fact, earlier in my life, had I embraced my inner healing ... I'm being totally honest. I could have saved 10 years of getting into my destiny. And my full destiny, which I'm operating right now. What I wanna say, is don't be ashamed. Find someone that you can share what it is that you're struggling with. Move forward. Read a book. Just start small if you have to. And also, do not feel guilty. Guilt is from the enemy. Condemnation is. But true repentance— Allow the Lord to work in you. Remember my pastor years ago, when I first came to Jesus for the third time in the 80s, my pastor said to me ... because I was struggling still with alcohol. I struggled with all kinds of stuff, you know, at the time. And he said to me, "Why don't you stop feeling guilty, number one, and ask God to move into your day with you? Ask Him to walk with you in your day. Don't feel guilty until He actually brings a solution." So if you're struggling with smoking or some things like this ... Yeah, you want to, you know, find some Bible verses about those types of things to get a breakthrough. Begin to get people to pray with you. And the key is: don't stop asking forgiveness. You are covered by the blood of Jesus every single day. And I'm not saying smoking's a sin, I'm just ... I was just using that as an example because I know a lot of people struggle with that as far as past things. But whatever it might be, whatever you're struggling with, Jesus said to Peter, "How many times should I forgive my brother? Seventy times seven." In other words, it's the same with the Lord. He'll forgive you. So keep on every day and try to move into a place where you're no longer feeling guilty because guilt is not from the Lord.

So, here's another one: **How do I move forward into God's purposes when I feel like those I'm in a relationship are holding me back?**

Well, that's a tough one. I mean, if you're married ... I'm not sure if you're married or not, but it's a tough one to say, you know, "move on to something new." But you know, God's aware of this. So invite the Lord into your situation. He's aware of your situation. Absolutely aware of it! And you don't necessarily have to do something. Like if you have a calling on your life. And you're called into something greater that you know what it is, and people around you might be holding you back. Ask the Lord to show you how to

use this season, right now, to strengthen those things that remain. Strengthen you. There's things that you can do. You can get ministry training. Before I got released into what I do right now, I started doing the things that would help me, even though I was being held back, so to speak, by the people around me or, you know, the things that was in my job or my situation. But as you do that, as you step into what God has for you, ask Him to step into what it is that you're called to. Invite Him in every day.

So Lord, we pray for this. I pray, Lord, for everybody who's struggling. I pray for everybody who's wondering what it is that they're called to do. Their purpose. I pray, in Jesus' name, that You would open it up. Amen.

All right! Well, I'm looking forward to what's coming into the next month even. And *Spirit Connection* podcasts are coming out every week now. So see ya next week!

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