



4 Things God Wants You to Know

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Hey friends, Doug Addison. Welcome to *Spirit Connection*! It's May 13, 2020.

And I've got an encouraging word for you today, and little bit of some advice and some things that you can do right now that's gonna help you to get through the time that we're in right now. And you know, hope you're having a great week.

We are in transition, and we're moving through the COVID-19 pandemic. But we're also ... My prophetic word for the month of May is to step out in faith. How to have faith and still be safe. Develop that plan, move forward.

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Well Lord, we pray ... We pray for the solution to the coronavirus, COVID-19. We pray for the healing, both supernatural and the medical things that need to happen right now. We pray for comfort for those who are losing loved ones. We pray for the breakthrough right now. We pray also for those who lost their jobs that are in need. But also Lord, we say You're gonna take this thing, what was

intended for evil, and create good from it. So we ask that You would open our eyes to be able to see that, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Well this is a time that we need to get ready for what's ahead. That's what I'm doing. Many people kinda have had to pull back or, you know, station in place or haven't been able to do the things that you normally do. But God is opening up a door. And what He showed me with the coronavirus, anyway, was that the three phases. And the first phase is that He's dealing with strongholds or things that are, you know, ungodly beliefs and things that are holding us back. Second wave is healing. Now we're between wave one and two right now. Healing anointing is gonna come on this. Third wave would be revival. But you have to have personal revival before you can do anything else.

So I wanna really, just kind of tell you how to be able to do that and look at the bottom line. I'm like that, I'm kind of a bottom-line type of guy. So I asked the question once, "God, what is it You want us to know to grow? What would help shortcut us?" And you know, when I've been, you know ... In the past I was trying to move into the, you know, different levels of maturity. And I was moving along ... I would always wanna shortcut it. You can, actually. You can't shortcut the lessons that you have to learn. There's certain things ... But you can find out what they are, and you can work hand in hand with God. That's what I always do. I'd find out what is it that I'm supposed to learn. If I didn't know, my goodness! And so, I call it *accelerated learning*.

Today, I'm gonna go over 4 things that are really beneficial for you in your spiritual life. Well first of all, before I hit the 4 things. There are 3 basic things that we need to surmise as we look at the message of Jesus. And He actually says it 3 different places. If I had to summarize the message of Jesus, it's—first of all—Matthew 4:19. Jesus says, "Come and follow Me." And so, you know, follow the Lord. Learn things. Learn His ways. Learn about Him. Learn about His love and the different things. Step 2, Matthew 22:37–40, "Love God with all you heart, all your soul and all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus called this the greatest commandment. So you wanna follow Jesus.

You wanna learn to love. And that means yourself, too, and other people. You have to get along. Then in Matthew 28:19, He says to go into all the world and preach the good news, and He gives some instructions. It's called the Great Commission. So basically this: Come and follow Jesus, learn to love and teach others to do the same. And I've been repeating this process for, gosh, well over 25 years now. I've just kept my message simple. And I move into the next level as God opens it up.

So, you know, sometimes I think we push people too hard to try to become a follower of Jesus, and ... But here at InLight Connection, we value your journey. We value your process, where you are right now! And you know, as I start looking at how Jesus did things, He really never pushed people. He didn't have requirements, so much. And so we need to make sure we get away from the rule-based religion and get into that intimacy base. And that's one of the values that I see.

So, one thing that Jesus valued was love. Love God, love yourself, love other people. So that's pretty basic, right? But that means that we actually need to exercise that. Like, you know, when someone cuts you off in the car, you gotta be careful what you think. And how you treat other people online. Those are the things that we need to really move into as we develop the character. So, are you with me here?

I wanna go deeper now. I gave you the basics, but I wanna go deeper on how to grow into maturity. As we're taking this time, if we're kind of on a moral pause, right now. Some people are working hard. I realize kids are at home. It's not exactly a peaceful time. Or maybe you're a first responder, or whatever your situation is, you can still use this time right now to take a look at the deeper things that God's doing.

So character, first of all, is how you act when no one is looking. And I don't mean like, you know, doing something gross in the car, you know, while you're sitting at a traffic light. Like picking your teeth or something. I don't mean that, but I mean how you act when other people are not looking. We need to be forgiving of others. We need to be

honest. Forgiving, loving, patient, kind ... Those are the things you wanna develop. And how you act behind the wheel of your car is an indicator if you have made it through this. I'm so serious! You need to be very careful to extend this everywhere.

So Ephesians 4:21, "You were taught in regard to the former way of life to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its evil desires, and put on the new attitude of your mind. The new self, created to be like God." And so, we have to actually go through this transition. Paul talks about this in Ephesians 4, that you're going through this transition of putting off the old behavior. You know, the things that ... that's the strongholds I was talking about. Things that are opposite of what God wants for us. Not the rule book, but just the things about love, about the attitude of our minds that do not conform to the pattern of the world, which would be revenge and, you know, things like that.

And so, we're now in a process. We are in a transition. We're really at war with the old and the new. And it takes time. So have grace on yourself in the midst of this. We need to grow into this new character, the new person, the new behavior. And I don't mean just try to be good. I just mean just to, you know, is to be as close to Jesus as you can in the midst of it. So God gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us to change. You know, we don't have to do it by our own strength. And I wanna summarize what I believe God wants us to learn on how to grow in our character to become more like Jesus.

You know, some people spend a lot of their life wandering in a spiritual wilderness because they're trying to develop things in their life, and they don't know what it is that they need to do! And the cool thing is that as we're doing this—I'm gonna lay it out if you just listen to this again and do these basic steps—no matter where you are in your maturity, starting out or moving forward, you can actually go to a new level with this.

Here's the 4 things. First of all, you need to learn to be humble. God wants you to learn to trust Him, that's number 2. Number 3, He wants you to learn to choose Him. And number 4, He wants to remove the things that you desire more than Him. So, I'm gonna

go over a couple of these right now and do an activation prayer that's gonna open things up.

First of all: Humility. 1 Peter 5:6 says, "Humble yourself under God's mighty power, and in good time He will honor you," or He will lift you up. So as we humble ourselves, God will lift us up. We gotta make sure we don't get that backwards and try to promote ourselves too soon. Now maybe you're heard me talk about false humility. You gotta be careful that you're not being falsely humble. Falsely humble is where you're not allowing God to work through you at all. You're pulling back. But true humility actually is walking through, make sure you don't have pride, and make sure that you don't think of yourself more highly as you should. And don't believe everything people say, bad or good, is what I do. And don't think of yourself more highly ... Realize that God actually, He's working through you and that it's a process.

And so, once you start flowing in this, then God will actually show up for you. I don't have to strive. I used to strive. Boy, I tell ya, I strived! I was a striving person because I wanted to do a good job. But right now, I have the "ministry of showing up." In other words I, you know, I show up. I prepare, but I show up. I have this "gift" of showing up. And then I ask the Lord to move, and He does most of the work! I tell ya, I have to say "yes" at times do what He's saying, but it's the "gift" of showing up. And if you operate in humility, He will actually meet you in these times.

So Number 2: God wants you to learn to trust Him. This is called "faith." Hebrews 11:1, faith is having the confidence or assurance that we hope for without the evidence of seeing it. And so faith is believing in the things you do not see, and it causes you to trust God. So you wanna trust God in the midst of this time, believing that God has not abandoned you during COVID-19. Believing the prophetic words are still true. Believing that the things that He's promised you will come about. So the Bible says, "May my God meet all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." So what you need to do is begin to trust God, if you're not already. Just stay on that. Trust Him each day.

Trust Him each week. So, a major part of the plan of the enemy right now is to hold you down. Really hold people down through this area of not trusting the Lord.

So Number 3: God wants you to learn to choose Him. Romans 6:16 is a good verse for this. "Don't you realize, whatever you choose to obey becomes your master?" Paul says. So faith is believing, but then we need to actually choose to do what's right. We need to put prayers to it or put feet to it. I call it "activating" the Word of God or activating the prophetic words. So the question's not so much WWJD, that's true, What Would Jesus Do ... But about WWYD, What Would **You** Do? And learn to make the right choices, good choices at the right time.

Number 4: God wants to remove the things that we desire more than Him. These are strongholds that I've been talking about. And that's another word for this, is idolatry, but that's not a popular word. But it's true, you know, we gotta be careful that we're not going after money, power, acceptance, prestige, friends, those types of things. And as we do this, it's okay to be successful. It's okay to want things. Just don't allow them to own you. It's okay to want nice things, just don't allow them to own you or anything like that. And sometimes we have to sacrifice things to be able to get to this.

And so, there's time right now that God is shifting things. He really wants us to be a people that are blessed. I'm not afraid to say that God wants you to prosper. But you just need to get that "prosperity message" cleaned up and use it for other things. You know, use it for the things of the Kingdom. First John 2:16 says, "For the world offers only the lust for our physical pleasure, the lust for everything you see for pride in possessions. But these are not from the Father, these are from the world." So you know, we just ... It's okay to have the stuff, just don't let it have you. You know what I'm sayin'? So we can move now into this time. The 4 things that will help you to go to the next level. And as you do this, you can take these ... I believe that God's gonna take your ability to hear His voice to the next level. I believe He's gonna move things in your life right now. And so, let's just pray.

Lord, I pray that You would activate this word. And You would take the “4 things” that I’ve been talking about here. And these are things You put on my heart to share about being humble, about learning to trust You, about learning to choose You, about removing the things we value more than You. And Lord, we pray right now that You would bring us into an alignment as we do this because this is aligning us on Earth as it is in Heaven, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Well, you know, I talked about the journey of following Jesus. And maybe you don’t know Jesus or not, but I just wanna give you that opportunity. Just ask Him into your heart. Ask forgiveness of sins. And ask Him to walk with you and make Himself real. Or maybe you wanna rededicate your life now to the mission of what God’s done. You can do that, as well. I wanna always give that opportunity. It’s not complicated, but just keep showing up. That’s what I said, the gift of showing up.

All right! Well, I’ve got a couple of things to offer. One is the [*Influencing the World Masterclass*](#). And this is gonna be coming on May 11 ... We’re actually extending this to May 15. But it is how to work and minister online, and it’s for a crazy-low price because of COVID-19. Normally it’s \$97. I’ve just developed this. Just wrote it. I’m releasing it for the first time. But it’s gonna be \$27! And it’s actually a one-time ... You don’t have to show up for it. The life of the ... We will give you access to a website where you can actually get coached with our coaches, InLight Connection coaches, to help you in the 4 sessions. Just go to DougAddison.com/Influence.

Also, we’re doing a webinar, an online workshop. We’ve done ... The last two we do for free. I usually do one a month. But I did one on fear, we did that one for free. I did another one last month and, you know, how to change things over your life. But this was a powerful one, back to our regularly scheduled ones, is [*Strategies from Heaven: How to Prosper in Any Season*](#). This is Saturday, May 23rd, 10 a.m. and it’s \$37. Go to DougAddison.com/Prosper to find out more about it.

Well hey, I hope you're gonna have a good week! I know you are. I know that God's gonna shift things. He's shifting the spiritual atmosphere over you.

So, see you next week.

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