



Have Faith During the Pandemic

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Hey friends, Doug Addison! Welcome to *Spirit Connection*, September 30th, 2020.

And this week ... Well, first of all, I can't even believe it's September 30th! Wow! Time flies when you're having fun. This week I wanna talk about how to open the heavens over the area of your faith. I wanna talk about the pandemic, and how I'm dealing with it. And just kinda throw it out there as discussion for some people because, boy, is it ever a hot topic!

So Lord, we pray that You would open the heavens over us. And we pray, we pray for the healing anointing to come to heal COVID-19. We pray for the restoration of our economies and our finances. We pray for the restorations of meeting together. All what the enemy intended for evil, we pray that it would be used for good now. We ask now that You would take this. And I pray for the divisions that are happening and the violence in the street to cease, in Jesus' name.

Well, the Lord is opening the heavens in a major way. He's releasing revelation right now. And I've had some major encounters with the Lord during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. And I tell ya, some of the things that ... actually some things that I've wondered about and even wanted to see, to suddenly start to happen. And I'll be sharing more about that in my *Spirit Connection* podcast next week. October prophetic

word's gonna happen where I open things up over the Books and what I saw happening in the heavenly realm. I'm real excited about it.

But this week, I wanna talk about the coronavirus pandemic. We'll talk about a subject that, you know, people really get up in arms about it. And others, you know, it's all over the map on it. I wanna give you some ideas on how that you can operate in the midst of this. Well first all, the pandemic is real. I wanna talk about it from two sides. One side is the faith side, and the other side is the, you know, it is a real thing. And the sense there's been an explosive ... Boy, it's been an explosive topic to talk about, you know. There's been really a sign, I just wanna say this, it's a sign. When you see the demonic symptoms, you know, of people getting angry, people, you know, being divided whatever, you know, getting beat up over not wearing a mask, and protesting and stuff like that. When you see things like that, you know that that's actually a demonic influence that's going on.

And so, it is demonically driven. It is real. The pandemic itself is real, though it might be ... There might be some ties in there, politically. But overall, the fact that it has killed over 200 ... I think it's over 200,000 deaths in the U.S., and nearly a million ... I got the number wrong; I don't know what it is. I think it might be up to a million worldwide. So, the fact that that exists is there, and again, there might be some political things around it. But the virus, itself, is real. Seems to be worse than the flu. Some people are saying ... I'm just gonna say it like it is: It is worse than the flu for some people. That's why we've had so many deaths. And yes, a majority of the people recover from it. And some, you know, have a worse case than others. But the actual threat of sickness is real, and it's not political.

But I wanna show you how you can position yourself and how you can talk about it. And so, you know, I know that some elderly family members of our team have passed. But the vast number of people I know are surviving it. And I'm not an expert in this area of it, but I am an expert in recognizing the attack of the enemy and to be able to release faith

in the midst of it. That's what I wanna do. So, I wanna talk about how to position yourself and some things that you can do right now.

And you know, first of all, some people are at risk more than others. And you know, so some of you might wanna wear a mask, and others are offended at wearing a mask. And there's the strangest violence going on. So I've been, each day, I actually pray Psalm 7:9, "O God, who searches the hearts of man, put an end to the violence and let the righteous be secure." I stand every day. I take communion. I decree Psalm 7:9, asking the Lord to put an end to the violence and to be able to speak to us about this. So, if you're finding yourself getting angry or offended at others that don't agree with your view, then this is a call for you to search your heart. Because we don't wanna come into agreement with the enemy. You can't fight fire with fire. You can't come into agreement with the plan of the enemy. We need to actually shift things.

Now, I wanna talk about this faith standpoint. I can give my professional opinion as a faith leader. And whether you choose to wear a mask, socially distance, you know, if you do choose it, you're not lacking faith. This is my opinion as a faith leader, that if you choose to socially distance, you're not lacking faith. However, if you're fearful in the midst of it, then you need to deal with that attachment of fear in your life. Did you get that? Second Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power and a sound mind." So spiritually, it's a good idea to remove the things that you might have in common with the enemy, with Satan. And fear is one of the biggest ones.

And so, I'm gonna talk about in just a moment about things you can do to increase your faith. But you can actually change the spiritual atmosphere right now. And I talk about this a lot because it's important. I wanna encourage you to live each day with a positive mindset in the power of the Lord. A positive mindset with the power of the Lord. You know, during the time when I was walking, I was sick for four years. It was a terrible time. I still stood by faith. I never missed a *Daily Prophetic Word*. I never missed

releasing stuff because I stood by faith in the midst of it. I didn't feel good, but I stood by faith. I'm totally healed now.

So, there's different things about that. But what I would do, that's how I learned this about changing the spiritual atmosphere. You can do this. You can change the spiritual atmosphere over your household, over yourself, over everywhere you go. It's Ephesians 4:3 is, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3. And so, you have the Spirit of the Lord in you. So you can actually change the water to wine, so to speak. You can do a miracle by simply aligning with the good things of Heaven and stepping out of the negative things, best you can.

The example of influencing the airways. I know someone that, you know, they walk in faith. They don't get sick, but they don't like masks. They don't like wearing masks. So they go into a doctor's office. They got upset and angry because of wearing the mask, having to, they didn't like the idea. Well, what happened is you gotta be careful that you're not shifting that atmosphere with being upset. I'm not saying they did. But I say we gotta be careful that we don't allow our negativity with the anointing that God's given us to shift that atmosphere. Instead, to be thankful. Jesus said bless those who curse you, pray ... He said that we need to do those things that are opposite, you know? And as we do them, it will shift the spiritual atmosphere.

Here's three steps you can do. Is stop grumbling and complaining. And then also, stop speaking against others. That's judgment. And stop living in fear! Those are three things: grumbling and complaining, speaking against others, living in fear. Now, those are the three big ones. You can't just stop. You gotta replace that with the positive things. Bless. You gotta bless, bless, bless. Blessing people. Encouraging them. And then, instead of fear, stand in faith. So that's a crash course.

But the starting place is to walk under an open heaven. What I do. I live under an open heaven of hearing God and financial blessings by doing those three things. Because one of them on judgments is tied to Luke 6:36–38, that area, you know, the judge- if you look it up. That's what we use for offerings, you know? Pressed down, shaken together, running over your lap. That's actually when you step away from judgments, that will happen to you. So I walk by not complaining, by blessing. I've actually ... It's taken some time. It didn't come right away. But I live in a supernatural lifestyle where the heavens are opened over me most of the time. And when they're not, I just receive the Lord by faith by not complaining, and crying out and grumbling, you know, like, "What's going on, Lord?" I just stand in the midst of it. So, as you do this, it will open the heavens over you.

So, let's go deeper on the faith level. The issue of faith, you know, we gotta look at it this way. You need to learn to discern where you are right now. Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." So, faith is things you want, that you hope for, but you haven't seen it yet. Faith is also believing in the Lord. It's trusting in Him on a regular basis. So, you can actually open, you can have a portal of unbelief that closes the heavens, right? When you get around people, they grumble, complain, it closes the heavens. Or you can get an open heaven of faith by praising God. Now, faith's a little bit different. It goes a little bit further. Matthew 19:26, Jesus said, "With men, this is impossible. With God, all things are possible." We do have the promises, and it's promises for those who believe. We do! And at the Cross, it was finished. You know, we need to balance this out with wisdom and bring about the things that God wants and bring in this understanding.

So, here's how to open faith over you. I know people who have not gotten sick for 20, maybe one guy who hasn't gotten sick, maybe a cold, for 40 years. He lives under the open heaven of faith. If sickness comes near him, he gets rid of it right away. In my life, I live under the open heaven of heavenly blessings. I walked through a season of sickness, so I'm trying to reestablish over me right now, to be honest with you, I'm

reestablishing this open heaven of faith that goes beyond just believing that God is good, you know? And things like that. It goes way beyond that.

But we take this a little bit further to the gift of faith. It's the finished work of the Cross. That's the place where, you know, don't crucify me for talking about it this way because I'm going to balance to this. But I believe in the finished work of the Cross. That means that what happened with Jesus on the Cross is everything you need. You don't need anything else, and you can go and receive. It's a true statement. In fact, I live my life at the finished work of the Cross. But there are times when things get bad or things start to happen, and you need some help. You need to shore up the walls. Maybe get some prayer, some things like that. And so, if you've had any damage, maybe you've had things to happen, bring it to the foot of the Cross. Then, yep! That's what you need to do. Bring it to the Cross every day. I found biblical evidence that can explain the fact that in the New Testament, even though it's close to ... Jesus had to continue to grow. And as the apostle Paul says because the days are evil, the Bible says, you might need some help and fix some things in your life where you get attacked.

So if you, you know, in your life, in your place of faith, if it's working for you, if you're not seeing anything, then great! You don't need what I'm taking about. But if you finding yourself, that you're getting attacked in your finances, your relationships, things like that, you take it to the foot of the Cross. Take it there. And then, if you still don't get anything, then you might need some help. That's why I recommend a combination of both. Yeah, I took everything to the Cross. I ended up getting healed of some major issues in my life. And I've really been a walking testimony for these things. But it did require, sometimes, going through some deliverance prayer, for me, anyway. Getting some help with some emotional things.

So, let me go back to social distancing. We're trying to bring, you know, a difficult time we've been going through. My wife and I, we wear masks, and we social distance. We do that because we have an elderly family member that we care for. And so, this is

using wisdom. We don't live in fear. And you know, I go to an office every day. I interact with people, you know. I'm still around people in public. There's things I do like that. So here's the takeaway. If you're feeling angry or any negative feelings over the pandemic, the elections, over anyone—take it to the foot of the Cross. Get healed of those things. Let's make every effort to keep the bond of peace to help others. Also, it's not time to hoard right now. This is a time that I really believe that we're gonna see a breakthrough here, and we wanna be able to give the best you can. Yes, have food and adequate food, and your finances, but give the best you can.

So Lord, we pray that the healing of the pandemic. We pray for the shifting of the spiritual atmosphere over us. I pray that You would open up a portal of faith. A portal, an open heaven, of faith over us because the Word of God we have and the finished work at the Cross, in Jesus' name. Amen.

All right! DougAddison.com, my website. And hey, save the date: October 24th we're gonna be doing an ... Oh, my goodness, I'm so excited about this training! It's a 2-hour training, ***Spiritual Warfare Masterclass: How to Reveal and Remove Attacks***. October 24th, registration will open later on. We're real excited for what's going on. And I want you to stay encouraged. Next week, we'll be releasing the prophetic word for the month of October. And it's a good one!

See you soon.

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