

RISE THROUGH A CRISIS

A VIRTUAL LEADERS CONFERENCE
SPEAKER TAKEAWAYS



ADRIE GROENEWEG
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There's no joy when you doubt everything you do.

"God will never give you more than you can handle" is NOT a verse in the Bible. The only time we can learn to trust God is when he gives us more than we can handle. If he never gives us too much to handle, we never learn to trust and lean into Him.

When you put your complete trust in God it places upon us GREATER responsibility.



JENNIFER DUKES LEE
AUTHOR

Everything we struggled with before we are still dealing with. It's only magnified now.

As leaders we can't just "pull ourselves up by our bootstraps." Three things we have to do:

- Process and come to terms with what we are feeling ourselves
- Ask the Lord for strength for today and hope for tomorrow
- Ask the Lord, where can I find purpose in this pain? What have you taught me in the past that can serve others now?

Make a list of the things you don't want to go back to. Make another list of the things you have learned or have done that should continue.



BOB VANDER PLAATS
THE FAMILY LEADER | IF 7:14

Mr. Positive's encouraging tips.

- Go on a bike ride. Go for a walk. Get outside.
- Be wise in listening to our leaders BUT realize there's still hope. It's Jesus!
- Working from home? Create some boundaries. This is my workplace. While you're there, you're actually working.
- Open the windows, let some light in!
- Dress like you're going to work.

Social Distancing does not mean Social Isolation.

These are unprecedented times but there's also unprecedented opportunities. The opportunity believers have is to point everyone to Christ.



BOB LENZ
LIFE PROMOTIONS

God of the mountains, is still God in the valley. He is still God in the valleys. He's still God in this hard time. The gospel is not of no effect. We can put our 100% confidence in His love. And in the gospel for saving us for now, getting us through this, and for eternity.

Use this time for the sake of evangelism. Time to do devotions every night. Time to do highs and lows, and prayers at every meal. We need to make the most of this pandemic. Let's not waste this crisis.



AARON BAART
DORDT UNIVERSITY

We are supposed to be the people who were built for this. The center of all of history is God taking the worst thing that ever happened and creating resurrection out of that.

This time is not going to be wasted by God. God does not design evil. Evil does not come from God, but God never wastes what it can produce either.

God's greatest desire for your life is not that it would be easy, but that it would be His.



MIKE DE JONG
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Awakening and revival. What is revival? When something comes from darkness to light. When something comes back to life again. Is revival coming in the midst of this pandemic?

God gives us a playbook for life, it's the Bible.

4 words from Mike

- Rest - Isaiah 30:9-11 and 15-16
- Repentance/Return - 2 Chronicles 7:13-14
- Restoration
- Revival - We're in a season of waiting on him similar to disciples in Acts 2 at Pentecost

There have been revivals in America before. Is this the beginning of a new one?

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ADAM TIMMERMAN
TWO-TIME SUPER BOWL CHAMP

No matter what happens. No matter the circumstances. God is still on the throne.

1st Peter 5:10 In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

He will restore us. He will strengthen us. Jesus is alive. That's the hope we have.



ADAM WEBER
PASTER AT EMBRACE CHURCH

In times of crisis, hardships, afflictions, it's painful to be in it, but it's in those times that God grows us in ways we can't imagine. In those seasons he grows our character, our faithfulness, and our kindness. When our kindness and our peace dries up, all of a sudden it's like OK God, I have nothing left. I need yours.

People have realized the need for the Church. Not the building but the brothers and sisters that we connect with.

Dr. Henry Cloud - "The Bible is full of trials. Crisis is not a new concept to God. That's the story of God is him working through crisis. God is unshakable. We can come near to him."



DR. WILLIAM ROOZEBOOM
PASTORAL THEOLOGIAN/COUNSELOR

We need to acknowledge this is a pandemic we're all dealing with. So it's OK to acknowledge our feelings. We're all facing this and it's kind of a scary time.

Part of this experience is a form of loss. Loss of expectations or dreams.

Moving from despair to hope isn't necessarily a linear process. We don't start at despair and end at hope. Embracing that it's normal to move back and forth is helpful. Everyone has their own way to grieve and process things. Sometimes we need to give ourselves permission to not be perfect and not have it all figured out right away.



LYDIA LEE
WEST LYON SENIOR

3 Challenges to 2020 Seniors

1. Use this time to spend with family. Movie nights. Game nights. These are interactions we're going to miss when we move on to the next phase of life.

2. Use this time to do things they've always wanted to do. Improve as a person.

3. View this time as a learning opportunity. Tomorrow isn't guaranteed and we need to make the most of today.

Remember all the good and beautiful things in our lives.



KAYLA RAYMOND
ROSIE'S BOUTIQUE

When all of our distractions are ripped away, what purpose has God called us to? Take care of each other.

We create idols for ourselves.

What is the root of the purpose that God has called you to do? Without the distractions of "normal" life, reflect on that for yourself.



LAUREN BANIK
LIFE 96.5

Max Lucado "If you feed your faith, your fears will starve. If you feed your fears, your faith will starve."

We must do intentional things to feed our faith. Listening to music can be one of those things.

Positive songs to check out:

- Chris McClarney "I'm Listening"
- Zach Williams "Fear Is A Liar"
- The Afters "I Will Fear No More"
- Unspoken "You've Always Been"
- Jason Gray "Remind Me You're Here"
- Matt Maher "Alive & Breathing"
- Jeremy Camp "Keep Me In The Moment"
- Big Daddy Weave "I Know"

