



Jesus Is
Part 4 – Jesus is Light
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Ted Cunningham: Good morning again, Woodland Hills family. I'm Ted Cunningham, the lead pastor here at Woodland Hills. This is Dr. Travis Brawner, a medical doctor in our community, but even more than that, an elder at our church. He's a good friend to me, a good friend to our church family, helping us lead through this time. I asked him to join us again today as we move through this.

One of the things we're very mindful of during this time is our tone. It's been referred to as tone deafness. It's when you know that right thing to say... And we know the truth has not changed, but it's the way in which it is communicated. We also know timing. There are a lot of lessons we need to learn through this time, but more of that to follow. We don't have to teach everything we're learning right now.

We want to kick off today with *Jesus is Light*. I want to start by reading for you out of 1 Thessalonians 5. It wasn't part of the teaching notes. You know, if you've been at our church for a while, we turn in our teaching notes on Friday at 10:00 am. The Lord has to be done speaking at 10:00 am on Friday. I think these days that's gone because a lot changes in 24 hours and 48 hours. As we're talking about Jesus being light, before faith in Christ, you are a child of darkness, but when you place faith in Jesus and you become a Christian, you are called a child of light. Right now, we are to be walking in light, we're to be living in light, and we're to be sharing this light.

In 1 Thessalonians 5... We often talk about 1 Thessalonians 4 and the return of the Lord. We get to Chapter 5, and the Apostle Paul is reminding the believers in Thessalonica to walk and live and share this light with one another. I'm going to read starting in Verse 1.

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

Jesus said it this way in John 8: 12 – ***“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”***

Psalms 91... That’s why we have this light, and we do not dread ***the disease that stalks in the darkness.***

We’ve been talking a lot about faith over fear and even since last Sunday, Travis. Some churches were open, and some were closed. We were right on that line of whether we should do that or not, but then after we left Sunday, it was a little odd to me how churches and pastors kind of went at each other, and Christians... I don’t know if you know this, but the internet has a lot of opinion. Have you been on the internet lately? The World Wide Web? If you closed down, it was because you were living in fear. I called some of our widows and senior adults this week and I just heard a passion in them. “I won’t give into fear; I won’t give into fear.” Last week, churches being open or being closed had really nothing to do with faith versus fear; it had everything to do with precaution.

Travis Brawner: Yeah, I agree. We tend to have this thought that if we avoid something, we’re afraid of it and therefore, if we are afraid of it, we lack faith and those are not one to one there. So, with this, we say we’re not fearful but we’re taking precautions. We believe that actions that you take in this time do not display greater faith. Certain actions... For instance, us not meeting as a group last week. We don’t believe that coming against that fear in such a way to pretend something doesn’t exist is a greater expression of faith. But we also believe the importance of tone and timing, like you said. This is not a time for people to be beating each other down for what they are or are not doing. We simply do what we feel we should be doing and as a church and the leadership of this church that was the decision that we made.

Ted Cunningham: Yeah, and to be more mindful of where believers are on this journey. We have people in this church that have walked with the Lord for 50, 60, 70, 80 years who are solid in their faith and this ain’t shaking them at all. We have brand new believers in this church who are learning for the very first time and going through a crisis that are nation has never seen before and learning as they go, so we have to be mindful of that in this faith vs fear.

Travis Brawner: That’s important what you’re saying too. That it’s a crisis that we’ve never seen before. There is a ton of uncertainty in this time. I believe that uncertainty is what is driving those people’s fear right now. By nature, we like to know what’s next. We want to know what’s going to happen tomorrow, the next week, the next year, and we just simply are in a time right now that’s not possible. So, we look for comfort in knowing what’s next.

When I was growing up doing sports, Ted. A sports analogy, okay. You can throw in fishing later, but sports for now.

Ted Cunningham: Lots of sports analogies.

Travis Brawner: Some of you may remember doing conditioning repetitions to get you in better shape.

Ted Cunningham: I did conditioning. I played junior high basketball. I know suicides; I know what those are.

Travis Brawner: So, you're with me. Follow along. "So, how many suicides do we have to do coach?" And the coaches answer was, "I'll tell you when we're done." I would much rather have done it, knowing we had to do eight, than five and them cutting off right at five.

Ted Cunningham: And I can add to that analogy that kid who wouldn't touch the line. That was a guarantee of us needing to do more. I loved what's going around this week. Right now, we kind of feel like kindergarteners losing recess time because two or three people aren't paying attention.

Travis Brawner: A little bit. You were the one that didn't touch the line, weren't you?

Ted Cunningham: I didn't touch the line; I was winded.

Travis Brawner: Thanks a lot.

Ted Cunningham: So, I wear a seatbelt when I drive and if I stop wearing a seatbelt and start going, "I don't live in fear..." you would say, "Ted, you're unwise." So, this is a wisdom thing not a faith/fear thing when we take precautions. This is the time that people are turning... As we talk about Jesus being this light and this light in us, I remember growing up as a kid and our bedrooms across the top of our house, with my mom and dad and me and then my brother. I would never say I was afraid of the dark. Are you afraid of the dark?

Travis Brawner: Not really.

Ted Cunningham: Well I'm the type that I don't go into a room unless I turn the light on. And I'll be honest with you, maybe I've seen too many movies. When, I'm leaving a room, I get out of the room the best I can before turning that light out because somebody is going to grab me out of the back of the room. Do you remember your parents... If you were ever like, "Man, I heard something I don't really know what's going on," then your parents turned on the light and it was okay. There was absolutely nothing to fear in the room at that moment because of the light.

I'll be honest with you. I was watching CNN this week... just briefly. Take a chill, Fox friends. They played that commercial of Ronald Regan's son. He's trying to gather up atheists and agnostics for the Freedom from Religion Foundation. I just thought to myself, *what a weird time to be growing the atheism club*. No one is looking to nothing for... People are turning right now.... We want you to know, if you're tuning in, we want you to have that light. This is what's interesting about this text. You're like, "You're talking about the end of times and the day of the Lord." We don't share this with one another to scare each other or to live in fear. Multiple times in 1 Thessalonians... He says it in Chapter 4, as he talks about the return of the Lord, "Encourage each other with these words."

At the end of the section, we read in Chapter 5, he says, ***11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*** We, as children of light, should not be bringing about more fear and sharing opinions, going after people to put fear in people. We need to be sharing the light and knowing that we don't live in the fear.

Travis Brawner: And it's that certainty that keeps us from being fearful as we talk about things that are dangerous and the end and things like that. It's our faith that gives us comfort in that.

Ted Cunningham: And you have done a fantastic job. Travis is in the medical community here in Branson. He has been encouraging to me because I call him. I hear something and I call him. Your answer is "We don't know." We want certainty in this time of uncertainty.

Travis Brawner: We're looking for clarity it seems, and everybody wants to know what's next, and if we could just have this plan laid out. If we knew how many suicides, wind sprints we had to run, then most of us would feel a lot better about this whole thing. We're asking question and we wonder. This is our internal voice that's saying, *Am I going to have a job when this all ends. Is my business going to still be open?*

Ted Cunningham: *When are we going to open. When is Branson going to open back up?*

Travis Brawner: *Am I going to get sick? How sick am I going to get? Is my family going to get sick? Is anyone I know going to die from this? Some really big heavy unknowns. We're looking to cling to some clarity about it.*

When John Kavanaugh was in Ephesus, he asked Mother Teresa if she would pray for him. She said, "What would you like to pray for?" He said, "I would like for you to pray for clarity for me. I want to understand what my future is to be." She said, "No." That was her answer, "No I won't. I won't pray for you for that because clarity is not what you want." What you want is faith because no matter how much we can feel like we know what's going to happen next, with all the unknowns, we start speculating what's going to happen next. With speculation, we start to expect things. And when we expect things, that sets us up for disappointment. And that disappointment just furthers our uncertainty and our fear. So, what Mother Teresa was saying was saying was pray for faith, look for faith in this time because no matter what happens tomorrow, next week, next year, we lean on our faith. We know that God is sovereign, that he's still on his throne, and no matter what, he has us.

Psalm 23 – ***Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...*** And this is a pretty dark, shallow valley that we are in right now. ...***we will fear no evil because he is with us.***

Ted Cunningham: Jesus has already turned on this light in your life. ***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.*** I have light to walk right now during this time with Christ as my savior. So, we're going to build this out in the weeks to come. I feel like we keep adding to it, but the very first one we've been talking a lot about this week is **Faith not Fear.**

And then moving to **Hope not Hype**. If you've been around Woodland Hills for any stretch of time, you know Ecclesiastes 9: 4 is a verse I come back to. ***Anyone who is among the living has hope – even a live dog is better off than a dead lion.*** If you're breathing right now, there is hope. If you have no faith in Christ, the time is now. You're still breathing, you still have hope, but that hope, as Joe talked about last week, is in Christ, our light is Christ, and now is the time.

We know many of you are turning to Christ right now during this time. We're leaning into our faith now more than ever. For those of you who've never placed faith in Jesus, this is the time. We go with hope. Last week, Joe did a fantastic job with this. We never bet against hope. We have hope.

So, it's Faith not Fear, Hope not Hype, and then this is a big one we've been focusing on this week: **Prayer not Paranoia**. We are going to take the time right now to pray for our community. Decisions were made in our community this week. Somebody asked me to join a group about Branson and I got on there to join it. I wanted to be light in this, but it was so toxic towards our leaders. It was just seeing believers in Christ sharing toxicity on line... My friends, now is not the time. One of the things we know is this virus bumped into you. It didn't create something in you; it bumped into you. And what's coming out of you right now was in you long before you ever heard the term *COVID-19*. This is not a time for us to be dealing with toxicity.

Now more than ever, pray for our mayors because every town around here has mayors, aldermen. Our first responders, our medical community, the police, the fire fighters are still doing their jobs and doing it now, and many of them are unprotected during this time. This is a time for us to pray and join together. If ever there is a time we should take Jesus literally, which we do, but he says, "Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them." I told this week we're at ten. If they lower it to two or three... ain't going below two or three. We are sticking with two or three. I'm going to have to draw a line there.

I said it last week and I'll say it again, and then we'll take time as a church family to pray. Our prayers are needed more than our opinions right now. I just want to encourage you. Before you go online and get ready to share what this business is doing or what this elected official decided, I ask that you would pause and that you would pray. Followers of Jesus, it is time for us to be light in these dark times.

Travis Brawner: I think another important point with that is the consumption of the opinions that are out there. There are people spewing opinions and there are many that are putting opinions out there, but there are more than that consuming those opinions. That is what drives the uncertainty and the fear and creates this animosity within the congregation, within the community, across the world right now.

Ted Cunningham: Be 100% honest if you've been bugged by me calling you with some of these things I've read online.

Travis Brawner: Not yet.

Ted Cunningham: Not yet?

Travis Brawner: There's a threshold.

Ted Cunningham: I call him with something I've heard to ask him about it and he's like, "Ted, we don't know." Travis, I'd like both of us to pray. I'll start it and let you end it. I want to pray for you. I want to pray for your colleagues that are on the front line. Travis was told last week to suspend all elective surgeries and everything that you would be doing to keep the hospital open so that we can be ready for this. Again, that's preparation, that's wisdom. It's not a faith or fear thing, it's being wise in this time.

Travis Brawner: We said last week also – **Action not Apathy**. So, in this time, there is wisdom in certain actions.

Ted Cunningham: I'm going to ask that you bow your head in your family room, in your kitchen, in your bedroom. I know there are some in our parking lot now in a car. We're not recommending that you come to the church at this point because some are going to hear that and say, "I'm coming; I'm watching the after party." Just stay home. Honor that. But wherever you are at, just set the device there among your family and friends. I know many are gathered with friends. We're just going to take a moment at this point to pray. We know this is a very important time for us, even in the middle of the message. So, join me in prayer.

Father, it's in the good name of Jesus through the authority of that name, through the power of the blood of Jesus that we are pleading out as believers. My family has been praying all week for our church family, for our community, and then for this virus. Sometimes praying about the virus slowing... When you see a world map, it can be overwhelming to think about my prayer effecting that, but I know it is the sovereignty that we know you are in complete control over all of this. We are praying for the labs all around the world where people are trying to find a vaccine for this, or they are trying to find a way to treat patients with this. There are so many medical professionals and doctors and scientists and immunologists and all of them who are working around the clock on this.

I think Dr. Anthony Fauci... Here is a 79-year-old man that is a model for all of us, working tirelessly to help our country and the world with this. Give him wisdom, give him discernment in this as he seeks to calm fears and yet teach us all how to be wise through this time. I pray for every fire fighter, I pray for every police officer, state trooper, sheriff's deputy, paramedic. I pray for our military. I pray as they sit there every night and hear about how they might be used in this and how governors are encouraging this. I think of our government officials from the president to the governors to our mayor to the mayors in southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas to aldermen right now, many of them being attacked – their character being accused or people coming against them. Father, that they would lead and do what government leaders are supposed to do, which is protect us from evil as Romans clearly lines out for us. They are to promote good and punish evil. So, during this time, that they would move forward with wisdom.

We pray for our church leaders, as we think of ways to best serve this community and care for this community during this time. We don't want to hold back anything that you have given us to be able to help our community with. We pray for each and every member of Woodland Hills Family Church right now that is without income, that is without a job, and, as Travis was just speaking of, the uncertainty

that they're living in right now. Not knowing when they're starting back to work, not knowing when the paycheck is going to come again. This is large percentage, Father, of our congregation. I know this is going to hit all of us financially, but I pray for the ones right now that it has hit immediately. From an Uber driver who was working 12 -14 hours a day, seven days a week, to now nothing, to a waiter and a waitress not working, to our theater workers, to our entertainers. It just stopped in a day and they now sit, waiting and wondering. I am praying and encouraging them with the words of scripture today that they would seek comfort in you and be comforted and encouraged during this time with faith in Christ because Jesus is the light of the world. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus.

Travis Brawner: Lord, we come to you today also lifting up this church, this community, the country, and even the world. Lord, for the spiritual condition of everyone everywhere that we would lean on our faith in you and our faith in your sovereignty, not on any clarity or certainty about what may be next, not on any faith in riches or faith even in human abilities, human powers, or anything, Lord, but in your sovereignty.

We pray for those who are currently sick that you would heal those that it is in your will to heal. We pray that you continue to work all things together for good. We acknowledge that no matter what illness would come upon us, what financial difficulty, what stress, what family situation, no matter what, Lord, that you would continue to bolster our faith through this and that we would look to one another for encouragement not discouragement. We pray that as believer we would build one another up, not tear one another down. I pray that you would convict those who are speaking words of hate, Lord, words of discouragement and accusation and blame. Lord, that you're Holy Spirit would move through them that they would, as followers of Jesus in this time, in fact be a light. We want to be in the light as you are in the light.

Lord, we thank you for your presence with us, thank you for the Holy Spirit to comfort us. Lord, this is a time we realize that as we pray and we are leaning on prayer over paranoia that sometimes we don't even know what to pray, but as you tell us in your word, in that time we can simply be still with you and know that the Holy Spirit is praying for us with groanings too deep for words and how deep the groanings are at this point with so many. We pray for those who are facing potential illness and those who are stressed about it, Lord, that you would just alleviate their fears.

Father, we know that nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from you and for that we are literally eternally grateful so that we know that if we or a family member get sick, it is your will we pray for healing and if not, Lord, we're grateful for an eternal rest with you in the presence of our Savior Jesus, and for that, Lord, we say thank you. We rest in that and we place our faith in that. We thank you for the time this morning that we can pause, hopefully put our devices down, quit looking at the fear that is all around us, and focus on you as we gather virtually, if not in person. We know that in spirit we are gathered together, and we are grateful. It is in Jesus name we are grateful and pray. Amen.

Ted Cunningham: Amen. Faith not Fear, Hope not Hype, Prayer not paranoia, and then **Helping not Hoarding**. I'm not going to do one toilet paper joke. I'm so tired of the toilet paper jokes. If you send me a meme, I'll laugh as though it's the first time I've heard it. Can I tell you the thing that I've been encouraged about during this time?

There have been people that would refer to Woodland Hills Family Church as “The church I attend.” To see people using this term on social media... when I see someone say, “Our church...” It is your church, it’s our church.

As that goes up on the screen, I just want to tell people about one of the things we’ve done. Care for Kids... The elders said we need to do something immediately. The immediate need for us, knowing that many people aren’t dealing with this financially yet because this is the first week that they’ve been without a job, but that will come later. Probably into April, they’ll be dealing with that. And then what the government is doing with checks and all of that. We said we need to do something immediately for the schools that are out. A lot of children in Stone and Taney counties and all around our community outside of Stone and Taney counties get their meals through backpack programs, through breakfast, and through lunch. It’s a key part of it so we sent a check last week for \$30,000.00 to Care for Kids. There are 14 school districts in Stone and Taney counties, and Care for Kids have a formula they put that through to make sure that it’s distributed appropriately to the children that need it. And we will do more; this was the heart of our entire elder body.

Travis Brawner: Absolutely. And we recognize that this is the beginning. Again, we don’t know what tomorrow brings and this will be continually changing like everything else. We believe... those of us that are newer in leadership are so grateful to those that have preceded us in leadership. I’m just going to say the name: Jim Sedlacek put in place the 90% rule years ago. Because of that, our financial condition is in a place where we are not worried about resources, but rather we look to help not hoard and there is not even a question of that. We’re grateful that Jim, who is with the Lord now, made a huge impact. Who would have thought that with that decision long ago and that leading in him we would be standing here today, grateful for that for that reason?

Ted Cunningham: I told his kids that. One lives in Alabama and another in Phoenix. Here’s what we know. Our church will thrive through this because those reaching out to help exceed those reaching out for help. We know many in our church family will need help and we stand ready to help. But we also want to encourage those who want to help. So many emails and message coming in this week. This was autocorrecting... I’m not spending a lot of time editing emails and Facebook messages right now. I was responding to a member of our church. She wanted to help in her community. She lives in Arkansas. She said, “What can I do?” And she was given some ideas. I just ended the message... I wanted to say, “I love your heart to help,” but instead I ended with “I love your heart to hell.” She responded back with, “You love my heart to hell?” No, *help.

You can give online right now. We’re not making this a big deal if you want to mail in your tithe check, but we need to be helping right now. Earlier, you were sharing the idea that we hold onto the little bit that we may have left. This isn’t a time to hold back the resources for fear and uncertainty of what’s to come.

Travis Brawner: Right. And as a church, those are the things that we’re doing and we would encourage you as individuals, as we’re looking at what it is that we can do... We say it all the time that the church is not a building, the church is not a certain gathering of people, but the church is followers of Jesus. So, we encourage you, as individuals doing what it is you can do, no one even needs to know about it.

I want to challenge our community particularly, but those in other communities as well, that there is a sense right now if you own a business, if you have a company, an organization, whatever you do, this kind of hunkering down mentality, you could even call it a self-preservation. And that darkness you talked about, once the light is turned off, what do you tend to want to do? You tend to want to stop and not move.

There can be a tendency for the self-preservation, this hoarding of resources. I want to challenge the business owners, those that oversee the money in your organizations, to take this opportunity to be generous. It's not a time to try to preserve whether your company is going to be in place and functioning in a month or so or not, that doesn't matter right now. There are people... We're not concerned about organizations; we're concerned about people and the needs that they have. So, employers, business owners, do what is right in the Lord for those who you have depended on for so many years. And think about this. Your company would not be where it is today if it wasn't for those who are relying on that paycheck right now. It may tank you financially, but consider those whom you have relied on for so many years that really need you right now.

Ted Cunningham: Yeah, and how far with that go in our community if this week and next week, instead of the hold back, we find ways to be generous. And as a church family, collectively, we plan on doing that. So, those that want to help, you continue to give. To those right now that it is not a time to help, you have no resources and you'll be needing resources, your church is ready to offer the help. We don't know exactly what it looks like yet, but we're going to continue to make those decisions as we go along.

The last one is **Peace not Panic**. Jesus is light. I love that. When the light is off, we stand still; we don't move. That's a great ad today. Jesus said, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.**" This is Jesus comforting his disciples. "**I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**"

In Matthew 9, we read the story, **35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** It's our desire during this time to shepherd well with that truth and timing and tone that we talked about in the beginning. **37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."**

I'm just going to tell you as children of light because Jesus is light... Matthew 5 says "**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**"

To share one last time with those who are leading. Travis talked about it from the financial perspective, but I've been working with a lot of our theater owners and business owners and restaurant owners this week who were trying to make decisions before decisions were made for them late in the week. I kept sending many of them Proverbs 22: 1 which reads: **A good name is more desirable than great riches...** This is Truett Cathy's life verse, the founder of Chick-fil-A. **...to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.**

How you lead right now... I heard one pastor this week say, "Your reputation during this time as a leader, as a business leader in our community, your reputation is being forged." I heard a pastor say it this way this week: **"How you lead over the next few weeks will determine how people follow you for the next few years."** I just want to encourage all those who are leading. We talked a lot about our medical community and we talked a lot about first responders and our elected officials, but for business leaders, you've made a lot of hard decisions, difficult decisions during this time, but how you lead during this time is so important that you would lead, follower of Jesus, out of faith.

I'll just end with this. Wednesday, I texted you, Travis. It was a beautiful day. I think we hit 78 degrees; it was hot. Amy and I went on a walk. You know she walks me and the dog before sunset every night. With this lockdown thing, she's been wanting two walks a day. I really ain't got no excuse. We're probably going to be doing suicides tomorrow.

Travis Brawner: She'll tell you when you're done.

Ted Cunningham: If you see me running out to the deal and running back, you'll know Amy...

Travis Brawner: You didn't touch the line. Do it again.

Ted Cunningham: I didn't touch the line. But the amount of birds that were singing; it was incredible and inspiring. I just kept thinking about and then started singing that hymn. "His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me." I know today is one of those gloomier days with the rain and no sun. Get outside and enjoy the creation that your Father in heaven has provided for all of us during this time.

That's how we're going to transition into the next segment, but before we do, just to give you the opportunity, for those who have tuned in and you've never placed faith in Jesus, that today would be the day that you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and you believed in your heart that he has been raised from the dead, as we worshiped and sang about earlier, that today would be the day of your salvation. That right there, wherever you are, from a car to a living room to kitchen, that you would bow your head, confess your sin before your father in heaven, receive him as your Lord and Savior, that today would be the day you no longer live as a child of darkness. Let today be the day the light switch goes on and the panic ends and the fear ends and the hype ends and the paranoia ends and let faith right now be what drives you. I'm asking that the Holy Spirit begin convicting people right now that many are placing faith in Jesus for the very first time.

And then, follower of Jesus, that today would be the day you know what is right. What we believe has not changed. I loved it last week. I love all this faith not fear, hope not hype, because Joe talked about it being on trial. It is on trial. Your faith, your hope, your prayer life, everything is on trial. Do you really believe what you've said for years you believe because now is the time we get to press into it?

I'm going to pray for us. Don't go anywhere because we're going to kick off the after party in about ten minutes. I'm going to ask that you bow with me one final time this morning.

Father, for Woodland Hills Family Church, yeah, this is going out on the internet, but we are a local church. This is a local church family and everything we're talking about is geared to and being spoken to the people who call Woodland Hills home and the people who maybe have attended for years, but they've never professed faith in Jesus. I pray that right now, people are crying out to you, confessing their sins, placing faith in Jesus Christ, the light of the world, so they no longer have to walk in darkness.

The one who is dreading this disease right now because they do not have faith in Christ, I pray that right now, the switch is going on and they are placing faith in Jesus for the very first time and they are now children of light. May this be true across many family rooms, cars, bedrooms, kitchens right now.

Continue to use Woodland Hills Family Church. We're asking father; we don't know yet, it's uncertain how we can best help our community, but we want to be ready to do that. So, for those of us who can continue to help that we would. For those that will need help, give us wisdom and discernment for the best way to meet those needs in our community.

We love you, we trust you, we believe in you. We don't sing and teach this flippantly; we sing and teach it because we believe it to the core. As we leave here today, we want to drive home from this place, wanting to live as children of light and putting that all over the internet that we would be praying, and not spewing opinions this week. Father, give us wisdom in that.

We love you and we look forward to this time of fellowship that follows from this service. It's in the name of Jesus that we pray it. Amen.