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# PART I WHAT IF



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# WE ARE BEING CALLED

## AS I WOKE UP,

one morning last week, there was a heaviness on me that was palpable. I know we are all feeling the spiritual stuff in the air but also the reality of the world we live in right now. I found myself going down a different slippery thought path. It was almost an acceptance of what's going on, like we don't have any choice. What shook me was what that would mean if I as a follower of Christ just resigned myself to sitting back and letting it be what it is. But the truth is that is NOT what we've been called to do. I realize we want to make an impact as the "church" but I have the sense that the impact may be bigger than what we thought. I believe in making sure we all connect, and helping in any way that we can, but **I feel that we've been called first of all to take hold of our authority and use it properly.**

*What if the call for us right now is to get into proper agreement and stand against this thing?*

What if in unity we curse this virus in Jesus name and continue to call forth Jesus' mighty blood and healing to our homes, church, and city?

What if the impact we are looking for comes when someone asks us why our church wasn't hurt by this pandemic or why our city recovers quicker than others.

What if we take a stand for our city, and the outcome is clear to the world watching, that our God did a miracle. What an incredible evangelical opportunity that would be.

What if we could be some of the ones believing God is GOOD and could stand for Houston to not get any sicker, and to recover faster both physically and economically?

As much as this may sound like a given, I've been amazed and grieved over responses I have seen on social media. **Some people are calling this horrible chaos, destruction, sickness and death God's doing. How can we fight a war when we actually believe we are fighting God?**

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# HE WILL TURN THIS FOR GOOD

The truth is we won't! **It's the work of the enemy to have Christians resign themselves to God being "in control" and that He's trying to get us to be home more, to find what's really important etc.** While the world is suffering and we sit back and do nothing. People are scared and lonely and I can't for one second believe that's God. **Romans 8:28 promises us that He will turn this for our good, but we cannot fall into the enemies subtle and not so subtle trap of believing that God did this!**

The word of the Lord that came in an Ashford prayer meeting was to ask big! I'm asking big!

*"I give you power to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

*Luke 10:19*

*"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but*

*against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*  
*Ephesians 6:12*

*"He that believes on me, the works that I do shall you do also; and greater works than these shall you do."*

*John 14:12*

**What I'm proposing is we share the reminder of God's goodness and our authority with one another.** If we could connect by phone with someone in your Church of Ten or another faith filled believer and pray and stand together in our full authority.

Blessings!

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# GET CONNECTED

## **To get in a group of ten you can:**

1. Start with your household
2. Reach out to people you are already connected with in the church or who you think might not know who to reach out to
3. Send an email to [office@ashfordcc.com](mailto:office@ashfordcc.com) so we can get you connect with a group

## **To stay connected with your group you can:**

1. Have an ongoing group message with texting or GroupMe
2. Use Zoom to do video calls
3. Group phone calls or FaceTime

*We want to hear from you!*

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