God in the Midst of 2020

Finding God in the COVID Crisis

Healing the Wounds of Division

Standing in the Gap for America

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I’m sure we can all agree that 2020 was an unforgettable year for each one of us. But with all of the many challenges we faced, it also served to help us more fully understand and focus on the hope we have in Christ. For Laurie and me, we can’t imagine going through such a season without the assurance of His presence and leadership.

As you might imagine, throughout 2020 every member of our global TBN outreach — from our production and broadcast team to our twenty-four-hour prayer department — was fully immersed in God’s Kingdom business of creating and airing life-changing programming, along with encouraging individuals and families in the incomparable hope and grace we have through Christ. Back in early 2020, as the COVID crisis was increasing, I wrote in these pages that our prayer is that we will one day be able to look back on this time as one of the finest hours for Christians and the church. “As many individuals and families are living their days in isolation and uncertainty,” I wrote, “those of us who love Jesus have an unprecedented opportunity to introduce family, friends, neighbors, and others to the only One who can provide true hope and a ‘peace that passes understanding,’ and who promises to cover us with His protection, provision, and care!”

Here at TBN, through your committed prayer and partnership, that is how we approached the challenging year of 2020 — as golden opportunities to present the love of Jesus to untold millions of individuals and families around the world facing a wide range of circumstances.

As you page through this latest edition of our TBN quarterly partner update, appropriately titled “God in the Midst of 2020,” we believe you’ll be excited and blessed as you experience an overview of content we produced specifically to minister God’s peace and presence to viewers concerning the pandemic (page 3), God’s perspective on the social upheaval that touched our nation (page 4), and the commitment by Christians to stand in the gap in prayer for a spiritual renewal in America at this pivotal time in history (page 5).

Looking back on 2020, Laurie and I — along with our entire TBN team — are more convinced than ever that this global outreach has been positioned by God “for such a time as this” — a time of historic opportunity to take Jesus’ message of salvation, hope, and healing to more hearts and homes across the earth than ever before.

As always, at the heart of TBN’s mission are the many friends and partners like you who stand with us in prayer and financial stewardship as we take the life-changing message of hope and grace through Jesus to your home — and to every inhabited continent. More than ever we are grateful that you’ve joined hands with us in our mission to change the world through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your commitment to keep viewer-supported TBN on the air around the world. Please know that you are in our prayers as we labor together for God’s Kingdom. May He richly bless you in all you put your hands to do.

We love and appreciate you,

Matt and Laurie Crouch
When the coronavirus surged into a pandemic early in 2020, individuals and families found themselves facing many levels of anxiety as they were forced to navigate through issues of closed workplaces, schools, and churches, shortages of food and supplies, and uncertainty about the future. Here at TBN, we realized our global broadcast presence offered us a perfect opportunity to speak into the lives and circumstances of millions who needed a word of hope and comfort. And over the next weeks and months we joined together with key TBN ministry partners to pour a message of God’s love, compassion, and care into our viewers around the world.

Here is a representative sampling of that crucial theme — a theme of God’s care that continues to resound across the earth through TBN’s 24-hour global broadcast.

**A MESSAGE OF HOPE: GOD IS IN CONTROL**
In March, Matt and Laurie joined Pastor Max Lucado to encourage TBN viewers to turn their eyes to Jesus in the midst of the COVID pandemic. This short clip will really encourage you!

**HERE’S HOW TO DEFEAT FEAR**
Bishop T.D. Jakes offers some sound biblical counsel about looking fear straight in the eye — and winning. It all starts with knowing that God is for you. Check out this timely teaching.

**EMBRACING THE LIVING HOPE**
Author and teacher Joyce Meyer shares five keys to trusting God and staying positive when our circumstances tempt us to be anxious and afraid.

**DON’T LOSE THESE KEYS**
Speaking from Hong Kong, Pastor Francis Chan reminds us of three God-given keys we cannot afford to lose in the midst of trials and crises.

**WALKING WITH GOD THOUGH EVERY SEASON**
Inspirational speaker Lisa Harper encourages us to keep our focus on God’s goodness regardless of our circumstances.
As you know, the televised death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, sparked nationwide protests and demonstrations, quickly followed by looting and violence in major cities across America. In the midst of the anger, confusion, and chaos, TBN offered an important television forum for a number of high-profile Christian leaders to powerfully speak into the situation in a biblical and culturally relevant manner. Here are a handful of the compelling messages they offered on the importance of a Christ-centered approach to healing divisions in America. And to view all programs on this issue, go to watch.tbn.org/understanding-one-another-racial-reconciliation.

THE KEY TO CHANGE
Author and speaker Dr. Rick Rigsby joins James “J.B.” Brown and Pastor Bobby Schuller to talk about the importance of humility and repentance among “all God’s children” in order for true change and reconciliation to come.

TRUTH KNOWS NO COLOR
James Brown reminds believers that if we will present the love of Jesus to others in a relevant way, He will step in with healing and reconciliation.

WHAT CAN I DO?
Bishop Kenneth Ulmer joins Matt and Laurie to discuss the role the church and committed Christians must play to facilitate racial reconciliation in our churches and in our culture.

A PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION
Pastor Bobby Schuller leads TBN viewers in a prayer for an end to racial divisions in America.
In the weeks leading up to the 2020 elections, TBN aired special programs highlighting the need for the people of America to turn their hearts to God. Those specials included two major prayer rallies Sept. 26th on Washington, DC’s National Mall. “TBN has covered many major prayer gatherings over the years,” said Matt Crouch. “But there was something unique and sobering about this day in our nation’s capital. People were praying with urgency and passion. There was a real sense that everyone understands America is at a crossroads, and we need God’s mercy and guidance as never before.”

HIGHLIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON PRAYER GATHERINGS

Matt and Laurie hosted a special edition of TBN’s Praise program bringing highlights from Prayer March 2020 with Franklin Graham, and The Return with Rabbi Jonathan Cahn. The two events Sept. 26th on the National Mall drew more than 100,000 individuals to pray for the future of America.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

In remarks at Prayer March 2020 in Washington, DC, Vice President Mike Pence emphasized that now, more than ever, believers across America need to diligently intercede on behalf of our nation and leaders.

PRAY FOR NATIONAL HEALING

Barry Black, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, joined Kirk Cameron to talk about the steps our nation must take to find spiritual wholeness.

LET US WORSHIP

Tens of thousands of believers gathered in Washington, DC October 25th for Let Us Worship, hosted by worship leader Sean Feucht. The event, which included messages from Pastor Jentezen Franklin, U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, and Pastor Charles Karuku, focused on praying for a spiritual revival across America.
HISTORIC INTERVIEW WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER

In his first official interview with the U.S. media following the death of Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani in a U.S. drone strike, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sat down in Jerusalem with Matt Crouch for an exclusive TBN interview. The prime minister’s comments ranged from Israel’s role as the Middle East’s sole democracy, and its determination to aggressively defend itself against Iran and others intent on its destruction, to the important commitment of President Trump and America’s conservative and Christian community to stand in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people. View the entire TBN interview here.

COVERING OUR KIDS WITH PRAYER

In this Praise segment with Laurie Crouch and Victoria Osteen, Beth Moore talks about how praying God’s Word over our kids can impact their destinies. “There is such power when you combine God’s Word with prayer for your children,” she said. Listen as Beth shares about prayerful parenting from her book Feathers From My Nest.

SEE YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU

In a special Praise program with Matt and Laurie Crouch, and Joel and Victoria Osteen, Tyler Perry shares that in order to fully embrace God’s purpose in our lives, we must see ourselves as God sees us. Watch as Tyler encourages us to release the things of our past that have made us feel unworthy.
REACHING THE WORLD WITH BEHIND THE SCENES WITH HUCKABEE

In November 2020, TBN’s weekly Huckabee show hit an incredible hallmark of 500,000 subscribers to the Huckabee YouTube channel. Each program features national and international newsmakers, iconic celebrities, and uplifting stories highlighting the goodness, faith, and down-home heroics of everyday individuals from across the nation. Check out this behind-the-scenes look at the process of putting together a Huckabee show. And tune in every Saturday @8/7c, only on TBN.

BETTER TOGETHER: AN INCREDIBLE YEAR OF CONVERSATION AND COMMUNITY

In April 2020, TBN celebrated the first anniversary of Better Together, the exciting daily talk show produced entirely by women and just for women. Hosted by Laurie Crouch, along with a group of beautifully diverse close friends, over the past year the fast-moving, thirty-minute program of conversation and community has gained a following of faithful viewers as it highlights topics and issues of importance to women everywhere. Check out this short video above, and tune in weekdays at 1:30pm/12:30c for Better Together — exclusively on TBN! Join us on Facebook and Instagram at BetterTogetherTV and online at www.BetterTogether.tv.

AN ARMLOAD OF FAITH

In this poignant Praise clip, Laurie shares a deeply personal story of an encounter with God — and what He reminded her of concerning the importance of standing in faith.

REJOICE IN HOPE

Gospel singer Tye Tribbett hosted a night of worship emphasizing racial reconciliation. Here’s a powerful song from that program.
In his latest book, *Empty Out the Negative*, popular pastor and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Joel Osteen shows how you can let go of all the negative thoughts and feelings that weigh you down, and make room for the blessings and victory God has created you to enjoy.

God made each one of us to live in His peace, joy, confidence, and creativity. But how many times do we find ourselves living below those blessings by holding on to things that weigh us down, like guilt, resentment, doubt, and worry? When we give space to these negative emotions, they take up space that should be filled with the thoughts and emotions that will move us toward God’s destiny for us.

Life is too short to live bitter, discouraged, and weighed down. In *Empty Out the Negative*, you’ll learn how to let go of the inner baggage that holds you back, and face every day with a faith-filled, God-inspired attitude of joy and confidence. Join Pastor Joel in setting your heart and mind on the right course—and stepping with confidence into all the wonderful things God has in store for you.

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