

Unemployment, Zoom fatigue, and a conversation with Dan Darling

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In this episode, Josh, Lindsay, and Brent discuss facemask requirements, unemployment rates, cats with Coronavirus, and Zoom fatigue. Lindsay also gives a rundown of this week's ERLC content including a piece from Casey B. Hough on 3 ways to lead Christ's sheep through the valley of the shadow of COVID-19, Ericka Andersen on quarantine as an opportunity for churches emerging stronger, and Josh Wester on why religious liberty is so important to Baptists. Also in this episode, the hosts are joined by Dan Darling for a conversation about life and ministry.

About Dan

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1. [Cellphone data shows coronavirus kept churchgoers at home](https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2020/04/17/cell-phone-data-coronavirus-churchgoers-home-easter/?arc404=true) (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2020/04/17/cell-phone-data-coronavirus-churchgoers-home-easter/?arc404=true>) in every state on Easter
2. NPR: 73% Of Inmates At An Ohio Prison [Test Positive For Coronavirus](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/20/838943211/73-of-inmates-at-an-ohio-prison-test-positive-for-coronavirus?) (<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/20/838943211/73-of-inmates-at-an-ohio-prison-test-positive-for-coronavirus?>)

3. Texas, as an example, is reportedly looking at cuts as deep as 20% to the state budget.
4. CNN: These are the states that [require you to wear a face mask in public](https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/20/us/states-that-require-masks-trnd/index.html) (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/20/us/states-that-require-masks-trnd/index.html>)
5. Perhaps a preview of things to come: VP Pence speaking at the US Air Force Academy graduation.
6. Trump to [Temporarily Halt Immigration](https://apple.news/A9gL_VGZfQ7q2IavO0gf1AQ) (https://apple.news/A9gL_VGZfQ7q2IavO0gf1AQ) Into the U.S. Amid Coronavirus Crisis
7. Another 4.4 million Americans filed for [unemployment benefits](https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/23/economy/unemployment-benefits-coronavirus/index.html) (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/23/economy/unemployment-benefits-coronavirus/index.html>)
8. Some citizens are looking to leave places like NYC
9. [Two cats in New York](https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/22/health/cats-new-york-coronavirus-trnd/index.html) (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/22/health/cats-new-york-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>) are first pets known to have coronavirus in the US
10. 1 big thing: [The Zoom fatigue is real](https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-login-fd52acf6-65aa-4dab-9a2e-528aa392852d.html?chunk=0&utm_term=emshare) (https://www.axios.com/newsletters/axios-login-fd52acf6-65aa-4dab-9a2e-528aa392852d.html?chunk=0&utm_term=emshare)
11. Last night, the [NFL draft](https://www.axios.com/nfl-draft-virtual-coronavirus-b01ecc2f-654c-407c-8e84-f546694d754a.html) (<https://www.axios.com/nfl-draft-virtual-coronavirus-b01ecc2f-654c-407c-8e84-f546694d754a.html>) went virtual amid coronavirus pandemic

12. McDonald's is giving first responders and healthcare workers free 'Thank You meals' (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/22/business/mcdonalds-meal-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>)

Lunchroom

- **Lindsay:** New show called The Chosen: The First Original Series About Jesus Christ (<https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>)
- **Josh:** Stunt guy video (<https://twitter.com/RexChapman/status/1253016359455383552?s=20>)
- **Brent:** Helpful explainer from the NY Times: Is the Virus on My Clothes? My Shoes? My Hair? My Newspaper? (<https://apple.news/Ao--rXJeESvOhUZIoemDnhA>)

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- Q: There's been a lot of conversation about Christians and the 2020 election. What resources would you recommend for Christians to think about this issue?

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