



Social distancing extended, the rise of Zoom bombing, and a conversation with Jen Wilkin

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In this episode, Josh, Lindsay, and Brent talk about the extension of social distancing, staggering unemployment numbers, the rise of Zoom bombing, and the brothers who won't stop making America laugh. Lindsay also gives a rundown of this week's ERLC content including a piece from Scott James on praying for medical providers, Lieryn Barnett on caring for your mental health, Aaron Mercer on international religious freedom, and Russell Moore on how churches should think through pursuing SBA-backed loans available through the CARES Act. Also in this episode, the hosts are joined by Jen Wilkin for a conversation about life and ministry.

About Jen

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Culture

1. 6.5 million people [file for unemployment](https://www.foxbusiness.com/economy/us-unemployment-claims-march-coronavirus-economy) (<https://www.foxbusiness.com/economy/us-unemployment-claims-march-coronavirus-economy>). Nearly ten million have filed in the last two weeks

2. Social distancing extended
(<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/29/politics/trump-coronavirus-press-conference/index.html>) until April 30th
3. Joe Diffie passes away (<https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/joe-diffie-dead-61-coronavirus>) from Covid-19 + Ellis Marsalis at 85
(<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/02/825717204/ellis-marsalis-patriarch-of-new-orleans-most-famous-musical-family-has-died>)
4. The DNC delayed (<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/02/dnc-postpones-presidential-convention-until-august-17-161459>) until August
5. Are abortions essential (<https://abcnews.go.com/US/abortions-considered-essential-medical-procedures-amid-covid-19/story?id=69767056>) during coronavirus?
6. Zoom announces steps
(<https://www.theverge.com/2020/4/2/21204018/zoom-security-privacy-feature-freeze-200-million-daily-users>) for call security
7. Southern Baptists donate (<http://www.bpnews.net/54548/southern-baptists-donate-200000-masks-protective-equipment-items-to-medical-workers>)
masks, supplies
8. State Conventions gather to pray (<http://www.bpnews.net/54549/state-conventions-gather-virtually-to-pray>) virtually
9. Facebook gives \$100 million
(<https://www.facebook.com/journalismproject/coronavirus-update-news-industry-support>) for local reporting
10. The rescheduled (<https://slack-redir.net/link?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedition.cnn.com%2F2020%2F03%2F26%2Fsport%2Ftoky>)

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2020 Olympics are set to open on July 23, 2021

11. Dolly Parton, the Queen of Tennessee, [giving a million dollars](https://www.wkrn.com/video/dolly-parton-donates-1-million-dollars-to-vanderbilt-during-covid-19/4448012/) (<https://www.wkrn.com/video/dolly-parton-donates-1-million-dollars-to-vanderbilt-during-covid-19/4448012/>) to Vanderbilt medical center
12. [The Cuomo brothers](https://twitter.com/dsethbrown/status/1245738712400564224?s=20) (<https://twitter.com/dsethbrown/status/1245738712400564224?s=20>) make America laugh

Lunchroom

- Lindsay: The Mandalorian (Disney+)
- Josh: [The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible](https://www.amazon.com/Beginners-Gospel-Story-Bible/dp/1945270047) (<https://www.amazon.com/Beginners-Gospel-Story-Bible/dp/1945270047>) by Jared Kennedy
- Brent: John Krazinski crowdsources [good news](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-Vde2DnVIN/?igshid=1roh6e0472m2p) (<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-Vde2DnVIN/?igshid=1roh6e0472m2p>) on instagram

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- Q: *I've heard about the loans available to churches through the CARES Act. Is this something you recommend? And how can I learn more?*

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