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Dear Family,

We are well into week three of On-Line Church and Stay-At-Home practices. It's been both trying and tremendous, both wearying and wonderful. I heard Craig Groeschel say years ago that their greatest moments as a church had always been in seasons of scarcity. I think that's what many of our churches and leaders are seeing across our State. As we have been forced out of our routine, God's rhythm remains the same. As our 'normal' has be changed and been redefined, God's nature remains the same. I was reminded today how easy it is to let go of the things I can control, when so many other things are spinning out of control. For example, my lack of control in eating and exercise in this craziness is beginning to show. It's time to take a few things back that I can control. Just because the grocery store is out of TP, is not a license to buy blackberry cobbler with ice-cream. And just because ANYTIME Fitness doesn't mean ANYTIME anymore, does not excuse me from finding an old road to run down! My prayer for you is that during this time, when so many things are outside 'your control', that you are walking in authority in the areas you can control. Here are few reminders of what Coronavirus can't touch:

- My Mind What I choose to dwell on
- My Mouth What I choose to say and speak
- My Priorities What was first in my life 4 weeks ago, can still be first today.
- My Peace The world didn't give it to me, and the world can't take it away.

Here are a few items of information I want to share with you:

• Every Thursday until our Stay-At-Home is lifted, we will be hosting a Network Ministry Zoom at 10am. I will have a special guest each time to address a specific area of ministry. It's also a great avenue to see and fellowship with our La. Leadership Family. This Thursday, our guest is Ben McLennan with RightNow Media. We are currently partnered with RightNow, enabling all our credentialed leaders to have access to these amazing resources. Ben will take some time to walk us through best practices to utilize content, introduce some brand-new material, and answer any questions you may have. Join us this Thursday, [April 9] @ 10 am on zoom.com

Meeting ID: 992 622 278 Password: 105991

- Stay tuned for our Creative Planning of our Lead Conference 2020: Online Edition.
- We will make a decision on all Summer Camps May 1.

I know we continually repeat this phrase. It's because we are continually repeating this practice. *"As a Network Office, We Are praying for you!"* 

On a daily basis, I am praying: Almighty Father, surround our leaders, their families and their churches with spiritual, physical, and emotional health. Birth in every leader a new level of creativity for doing ministry in a new way. Open their ear to a greater sensitivity to hear Your Holy Spirit speak, guide, and comfort. Bless the work of their hands and may Your favor be heavy on them. Let each leader serve their communities with great authority, anointing, hope, and compassion.

Blessings, *Pastor Scott* 

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