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The Daily Ray, Episode 14

3 Ways to Thrive in Fearful Times

Automated Speaker: It's Thursday, March 12th and this is the Daily Ray.

Ray Edwards: Welcome to the Daily Ray. And today I've got a couple of things I must share with you. They're important and I want you to receive them as such. And it begins with seizing the opportunity when it arises, especially when it's inconvenient. Somebody once famously said, the reason most people, well don't answer the door when opportunity knocks is because opportunity often shows up wearing overalls, looking like work. And there's some truth to that. So, I was awake early this morning at like 1:30 and I prayed. I was very spiritual for a while. And then I got spiritual in my work and I realized there were a lot of God's children who had tried to contact me through email and direct messages and so forth that I had not spoken with yet. Had not answered their requests or questions or comments that I wanted to clean out that inbox and clean up those open loops, if you will, and honor those communications.

So again, going through the inbox, going through all the messages I had. I think when I started, I had 400 some messages. I was down about a hundred messages and two struck me right in a row that seemed astonishing. One super friend of mine I haven't heard from in quite some time who just said, I want to connect. I've got some business things I wanted to talk with you about. I wonder how we can work together. Which was a really cool thing. I've been thinking about this guy a lot lately and we had not talked in a long time and so for him to pop up in my inbox like that, that early in the morning was quite surprising. Another message was from a different friend of mine who said, there's something going on in San Diego you need to be part of, and I just felt the prompting and my spirit that God is up to something and this, this is a big business deal that could be done this week.

I'll be honest, I started thinking about how inconvenient it was, how I wasn't feeling great, I hadn't slept well. I hadn't slept at all basically. I have things to do the next couple of days that are already planned on the calendar, but I realized I must go do this thing. So, I booked the airline tickets, I booked the hotel, I started packing my bags, took a break from that to come to the office. Do the live at five or the live at 5:21 as Comcast would have it, but that's okay. We love Comcast. Comcast is awesome. They're going to fix this problem right away. I know they are, and I'll tell everybody what a great job you did, Comcast. God bless you in the work you do to bring us the

internet. So, what occurred to me was the inconvenient often is the vehicle through which the impossible becomes the inevitable.

Let me say that again. The inconvenient often becomes the vehicle through which the impossible becomes the inevitable and that's what's going to happen in San Diego the next couple of days. I'm convinced of it. I'm 100% convinced of it. I'm also scared. I'm just being transparent. Can I just be transparent with you? I'm scared. I don't travel alone. My assistant had no warning that this trip was coming up. It's probably not going to be able to go with me. I'm going to have to go by myself and I have Parkinson's as you know. And I bring that up only because to let you know I don't travel alone for that reason because I have situations in which it becomes problematic for me to deal with the ins and outs of air travel, things that used to take for granted. I look pretty good now, but there are times when I'm unable to do the most basic things.

So, that makes me very nervous. But God provides, I have faith that God will empower whatever needs to happen to happen so this trip can happen successfully. Because I believe he arranged the trip. He'll arrange the details. That's my trust in him. And I bring up the Parkinson's thing. I was saying this one, I got cut off before I bring up Parkinson's. Not because I want your pity. I don't want your pity. I don't even want your sympathy. I bring it up for one reason and one reason only. I would never mention it if it weren't for this reason. The reason is there are people who make excuses why they can't do things that are of lesser degree than that. And I don't say that to one up you and say, I have worse problems because God knows there's plenty of people in the world who have worse problems than me.

I know there are. I'm acutely aware of that. So, this is not a me stacking my problem up against your problem thing. It's me saying if I can do this thing was a challenge that I have. You can do what you're called to do and what you desire to do despite your challenges. That's why I bring it up. It's the only reason and the day that I believe that stops serving a purpose I'll stop talking about it, but I'm going to San Diego and I'm super excited about it. If you're going to be there, I can't wait to see you. If you're going to be there, you already know what I'm talking about and if you don't know what I'm talking about, it's a secret enclave of marketers and copywriters. That's number one. Seize the opportunities when they come your way, even though they're inconvenient, because the inconvenient is often what makes the impossible inevitable.

And the topic I had planned for you already that I wanted to talk to you about this morning are the three things you can do to thrive even in troubled, fearful times, like the ones we're in right now. There's a lot of fear in the air because of the Coronavirus and there's a lot of dissension and arguing and anger and bitterness and accusations, and it's sickening, quite frankly. It's sickening to me, but within every adversity lies the seeds of a greater, better possibility advantage. I'm horribly misquoting this quote from Napoleon Hill, but within every adversity lies a bigger solution, a bigger reality, a better situation. And so right now we're faced with the Coronavirus and the fears, I mean for Tony Robinson, castle UPW, we're 12,000 people. We're committed to being this weakened is astonishing to me. He's never done that in the history of his business. He had no choice. The state of California forced his hand. That just tells you how far and widespread the fear has gone. I would just like to point out to you that I grieve with those who have family members who are ill, who have perished her suffering, but I will also point out that 98% of people who get that virus survive. 98% the flu has worse survival rates. This fear, we cannot let this fear stand. We must fight the fear.

Three things you can do to fight the fear. Number one, be voice of peace. That's what I'm doing right now. I'm being a voice of peace. I'm being the voice who says, look yes, be cautious. Yes. Wash your hands what you should be doing anyway. Yes. Be conscious of when you cough. That's a cough and sneeze all over other people what you should be doing anyway but be a voice of peace. Even more important than being a voice of peace. Be the presence of peace. There are people who walk into a room who carry the spirit of peace within them and you can feel the level of tension and anxiety and fear in the room diminish when they walk in. Am I right? Can somebody give me a big amen? You carry within you the ability to have that spirit of peace permeate the atmosphere around you and affect the room. The person in the room with the most peace is the person in the room with the most influence. So be the presence of peace in every situation you enter into, whether it be a webinar and Instagram live, a conference, a seminar, a church service, a movie theater, a family dinner. If you can be the presence of peace at family dinner, you are very near sainthood. Be a presence of peace. That's number one. The number one way to thrive and fight the fear.

Number two, ignite passion. Passion obliterates panic. If you can get people focused on what they're passionate about, they'll forget the panic. They'll forget to panic because they'll be too happy, being happy. So, ignite passion, feed people's dreams, feed their need to be loved, to be acknowledged, to be seen, to be heard. Do something with those people that they're passionate about. Ignite passion because passion eradicates panic.

And number three, the number three way to thrive in times of fear and to fight the fear. Bring practical solutions. This could take many forms. If you're a business advisor or a coach or an online influencer, use that influence. Use that coaching. He used that consulting to give practical solutions to problems like some people are worried about their investment portfolios right now. A practical solution to that problem is don't worry, go get some more money and invest in the market right now because all the prices are down. All your favorite investments are on sale at a discount and the price will go back up and your gains will be enormous. I'm not an investment advisor, but I know enough to know the advice of buy low, sell high things were high. Now they're low, it's time to buy. It's in the Bible. Ecclesiastes, there's a time to buy. This is the time to buy. It's all on sale. Real estate stocks, bonds, they're all on sale. My friends stock up the getting's good, make hay while the sun shines. I'm not saying celebrate the people who are sick who are dying, but the sick and the dying you will have with you always. They were here before the Coronavirus showed up thousands upon thousands upon thousands of unborn babies died unnecessarily last year. Where was the outcry about that? Many thousands of children are sold into sex slavery and human trafficking circles. Where's the outcry about that? Where's the 24 seven news coverage of about that? This is just a matter of the news media selling panic to foster political ends and it makes me want to vomit, but I'm angry at no persons because hear me on this. People are not your enemy even though they may act against you even though some of you have declared yourselves to be my enemy, you're not my enemy. I love you. We don't fight a battle with flesh and blood. We battle with powers and principalities in the spirit of hatred and violence and chaos, and we have the ultimate weapon against that and that is the weapon of peace, the weapon of love, weapon of grace, the weapon that heals, that binds, that soothes.

So be the peace, be the grace again. The three ways to fight, the fear, to eradicate the panic. Number one, be the presence of peace in every situation you enter into the person with the most peace has the most influence. Number two, ignite the passions of the people around you. Those who are passionate don't have time to panic. And number three, give practical solutions to bring more peace and calm and take the necessary precautions. Wash your hands wear the face masks. Don't cough people's faces, the things your grandmother taught you. You didn't need the CDC to teach you that. So, I bless you. I pray that you have a peaceful day. The grace of God shines on you, that he does more for you than you can ask or think or possibly imagine. I'll be back tomorrow morning with a live at five from San Diego. San Diago. Until then, God bless, and I love you very much. Peace.

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