

This Pastor's Advice Could Be Just What You Need to Beat Coronavirus Loneliness

Living in Louisiana, Pastor Michael Green is no stranger to cultural and environmental adversity. Years ago, Hurricane Katrina disrupted many lives, including those of Green and his family.

And now, the coronavirus has hit Louisiana hard, and it looks as though the cancellation of Easter services in two weeks is a foregone conclusion. But God is still on the throne, the pastor at LifeGate Church in Metairie says, and it's up to believers to carry God's banner high to show that He is in control and will help us weather this pandemic.

And the best way to do that, Green says, is via fervent prayer and encouragement for those struggling with fear and despondency over a very uncertain future for America.

"What I am asking all believers to do is to call three people a day, speak faith and encourage, and let that be a loud voice in their ear," Green told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "There is a fear level, and you'll continue to see more of that as this thing continues.

"But we are still on the front lines, even though we are not meeting for services, and we've got to do our part to let people know that God is still with us and will never forsake us. He will bring us through this storm.

"I think we need to remind ourselves of the songs we sing, like, 'How Great is Our God?' I was quoting, 'On Christ the solid rock I stand.' The thing is, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Don't lose your song. Like

the children of Israel, we're in a strange land right now. But the Word of the Lord is alive. Don't block the song; don't block the Word."

For more of Michael Green's thoughts on how we should deal with fear and discouragement during this pandemic, listen to the entire podcast.