



**FAMILY MINISTRY
IN A TIME OF
CONFUSION AND CRISIS**

*God is our
refuge and
strength, a
very present
help in trouble.*

Psalm 46:1

FOCUS
ON
THE **FAMILY**®
CHURCH
RESOURCES

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BE SURE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR OWN FAMILY DURING THIS STRESSFUL TIME

The coronavirus pandemic has turned life upside down and inside out. As a result, families are increasingly weary, anxious, uncertain and stressed. By God's grace and your support, Focus on the Family remains open for ministry and ready and eager to help families, including you and yours.

[Resources to Help You and the Families Under Your Care](#)

BE CREATIVE AND INTENTIONAL WITH DISCIPLESHIP AND PASTORAL CARE DURING THIS CRISIS

Christians have been in a crisis before, and we can take comfort and wisdom from the actions of those who faced these kinds of things well. During the first 100 years or so of the early church, there are letters written by Roman governors during times of plague talking about the behavior of this strange new group of people, Christians.

[Getting Creative With Pastor Phil](#)

EXERCISE WISDOM WHEN GATHERING YOUR CHURCH FOR WORSHIP BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Pastors are uniquely placed to bring their flocks comfort and readiness based on biblical truth and on the character of the living God we serve. Pastors are there in times of trouble—when a friend or loved one dies, when a moral crisis hits, or when illness threatens. They can be there for their flock during this trouble as well.

[Encouragement and Wisdom from Dr. Douglas Groothuis](#)

LEAN ON THE STAFF AT FOCUS ON THE FAMILY FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THOSE IN YOUR CHURCHES

Our support line for pastors and their families features fellow pastors and trained counselors who frequently support those in church and ministry roles. These pastoral care specialists can provide an understanding ear, a word of advice, a timely referral or a simple prayer.

We know leadership is not easy, and we're eager to come alongside pastors and their loved ones to help meet their needs

[We're Here to Help @ 844-4PASTOR](#)

RESPOND TO THIS PANDEMIC WITH FAITH AND COMMON SENSE

Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health, shares his expert knowledge about the coronavirus pandemic, highlighting what families need to know and encouraging us all to respond to this crisis knowing that God is in control.

[Tune in With Dr. Francis Collins](#)

SIGN UP FOR A FOUR WEEK TRIAL OF OUR ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY CLUB™

Adventures in Odyssey is an award-winning audio drama series created for kids ages 8-12 and enjoyed by the whole family. The episodes teach lasting truths and bring biblical principles to life, with just the right balance of fun, faith and imagination. The stories are brought to life by actors who make you feel like part of the experience and teach kids how to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

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