

# **\$2 trillion in relief, the Olympics postponed, and a conversation with Dr. Charles Smith**

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## **ERLC PODCAST EPISODE**

In this episode, Josh, Lindsay, and Brent talk about life in isolation, the Olympics being postponed, the latest in the Democratic primary, and how much most of us are missing baseball. Lindsay also gives a rundown of this week's ERLC content including a piece from Brad Hambrick on talking to your kids about COVID-19, Brandt and Jill Waggoner on loving your neighbor during social distancing, Daryl Crouch on local churches stepping up during a crisis, and the Russell Moore's content on religious liberty and love of neighbor. Also in this episode, the hosts are joined by Charles Smith for a conversation about life and ministry.

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## ERLC Content

- **Brad Hambrick** with [4 principles to remember when talking to your children about coronavirus](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/4-principles-to-remember-when-talking-to-your-children-about-coronavirus) (<https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/4-principles-to-remember-when-talking-to-your-children-about-coronavirus>)
  - conversation, not a monologue; answer child's questions, not your priorities; grapevine effect; remember body language.
- **Brandt and Jill Waggoner** with [7 ways to love our neighbors while socially distanced](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/7-ways-to-love-our-neighbors-while-socially-distanced) (<https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/7-ways-to-love-our-neighbors-while-socially-distanced>)
  - Blood banks; food for school children; check on neighbors
- **Daryl Crouch** with [3 ways the local church is ready for challenging times](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/3-ways-the-local-church-is-ready-for-challenging-times) (<https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/3-ways-the-local-church-is-ready-for-challenging-times>)
  - Just as hospitals are built to treat sick people and schools are built to educate uneducated people, churches exist to give hope and help to people who need hope and help.
- **Russell Moore** with [God Doesn't Want Us to Sacrifice the Old](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/26/opinion/coronavirus-elderly-vulnerable-religion.html) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/26/opinion/coronavirus-elderly-vulnerable-religion.html>)

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## **Culture U.S.**

- Biden [operating from](https://nypost.com/2020/03/23/biden-turning-home-into-studio-to-broadcast-coronavirus-campaign-updates/) home; Bernie [still wants](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-26/biden-rejects-april-debate-as-sanders-says-he-wants-a-face-off) to debate
- Cuomo becoming a media star (<https://www.politico.com/states/new-york/albany/story/2020/03/23/andrew-cuomo-social-media-superstar-1268675>) for a nation stuck at home
- Yuval Levin: [A Hard Pause, Soft Start](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/03/economic-framework-responding-coronavirus/608566/)
- [Companies are](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/03/economic-framework-responding-coronavirus/608566/) hiring (<https://twitter.com/JayCaruso/status/1242466759862607872?s=20><https://twitter.com/JayCaruso/status/1242466759862607872?s=20>)
- \$2 trillion COVID-19 rescue package [passes the Senate](https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/25/senate-passes-2-trillion-coronavirus-stimulus-package.html) unanimously.

## **Religion**

- SBC cancelled (<http://www.bpnews.net/54519/2020-sbc-annual-meeting-canceled>) for first time in 75 years.
- Louisiana Baptists stepping up big (<http://www.bpnews.net/54525/from-the-states-louisiana-baptist-donate-respirators-texas-church-provides-groceries>) time in fight against virus.

## International

- Olympics postponed ([https://www.espn.com/olympics/story/\\_/id/28946033/tokyo-olympics-officially-postponed-2021](https://www.espn.com/olympics/story/_/id/28946033/tokyo-olympics-officially-postponed-2021)) to 2021
- Satellite images (<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/23/coronavirus-impact-satellites-show-world-cities-after-outbreak.html>) of cities before and after
- Drive up worship services (<https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/communities/northeast/article/Church-offers-drive-up-services-amid-pandemic-15156467.php>) are a thing

## Miscellaneous

- No baseball (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/mlb/columnist/bob-nightengale/2020/03/25/mlb-opening-day-no-games-things-we-will-miss-coronavirus/5076261002/>). So sad.
- Logo problems: The Rams vs. Angelo State. Who was first (<https://ftw.usatoday.com/2020/03/los-angeles-rams-new-logo-angelo-state-university-similar-nfl-reaction>)?

## Lunchroom

- Lindsay: [A group of Nashville studiosingers perform an epic cell phone choir](https://www.wsmv.com/news/a-group-of-nashville-studio-singers-perform-an-epic-cell/article_2245fbf8-6eb2-11ea-9be3-db6cec04c8f3.html) ([https://www.wsmv.com/news/a-group-of-nashville-studio-singers-perform-an-epic-cell/article\\_2245fbf8-6eb2-11ea-9be3-db6cec04c8f3.html](https://www.wsmv.com/news/a-group-of-nashville-studio-singers-perform-an-epic-cell/article_2245fbf8-6eb2-11ea-9be3-db6cec04c8f3.html))
- Josh: 3 fun things from the internet
  - Enneagram 8 [meme](https://www.instagram.com/p/B9VR9PXhAoL/?igshid=jzcwirj71yuj) (<https://www.instagram.com/p/B9VR9PXhAoL/?igshid=jzcwirj71yuj>)
  - Peloton [joke](https://twitter.com/vexmark/status/1242928549964767233?s=20) (<https://twitter.com/vexmark/status/1242928549964767233?s=20>)
  - Kitchen [contraption](https://twitter.com/anitamassey86/status/1242816478849662985?s=20) (<https://twitter.com/anitamassey86/status/1242816478849662985?s=20>)
- Brent: Dr. Robert George plays the [banjo](https://twitter.com/McCormickProf/status/1242202279111000069?s=20) (<https://twitter.com/McCormickProf/status/1242202279111000069?s=20>)

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- Q: An interracial couple is getting married in our church? Some members have threatened to leave if this happens. What should we do?

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