

My Stance on COVID - Enough is Enough!

So many have bombarded me with their unsolicited social media and internet tripe on Covid over the past year that I thought it should be time that I push back a little, so here it goes...

I'm vaccinated and no, I don't know what's in it - I don't know what was in any of the other numerous vaccines that I have had throughout my life, and while serving my country in the military. Nor do I know what's in hot dogs or my favorite ice cream(s), (yes plural) or for that matter, all of the other ingredients in the foods that sustain my life. But I trust those that are smarter than me, and eat them anyway. It's the same with vaccines, which I have had more than my fair share of being in the military, and I'm still here.

For what it's worth, I also don't know what's in Advil, Tylenol, or any other FDA approved or experimental meds. All I know is that they ease my aches and pains and keep me alive.

And while I'm on a rant, I have had many conversations with people that refuse to get vaccinated because they read on the internet that it's toxic. These are the very same people that are sometimes loaded with ink from all their tattoos!

As for me, whatever the treatment or whatever vaccines that I have needed in my life, I have always TRUSTED WHAT MY LOCAL DOCTORS had to say on the subject, you know, the ones that have actual, earned medical degrees! When they tell me something is needed, I follow through. This Covid debacle is no exception... I was advised to get vaccinated, and that's exactly what I did. And guess what, six months later I'm STILL here!

The other driving factors for me to get vaccinated was to:

- Not die from Covid... Duh!
- NOT to clutter a hospital bed so that others with worse medical conditions can get the critical care that they desperately need
- Hug the ones I love
- Not have to do frequent Covid tests to go out and enjoy the things I love to do
- Allow this generation of kids to go back to school, and play sports again without fear
- Most important of all, **protect others!**

Why can I say these things you ask... It's called FAITH! In case you haven't noticed, God has historically created very talented people to give us a WAY OUT of the many diseases that have plagued our lives. Those of us with a few years under our belts remember well the era of mumps, measles, rubella, polio, and chicken pox just to name a few. Our parents trusted the medical advice given at the time, and because of that, many of us were vaccinated and did not have to suffer through those horrible diseases. PRAISE GOD there was no internet or social media back then!!

As for those that work within the medical field and refuse to get vaccinated for reasons other than allergy or documented medical restrictions, then perhaps it's time you should consider a career change.

One more order of business... And this is directed to churches & other Christian organizations that have elected to ignore the now overwhelming medical science, and willfully disregard critical government mandates which puts the entire body of Believers at risk for Covid... Shame on you!!

Our God is uncompromising, (Heb 13:8) and we should be doing our best to be of the same mindset.

As for government mandates, scripture is very clear on this matter in that we are to follow them.

(Rom 13:12 & 1 Peter 2:13-17) The only exception would be that if our government was mandating that we do something against what scripture teaches. Other than that, I can't find anything in the Bible that affords us the luxury of picking and choosing what mandates to follow and which not to follow for the purpose of convenience. Whether you believe the mandates are right or wrong should be of no consequence. We Christians have an obligation to be part of the solution, not part of the problem!

I pray that if you fall under this category that God softens your heart and opens your eyes to the real world situation, and start doing the right thing. It's hard to ignore the fact that our country is now paying the price for rebellion. Sadly, some are paying the ultimate price.

Having said that, I also realize that there are many doing the right thing, and for that we praise God!

You have been our rock throughout this whole ordeal.

In a recent Bible study, I learned of the dot and dash theory... The dot represents our life here on earth while the dash represents eternity. I by nature am a sinner, but even so, I want to face my Savior someday and tell Him that I did the **best I could** during my short stay here on earth.

Having a bit of a background in studying biological warfare while in the military, I can tell you that nobody, and I mean nobody wants this pandemic, including most governments... Viruses have a genius way of survival, they don't discriminate, they cost all of us money, and more importantly, they take innocent lives. And now, it's going after our kids! **Yes, enough is enough!**

The vaccines developed and marketed by our private industries are done in a heartfelt effort to help stop this madness. Despite what you may have read on the internet, mRNA research is nothing all that new. As of this writing, (8/30/21) we have several of our friends and acquaintances fighting Covid, two of which are critically ill, and they are not very old! The numbers compared to the first outbreak are staggering! The unfortunate side of this story is that many of the infections this time around could have been prevented.

Many of the now sickened, unvaccinated people complained that the "vaccine recommendations" were infringing on their freedoms. How much freedom do they have now from a hospital bed? The way I see it is that your freedoms end when your ignorant choices affect the health and well being of others. The bottom line is that if more had looked past the internet nonsense, and enlisted the advice of their own local doctors, I suspect we would have all been enjoying a much healthier environment by now. Instead, the weeks ahead look rather bleak. Perhaps with the combination of herd immunity and more being vaccinated, we may see some relief by Christmas... Only time will tell. I'll close with one more great quote I read this past year from a wise, and very well known leader of the early church...

"Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it."