

# SURGE

## DOOM SURFING



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## Did you know?

### SCRIPTURES

Mark 16:15

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Revelations 12:11

"And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die."

Romans 8:31

"What then shall we say in response to all these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

### LET'S TALK FACTS

Have you heard of **Doom Surfing** in context of recent events? It means exactly how it sounds.

**Doom surfing** is getting on the internet searching for the latest information regarding the pandemic.

With that comes the spread of **misinformation** derived from unreliable sources obtaining publicity through **shock value**. Really, that's the last thing society needs right now.

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME?

What could be more fun than getting online to find really depressing articles? That sounds so nice on top of social distancing and shelter in place regulations. What a rush! Except, doom surfing is actually an easy thing to fall into. You think to yourself, "Let me see if all of this is as bad as I think it is!" Two hours later... it's worse than you thought it was. While I will not downplay the severity of the pandemic, I would like to offer an alternative activity.

In Mark, "**gospel**" refers to the "**good news**." The good news is that Jesus Christ has covered it **all**: salvation and healing. And that is exactly what our world needs to hear right now. Everyone is looking for a power that will save them and someone who can offer healing. We have that answer, and we have an **opportunity**. Everyone is doom surfing and a lot of people are feeling very worried. Why not break up the doom with the good news. The fact is doom surfing is a real downer. However, good news sharing can create a **positive surge**! There is no greater force than God! Romans says it perfectly. Who or what can stand against God? No one and nothing can stand against him! Our response to this pandemic shouldn't be to doom surf. It should be to create a **gospel surge** on the internet--a tidal wave of good news that pushes society forward in expectation for a bright future. You have the power to do that.

Sometimes, sharing our testimony can be intimidating, but the bible says we are **overcomers** when we do. In other words, sharing the good news is how we win. We cannot let the doom win the day not when there is **so much good in God's people**.

### CHALLENGE

Your generation has a unique gift at going viral. What if you could go viral for Jesus?

## WHERE DO I START?

*Give the world something good to talk about!*

### Here are some ideas:

- Share your talent and spread the gospel.
- Create your own challenge for teens like you.
- Share your testimony.
- Encourage others through the word.

**Refuse to give into the doom. Start something and create a positive surge for Christ Jesus!**