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WE ARE EXCITED TO GIVE YOU ADVANCE NOTICE. IT IS OUR HOPE AND PRAYER THE VIDEO MESSAGE FOR RESURRECTION WEEK, PROBABLY RELEASED AROUND THURSDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, MICAELA WILL BE BRINGING A MESSAGE THAT GOD HAS LAID ON HER HEART. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO WATCH!!

SUPPORTERS! WE APPRECIATE YOU! WE HOPE IT IS OKAY. TO SAVE MONEY ON STAMPS AND EVERYTHING, WE ARE GOING TO DO JUST TWO SUPPORTER LETTERS THIS YEAR? SO WE WILL DO A LETTER IN JUNE WITH ALL THE RECEIPTS. THEN WE WILL DO A YEAR END WITH ALL RECEIPTS. IF THAT IS NOT SUITABLE, LET US KNOW AND WE WILL MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS. WE JUST WANT TO BE THE BEST STEWARDS WE CAN BE.

MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy! A few weeks ago, I woke up to this overwhelming feeling of not wanting to go to church. There have been many emotional hits recently and I just honestly had no motivation. The mental and spiritual toll I feel on my body have definitely been showing and I assumed it was why I had these feelings. While lying in bed way longer than I should have to get ready, thoughts began to creep in. Thoughts that I didn't want in my head. Telling me how I was a failure as a children's church leader. How I don't do anything at the church right. That I might as well just stay in bed and forget ever going again; then my eyes shot open as I realized the enemy had snaked his

way into my mind. I got up and told the devil no, wrong person. I got up and got ready for church. Working in children's ministry, I collect things to wear I know the kids would enjoy. I have quite the collection of funny earrings for Sunday mornings. So I grabbed my earrings that look like traffic cones, played worship music, and stood my ground as a "roadblock" to the devil. When my kids asked me why I had traffic cone earrings I told them just that: "I am a roadblock to the devil!" I meant it too. He had something planned and I wasn't having it. It wasn't going past me. It made me think about how my role as a Mother is very similar to the "roadblock" statement. I'm a gatekeeper to my home. I don't let bad and harmful ingredients around my family's food, or daily products. I anoint my home regularly and pray over it. I teach and raise my children to know Jesus and to run to Him when they struggle. I have the same mindset; the devil won't go past me. When he does, I have an equipped family to cast him out. In the midst of this spiritual attack I felt myself get mentally weak and the devil ran with it. He began slamming attack after attack in one day, and I felt so overwhelmed. Like I couldn't keep blocking anymore. So I set my children up with lunch in the living room and stood in my kitchen eating mine listening to a sermon to try and help ease my mind. When the Holy Spirit filled my kitchen, my kids followed. Assuming they just wanted more food I set them up with what they needed and continued to be ministered to. When I was overwhelmed by the Spirit I lifted my hands with tears streaming down my face begging God for this attack to end. I opened my eyes to my baby girl with her hands in the air, eyes closed, feeling His presence. My son had been standing at the counter and you could just see he was listening to something as he pushed the oil towards me. No words were needed knowing I was being told to anoint my home. You see, I have never anointed anything in front of my children; So the only way Gabe would have known what to do next was if he was being instructed. My son took some oil I poured and anointed his own head, and with a smile I said great idea as I anointed myself and both my children; and then every room of my home. Together with my children we worshipped in that kitchen until the spiritual weight was gone and all there was left to feel was peace. You see devil, you'll have to go through me. Because as you attacked, my babies knew what to do. Mommy taught them to run to Jesus. There is a song called MY APPEAL by Ben Laine and Eric Lee Brumley and my son will sing it with his whole heart. Feel free to listen but I will include Gabe's favorite part;

"I found peace like a river of gold I found hope like an anchor of Souls I don't need your plea I call heaven my home I found joy in the mourning that came

And I found mercy that's new and I wake I don't need your plea My appeal in Jesus name" And my 3 year old sings that with his whole heart and body. My children will wake up and say, "not today devil, I don't have time for you" Because Jesus and Mommy are the roadblock between. Don't let the devil get past you. Don't let him corrupt your thoughts. Tell him not today, tomorrow, or ever in Jesus name! We don't have to be his punching bag! Let's start throwing the punches!

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: Excerpted from Oswald Chambers: Isaiah 40:28 "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard? That the everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding." "Jesus said to Peter "feed My sheep", but He gave him nothing to feed them with. The process of being made broken bread and poured out wine means that you have to be the nourishment for other souls until they learn to feed on God. They must drain you to the dregs. Be careful that you get your supply, or before long, you will be utterly exhausted. Before other souls learn to draw on the life of the Lord Jesus direct, they have to draw on it through you: you have to be literally "sucked" until they learn to take their nourishment from God. We owe it to God to be our best for His lambs and His sheep as well as for Himself..... Continually go back to the foundation of

your affections and recollect where the source of power is. You have no right to say, "O Lord, I am so exhausted." He saved and sanctified you in order to exhaust you. Be exhausted for God, but remember that your supply comes from Him. ." Psalms 87:7 "All my fresh springs shall be in Thee." NOW FROM MIKE: Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." I think a lot of times the weary and overwhelmed comes when we do not perceive productivity. But we can become so involved in planning, we never get anything done. (SEE PLANNING, WAITING, OR DOING ARTICLE BELOW). Often, God says go where I told you and take no preplanning with you. Don't think about what you will say because I will give it to you when the time comes Matthew 10:19. Chambers shares a truth we rarely hear taught to upcoming ministers. I know it was never taught to me by the useless denominations I have worked in. Have you ever grown weary in well doing? Even though you knew the Word taught you shouldn't? I have a very few tremendous Christian friends. It is a pleasure to me to get together with them. Often, that is when I receive the refueling. Or just that awesome time when God's presence becomes so real in my own devotional times. And it seems I cannot write fast enough to grasp the truths He fills my heart with. But many of the people I get the honor of dealing with have no or little relationship with God at all. They do not even know how to have a relationship with God. They believe in Him, and even want to please Him, but how to do that is so foreign to them as they try to walk between the attitude of faith vs. reality. So what must they do? They have to draw on me. And sometimes that gets overwhelming. I have said it so many times!! I'm just tired!! But tired, when it is in the spiritual realm, is actually a very productive place to be. It should make us cry out with David, "AS THE DEER PANTETH FOR THE WATER BROOKS, SO MY SOUL LONGETH AFTER YOU O LORD." When we feed God's sheep, the flock of His pasture, often the sheep must come to us because they do not know how to get to God. So we show them and pour out of ourselves into their lives. One of the key features of discipling people should be teaching them how to come to Jesus instead of to us!! So feed His sheep. And don't be surprised when He requires that to mean you will be worn out for Him. But don't allow that to transfer into weariness doing good. Make certain you are always attached to the VINE, drawing spiritual, emotional, and physical nourishment from Him. Then you can run on and on and on and never grow weary!

USAID AND WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER LISTEN AGAIN: I want to say!! I do not care if you like Donald Trump or Elon Musk. This message has nothing to do with trying to win approval or disapproval for a political person. THIS IS A MATTER OF ABSOLUTE PRINCIPLE AND NOT PERSONALITY. The Democrats and the "News" media are enraged at Donald Trump and Elon Musk. That is for many reasons. But the one I want to deal with here? That Elon Musk is finding it!! Your tax dollars were being used to advance a transgender agenda and absolute insanity? And your problem is Elon Musk? Republicans are constantly portrayed as the gun toting looneys spreading terror. But tell me, how many times did Vice President psycho lady have to take her and her terrorist husband into hiding because they were being threatened while on vacation? How many times have Democrat businesses been set on fire, like Tesla, because of hatred? And please do not spew out the phony January 6<sup>th</sup> FBI led fiasco. And who in the world has EVER heard pf meaningless, useless low level judges being able to block the President and his cabinet? And the absolute embarrassment Chief Justice of the Supreme Joke appointed by the great phony W? Roberts, who is in the back pocket of the Communists?? Let

me tell you why I am offended. Musk found \$100 BILLION in misuse in Medicaid and Medicare. My wife is disabled. Has been in a wheelchair for years. She got disability and then the government ripped her off from it. And now are trying to rip off my children. And others get it when they do not deserve it?? And what does the media and democrats care about? That Musk has access? I do not care what spectrum you are on politically. And I don't care what candidate you support or hate. Anyone who has followed us know I have never been a huge Trump supporter. But if you hate Trump and Musk so much that you are willing to support what USAID was doing with your money, please let me know to remove you from these mailings. Because honestly, I will never be able to say a word that means anything to you. You are too far gone for me. If you understand what has really been happening to you and all Americans, you should never listen to these people ever ever ever ever again!

USED STAMPS; AN EASY WAY TO HELP MINISTRY: As I put this into the newsletter, I have to admit I do not know how this works. Our wonderful ministry friend Phyllis has been helping with this for some time and we have joined her in a very minimal way. But now we want to try to help more, and we want to ask you to help. Don't worry, you don't have to grab your wallet. In fact, this is something that you probably throw in the garbage. In some way staying within postal and federal regulations (again it is not necessary that I understand all that), this ministry ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY, uses used stamps, and has raised well over a million dollars to provide Christian Sunday school materials in Spanish. I just recently sent a packet of used stamps to Phyllis. Now, I am collecting more used stamps for this project. This is what you do to help!!! When you get letters in the mail, gently tear off the used stamp leaving ¼ to 1/3 inch of the envelope with it so the stamp has a little spare space. When you have collected enough used stamps to make it worth the send, send all the used stamps to us at THE WARRIORS SWORD P.O. BOX 444 BOONE IOWA 50036. When we have collected enough used stamps, we will send them on to the ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY and help to purchase these life changing materials. We look for simple ways to involve you in ministry with us, whether it is to help THE WARRIORS SWORD, or to help fellow ministries. So if you can help us, even clip off the used stamps of our newsletter and letters and send them back to us. The stamps should be cancelled and that is perfect! We believe very strongly in using any tools at our disposal to help build the Kingdom of God. Even if it is a few cancelled stamps! Start today!

THE AFTERMATH: I've said it before: I know I disappoint people because I talk about being so very excited and people want me to stay that excited LOL. We are already working full steam ahead on the new upcoming mission trips. The last mission trips brought such huge excitement to this ministry as we watched God work in MINDBOGGLING WAYS! But the AFTERMATH HAS BEEN JUST AS AMAZING! It is probably a weakness of this ministry when it comes to getting people to pray and support us. So much of what we do, we never say. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes with our discipling and investing in people that no one ever knows about. We have been able to minister to so many special people over breakfast, lunch, and sometimes just random places. The lady who randomly came up and took my hand and asked for prayer. The lady who is now in communication with the ministry who asked if she could "hug me" at the laundromat. She later would call me an old man in an email, LOL. But that was okay too LOL. The lesbian girl who is asking questions about church. And the lady with four

children who at the point of this writing we have helped with \$870. The major help has been my given by my Boone church and the very special family who keeps it going with well over half of that amount. I never asked for a donation. People felt led to do that, COLOSSIANS 4:5-6 "WALK IN WISDOM TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, REDEEMING THE TIME. LET YOUR SPEECH BE ALWAY WITH GRACE, SEASONED WITH SALT, THAT YE MAY KNOW HOW YE OUGHT TO ANSWER EVERY MAN." That verse has been a huge influence to me. I am talking to people that I absolutely do not agree with in their attitudes and morality. And if you are a long time follower, you know sometimes I can be pretty blunt and straightforward. Just read this newsletter!! But God is reminding me that it is important to be careful how we approach the lost. Jesus showed that very example as He never talks to the lost about Hell. It was always the self-righteous!! And the self-righteous definitely need to hear about Hell. WOOPS. I did it again didn't I? We have begun the process of looking at what kind of new computer system we need. We had two supporters that combined gave \$800. So we are considering what we need to look at, that would supply writing, video, and all the other ministry efforts that go and will go on the AV issues. And as I said earlier, we are once again making plans for mission trips. ROMANS 1:11-12 "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; THAT IS, THAT I MAY BE COMFORTED TOGETHER WITH YOU BY THE MUTUAL FAITH BOTH OF YOU AND ME." It is amazing how much we have been able to help others. But it is also amazing how others have helped me! Our mutual faith ministers together to bring wondrous fruit and that is Scriptural. Micaela and I will be going to the Chicago region in May for a REVIVAL BOOTCAMP. Around that trip, I will be spending several days in Illinois doing ministry and enjoying the ministry of others. I am hoping to meet up with a couple people we have not met up with before. And then another larger mission trip is in the works. I am praying about making contacts with a number of ministers to consider if I might speak for them. There are plans in the ministry which I have not shared that we might attempt to put into action. The problem is, I am wrestling with the Lord over doing this. So even though the original excitement may have seemed to wane, the aftermath is even more exciting. We just are in awe of God and we look forward to what He does as we continue to put our nose in His back!

NINE MONTHS AND POLITICS OVER LIFE: It was totally unnecessary. Our astronauts spent nine months stranded on the International Space Station away from their families, and uncertain if they would ever get back home safely. The means for them to get back home was available immediately. Elon Musk, through his company Space X openly offered to bring them back home safely. And brain dead Biden refused. Why is that? Because he was worried about safety issues? The environment? NO. Politics. Musk was on Trump's team and Braindead wasn't about to allow that. So six months after Trump took office, the astronauts are home safe. So which party is it that puts politics over life?? That would be the one who also orchestrated several assassination attempts on a presidential candidate. I'll let you work on which one that was. That is unless you get your news from CNN and MSNBC.

**PLANNING, WAITING, OR DOING**: (WE ARE GOING TO QUOTE SOME PEOPLE AND MUSICIANS IN THIS ARTICLE THAT IN NO WAY IS AN ENDORSEMENT. IT IS SIMPLY USING GREAT WORDS TO EMPHASIZE A SPIRITUAL POINT). Psalms 39:6-7 "Surely every man walketh in a vain show: Surely they are disquieted in vain: He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather

them. AND NOW, LORD, WHAT WAIT I FOR?...MY HOPE IS IN THEE." What are you waiting for? I am a really good planner. That isn't said arrogantly believe me. But in ministry as well as in life, I am a much better planner than a doer. Take my days of martial arts. I have written some of the best exercise programs you would ever find. I could take materials from numerous sources and put them together into a program that would revolutionize anyone's life. But it never revolutionized MY life. Much of the stuff was written and planned, but NEVER put into practice. One of my early mentors in the ministry recognized this trait in me. He would often say "Mike, you do so good at making it look good on paper." We can have a great plan, but we spend all of our time planning for ministry and the end result is no ministry ever happens. And reality is, most people are perfectly okay with that. Years ago, I got in trouble with my church/ministry board. I quickly reminded them everything I was doing had been brought to them for prior approval. A lady on the board showed the attitude carried by most church boards when dealing with VISION. She said, "We gave our approval because we never thought you would actually do the things you said." A man in the same church at a congregation meeting set up to remove me said, "You are not the man you used to be." I responded, "No because I used to talk a lot about doing things. Now I do them." But people are very happy to have you talk about doing ministry and planning to do ministry. They are even happy if you proclaim you are waiting on some big event so you can do ministry. But oh my, don't ever think about actually doing it. And worse yet, don't ever think you are going to get THEM to do it! John Taffer says, "Management is achieving objectives through others." And he is correct. But getting others to achieve it is no easy task. Tom Landry said, "The goal is to get men to do what they don't want to do so they can achieve what they have always wanted to accomplish." The group Nickelback had a song a few years back that spent the entire lyrics asking the important question: "What are you waiting for? Are you waiting on a lightning strike? Are you waiting for the perfect night? Are you waiting till the time is right? What are you waiting for? Don't you wanna learn to deal with fear? Don't you wanna take the wheel and steer? Don't you wait another minute here. What are you waiting for? You gotta go and reach for the top Believe in every dream that you've got You're only livin' once so tell me What are you, what are you waiting for? You know you've got to give it your all And don't you be afraid if you fall You're only livin' once so tell me What are you, what are you waiting for? Are you waiting for the right excuse? Are you waiting for a sign to choose? While you're waiting, it's the time you lose What are you waiting for? Don't you want to spread your wings and fly? Don't you really wanna live your life? Don't you wanna love before you die? What are you waiting for? ... Everybody's gonna make mistakes But everybody's got a choice to make Everybody needs a leap of faith When are you taking yours? What are you waiting for?" So when are you taking yours? What are you waiting for? Oswald Chambers says, "Dreaming about a thing in order to do it properly is right; but dreaming about it when we should be doing it is wrong..... When we are getting into contact with God in order to find out what He wants, dreaming is right; but when we are inclined to spend our time in dreaming over what we have been told to do, it is a bad thing and God's blessing is never on it.... Dreaming after God has spoken is an indication that we do not trust Him." OSWALD CHAMBERS "HOW MUCH TIME HAVE WE TAKEN UP WORRYING GOD WITH QUESTIONS WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY FREE TO CONCENTRATE ON HIS WORK." (Can you tell, I am again this year reading Oswald Chambers My Utmost for His Highest Devotional)? Oswald Chambers, "...the call to spiritual tenacity, not to hang on and do

nothing, but to work deliberately on the certainty that God is not going to be worsted." If it is truly your belief that God will never lose, then WHAT ARE YOU WAITING AND PLANNING FOR? They are some of my favorite verses, but maybe some of the most misstated of all. Psalms 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." Isaiah 40:31 "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." These are not verses to give you permission to make excuses and do nothing. They do not justify your excuses of waiting and planning. They are verses of action. Get to work and trust the Lord and quit making excuses. OSWALD CHAMBERS: "NEVER LET THE SENSE OF FAILURE CORRUPT YOUR NEW ACTION." So what is it that you are waiting for?

**COUNTERFEIT:** Numerous schools have wonderfully instituted new religious education permission. This can be wonderful for programs my daughter took part in elementary school; Weekday Religious Education. But be careful! A Satanic Temple Group in Marysville, Ohio in the Elementary school has instituted HAIL which stands for "Hellion Academy of Independent Learning". Parents may not understand and inadvertently permit their children to attend. But what is being taught is open Satanism, even though the group denies that. See, we as Christians do not cover up what we do and teach. It is openly stated in all that we do. Satan will never tell you what he is teaching or up to, and he will never reveal his end game until it is too late. Satan never created anything. He is a counterfeit. Satan is counterfeiting as that is what he does. In 2022 Columbia elected an ex-guerilla terrorist as president, Gustavo Petro. This terrorist disguised as a politician stayed somewhat under the radar, but declared open season upon Christians by using his militant, communist, terrorist buddies. The reason Christians are hated by the drug lord terrorists in Columbia is this. When pastors preach and lead others to Christ, the converts no longer want to plant cocaine. People are taken from the drug trade. And that costs money which is unforgivable to the terrorist drug lords. The way the guerillas gain control of young people is more than a little concerning. Many ministries, including several of my churches in the past, give out backpacks with school supplies at the beginning of the school year. Guerillas saw the action by groups like Voice of the Martyrs and counterfeited it. They go to school and give the children backpacks and a notebook. The notebook has images of guerilla commanders describing the guerilla's success story. The devil is using ministry strategy, counterfeiting it, and stealing the hearts of the children and indoctrinating them. Satan has always had open season on children as they are the innocence he wishes to destroy. Be very careful not to fall for the counterfeit. Make sure of what "religious group" you are permitting your children to be influenced by. Just because they may pass out free stuff doesn't mean they are good!

A SAD MISREPRESENTATION: I Thessalonians 5:23-24 "And the very God of peace SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY; and I pray God your WHOLE SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Entirely!! Body, Soul, and Spirit, UNTO the coming of the Lord, not after His coming or after our death!! And He that calls you will DO IT! W.E. McCumber "Entire sanctification is not achieved; it is received. It is not attained; it is obtained. It is not by striving; it is by yielding. It is not by trying, but by trusting. God does it. We are not made holy by our faulty wisdom and puny efforts, but by the sanctifying energies of the Spirit of God." Some oil won't do it. You must have reserves. McCumber quotes a friend of his "I want to live as a Christian so that no

one shall need to apologize for my attitudes and behavior." I have quoted a dear lady to me before Joann Duncan. "Today I will live what I say I believe." Our entire lives should be lived building up evidence to "convict" us of being Christians. It is sad to me that we have allowed the portrayal of living a life free of sin and doused in holiness to be sickening, boring, and drained of any joy. We do not portray it as being achieved by the "sanctifying energies of God." But instead we portray it as our striving not yielding and our trying not trusting. It is us achieving and not our receiving from God. We portray it that it is us that does it, and God has little to do with the change. It is self-righteous and that misrepresentation has driven so many away from the most freeing lifestyle. C.S. Lewis said "How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing.... It is irresistible." Tyron Edwards: "A holy life is not an ascetic, or gloomy, or solitary life, but a life regulated by Divine truth and faithful in Christian duty." In great understanding, St. John Chrysostom said, "If but ten among us lead a holy life, we shall kindle a fire which shall light up the entire city." The fact is, it is when Christians become Christlike that we begin to be the light on a hill not hidden under a bushel. But instead, we think we are to show everyone how far above them we are. And we reject not the appearance of evil, but the appearance of everything that we think is about our trying and striving instead of just yielding ourselves to God with no consideration of the world influences. Oswald Chambers: "When a man says he must develop a holy life alone with God, he is of no more use to his fellow men: he puts himself on a pedestal, away from the common run of men." This attitude that we need to be like monks hidden in a monastery never speaking a word, covered in robes, Praying and reading the Bible, and meditating 24 hours a day is actually absolute blasphemy to the doctrine of holiness. I want to assure you of something! If your holiness puts you on a pedestal above anyone, YOU ARE NOT HOLY, YOU ARE A PHARISEE AND A SADUCEE. And that is what has happened. A few years ago, I was forced into counseling by the godless denomination I was licensed with. Actually it was not the denomination but their blasphemous leadership. One day in conversation with the counselor, who immediately recognized who the leadership really was, I shared I was getting ready to do a series on Holiness. He immediately questioned if I really wanted to do that. He showed his viewpoint of holiness had been absolutely corrupted by this misrepresentation. I assured him he had heard wrong about the holiness message. True holiness puts an irresistible call upon our lives to be like Jesus. We gain that through God changing us and sanctifying us. We do not change our clothes, turn off our music, and proclaim our holiness. God proclaims our holiness as we walk according to His commandments and ways. And without holiness, it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD. But we never ever ever will please God by our self-righteousness. It is sad to me this terrible misrepresentation of such a tremendous and excellent life changing doctrine. And we have and will lose supporters and friends as we distance ourselves from this misrepresentation and the churches that teach it. Be ye holy for the Father in Heaven is Holy!! That is the holiness we are striving for. And you might notice, we are never told what clothes the Father wears. Or even what music He listens to. For that is not the significance. But we absolutely can see the standard of what we are to live to by the life of Jesus Christ. He as infinite, took on finite, so that we as finite could get just a miniscule understanding of the infinite. And the infinite is holy. So I should be holy. Now, not later!! SO LET'S START LIGHTING UP THE CITY!! Are there ten of us? I sure hope so!!

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MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy! Well here I am, at the base of the mountain looking up. I've talked about the valley a lot recently. Mostly because I've been walking through the valley. But I know every valley ends with the mountain. I talked a few months ago about mountains you have to climb, and the one I am at definitely feels like I am to begin the journey upward. This isn't an easy trip up either. As I climb I will be met with falling rocks, dangerous animals, harsh weather, exhaustion, the list will go on. But I'll climb. I'll climb because I know God has something at the top. I'll climb because I know God has a rope around my waist to ensure I won't fall. I know God will be yelling encouragement to me as I slip and am ready to give up. I don't even know if the top of the mountain will be what I have been hoping for, but I know it will be good; because God is good. I have said that so much recently because I need to keep reminding myself that this is true. GOD IS GOOD! And He wants what is best for me. I don't understand now why I had to walk through this horrid dark valley I just got out of, but I know there is a purpose. I know it changed something in me that needed to be changed before I started up this mountain side. Oh Lord, you know I'm so tired, but I will climb. You have prepared something up ahead, and I long to see it. For a few days I felt like Elijah telling God I had enough and I laid in a cave at the base of this mountain crying with no energy left; Then God told me to move. Not only told me, but gave me the strength to. As I touched the base of the mountain, a blessing came. Then a rock fell on my head. I began a few feet up and a snake tried to bite me, but he fell down the mountain because I was paying attention and didn't let him bite me. A few more feet up and I would trip and slam into the side and feel like I broke every bone in my body. A little further and I would find a place to rest. Which is where I am right now. Taking a break, resting in my Father's arms before I keep climbing. I know it only gets rougher as I climb; but I'll do it. God is going before me every single step of the way and telling me exactly where to place my hands and feet. I'm doing my best to listen. If you are beginning

your climb up a mountain, make sure you're listening to God telling you how to climb it. I see storm clouds gathering now as I prepare to start climbing again soon. It looks big, but my God is bigger. So bring it on. I want to challenge you to take the time to read Job 37-42 after this. Let it encourage your climb. If you are still walking the valley, know that the end will come and the mountain will be waiting.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: Rachel Scott posted in her diary "I am not going to hide the light that God has put into me. If I have to sacrifice everything, I will." Exactly one year later, she was murdered at Columbine High School for her testimony of faith. I wonder sometimes how much I am really willing to "give up" to keep my light shining for God. Oh, I can hold up the banner, and it is legitimate. I have dedicated almost my entire adult life for the Lord. I have worn out vehicles, and worn out Bibles, and worn out clothing, and worn out myself. It is easy to rest on the laurels of past experience. But being willing to give up all for God is not a "temporary thing". It is and must be permanent. I read about people that literally gave up their life and freedom and everything to serve the Lord. "He was such a dangerous prisoner, the Chinese government set new rules at his cell. They doubled the number of guards and never allowed a guard to stand outside his cell more than once. They shortened shifts to six hours. The prisoner was Watchman Nee and the problem was, he kept converting the guards to this "foreign cult" called Christianity. The guards would then help deliver Nee's letters to the Christian community. And the efforts of the Chinese government in changing the rules were unsuccessful as Nee continued to lead the guards to Jesus. Colossians 1:29 "Whereunto I also labor, striving according to HIS working, which worketh in me mightily." If I were sent to prison, what would be my response? Would I be sending messages to the Christian community, or would I sit in the corner and sulk? People like Watchman Nee were every bit as effective in prison as out. "Ranavalona I, the queen of Madagascar, hated the Christians in her kingdom. Her complaints against them were many: they despised her idols, they were always praying, they always went to church, and their women were chaste. She sent officers to gather all those suspected of being Christians to bring them to trial. Sixteen hundred believers, when the charges were read, announced confidently "GUILTY". They would not deny the charges, for to do so would be to deny Christ. The Queen offered them a second chance to deny Christ and bow to her idols, but each refused. They were thrown into dark, dank dungeons, and many were executed. The Queen was angered more, because for each Christian she had killed, twenty more rose up. Later the Queen ordered that fifteen Christians be executed. They were to be thrown over a cliff into a rocky ravine 150 feet below. The Queen's idols were taken to the top of the cliff, and each Christian was lowered slightly over the edge, tied with ropes. "Will you worship your Christ or the Queen's gods?" the soldiers asked each Christian hanging over the precipice. Each Christian answered, simply "CHRIST." The ropes were cut, and they plunged to the rocks. Some sang as they fell to their deaths. One young girl was spared and declared insane. She later founded a large church. Extreme guilt means providing so much evidence of one's faith in Christ that there is no way to be acquitted of the charges! The familiar paradox is worth repeating: if you were on trial for being a Christian today, would there be enough evidence to convict you. It challenges me. I have heard people say if they were put in the situation of denying Christ, they would deny Him to save their life. Then they would repent later knowing God would forgive them. There have been historical instances where someone would deny Christ and they were

immediately shot anyway. Would you ever want to even take the risk that denying Him might be your last action? Would saving your life be worth it? The second challenge is, would there be enough evidence to convict me if I were accused of being a Christian. I definitely think there would be. But it would be my goal to pile up more and more evidence for a guilty verdict against myself. An imprisoned for his faith Vietnamese Christian Pastor said "We have learned that suffering is not the worst thing in the world. Disobedience to God is the worst." Would that be your feeling? Mine? Is disobedience to Christ a much greater pain than losing my life?

MOVING FORWARD: It has been amazing over the past months what has been happening around THE WARRIORS SWORD. Most of the things we stated in last newsletter we needed to purchase, has been purchased. There will always be needs, but God has set the plate for the coming year. We figured out how to use the copying machine for our computer printer. This will save us lots of money on ink. Some things we are considering and would love your prayers. I have always refused to consider the ministry going 501C3. I do not want to government to control us. But we recognize, in order to move the business side of the ministry forward, this may be an important step. So I have contacted an attorney. We will keep you posted on this consideration. We have been considering placing a Board of Directors in the ministry. I have a number of people around the country who is more than qualified and very trustworthy that we have always considered advisors. This is a step now that we are considering. We have been at work and looking at opening a new account, starting PayPal on the website, considering having a website store where we could offer ministry items and other things to bring in donations to the ministry. We are also looking at putting our red stone cards on the website as we encourage others to use this simple ministry as an outreach they can be a part of. The computer has acted up in doing recordings. I do not want to be dramatic, but my friends, I think this is an attack from the enemy. We are geared up to fully launching the AMMA, and this will require a lot of new video and recording efforts. So the timing of these issues is just too convenient to be a coincidence. But we are going to work to figure this out and get on with what needs to be done. There is so much to be done and that makes things busier than is comfortable. We are also praying about using zoom and setting up ministry opportunities with that. Micaela and I will be attending FEARLESS: REVIVAL BOOTCAMP 2025 in Orland Park, Illinois in May. Micaela went last year and it was revolutionary for her. Your prayers that it would have a great influence on both of us are appreciated. A mission trip will be forthcoming. Actually, I am working on one to Illinois actually sooner. We have some people that we need to meet with, and also some important ministry business to deal with as well. The longer mission trip is still in the works and again I would love prayer. I am unsure that the Lord may be laying something on my heart that I am very uncertain of. And still honestly do not want to do. PRAY!

ANTICHRIST KINGDOM FULL STEAM AHEAD: (Thank you Battle Cry Magazine for some info). The U.N. is full steam ahead on the one world government plan. In September 2024 they held the Summit of the Future pushing for global governance with delegates from 193 nations. They worked to finalize the Pact for the Future expanding the U.N.'s authority on issues like climate change, digital governance, and human rights. The Pact endorses abortion, gender fluidity, usurping control over children in the classroom, and demanding the adoption of an ideology that goes directly against the Bible. Argentina's President strongly condemned the pact as an

attempt to impose globalist, socialist agenda that diminishes the autonomy of nations. I doubt Biden even knew what the U.N. is. Truth is, most of the population of the planet are blissfully unaware of what the U.N. is up to. Even though the Pact openly supports abortion and gender ideology, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, emphasized the Vatican support for the "broader goals" of "fostering peace, promoting sustainable development, and addressing existential risks like climate change." His comments reflect the ongoing commitment to global governance which is closely aligned with the worst Pope in modern history Pope Francis who has an open vision of a global juridical, political, and economic order. This goes along with the Pope's SYNOD ON SYNODALITY in 2021 where he promoted support of radical inclusion of the LGBTQ agenda into Catholicism. At that Synod, he gathered a crowd of Buddhists, Muslims, Catholics, and Pagans and proudly declared "all religions are paths to God." Even some of the Catholic clergy woke up after these statements. Pope Francis is absolutely in lock step with the plans of the U.N. for a one world government and he has made clear he thinks his new version of Catholicism, should be the new world religion.

WILL THE TREND ACTUALLY BRING CHANGE: Some headlines you won't read in the Newspaper: Anheuser Busch and the Bud Lite Backlash. After incorporating a transgender celebrity into their advertising, loyal customers left and the company's stock tanked. A Burlington, Massachusetts Middle School refused to promote Memorial Day but went all out for PRIDE Month spirit day complete with rainbow banners, streamers, special clothing, posters and more. A large group of students instead wore red, white, and blue that day and shouted in the lunchroom "U.S.A. is my pronoun." LOL. Not bad for a group of Middle Schoolers. Thousands of protestors descend on mostly empty Dodger Stadium. The Dodgers devoted a game night to present an award to the blasphemous Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Fans registered their dismay in the thousands outside the gate during the ceremony. Only after the ceremony did they come in for the game which was sparsely attended, and the Dodgers lost 15-0. WOKE brands feel the heat from customers for their in your face promotion of the blasphemous rainbow. Disney, Adidas, Kohl's, North Face, Starbucks, and Target have faced backlash costing a combined loss of \$30 billion in market value. In exit polls in the recent election, it was fascinating that one of the things talked about is this trend trying to promote sixty genders and pushing for every type of perversion known to mankind. People have been guilted over recent years into a fear of speaking out. You can see the same trends in racism. If you stand against things like DEI, which has helped to destroy the foundations of our nation, you are a racist. If you speak out against illegal invasion into our country, you are a racist. If you speak against the perversion that has destroyed the moral fiber of this nation, you are a homophobe. The devil has been amazing for years of giving titles and tags to people to get them to shut up. So it is a little exciting that reports like those above seem to be changing the trend. The news media is absolutely vicious in trying to silence any word of righteousness or faith in Jesus Christ. But America has been founded upon the free speech to evangelize anyone who will listen. Could it be that we are seeing a trend of shedding the fear of being called a racist or a homophobe and speaking openly against insanity like grown men being allowed to compete in women's sports? But if we keep allowing ourselves to be silenced in the face of perversion and invasion, we will be relegated to that same perversion and invasion overtaking all that we profess to believe in. So I hope the above "stories" will show a trend that will actually make lasting change in a society who has openly rejected God! As this newsletter was being finished, it was reported

that companies Walmart, McDonalds, Target, Lowe's, Ford, Amazon, and Meta (Facebook), have ended their DEI affiliations. There is a boycott called for. Pray the boycott fails. Maybe there is a good trend happening.

A FAN: Psalms 37:4-6 "Delight thyself also in the Lord; And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, And thy judgment as the noonday." Something you will rarely ever see in the newsletter, is my personal sports preferences. But stick with me a moment. Anyone that knows me recognizes I have been and always will be a fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Since I was about five years old, I started cheering for them. I do not like them because they are Catholic, for I am not a Catholic. I do not make "sports choices" based on the doctrinal background. But I want to say something that at least I find significant. Recently, Notre Dame played Ohio State for the football national championship and Ohio State won. Now, in no way am I claiming or insinuating that OSU won based on what I am going to share. But I think it is significant what has been happening at OSU. In August 2024, OSU saw the beginning of a spiritual awakening with 1000 students gathering for a revival. Several members of the OSU football team displayed vulnerability and leadership and were vessels for the Holy Spirit. Sixty students were baptized in the team's ice tubs. Students were overwhelmed with emotion and moved by God's presence as they publicly declared their faith for THE VERY FIRST TIME! One of the most significant things that is so important in this story, is that students were then connected to campus Christian groups so they could be discipled. Something that is very lacking in most "revival movements". And that is why most do not last. There is no drive to discipleship. Kamryn Babb, former wide receiver, shared his thoughts on the event's impact. "The human condition longs for hope, and through Jesus, that hope is found." Even when I lived in Ohio, I was never an OSU Buckeye fan, and never will be. But I am sure a fan of what is happening on this campus. And if they will continue to DISCIPLE these new believers, there can be a real awakening happen. Praise God! To understand even better, one can listen to the post-game interviews of numerous OSU players. Nearly without exception, the players gave praise to God for getting them there, seeing them through adversary, and giving them ability in the first place. Of course, most networks will edit that out of their comments, but the comments giving praise to Jesus Christ were clear. Even if they beat my team (LOL), their proclamations of Jesus Christ will make a real difference in their impact to the world around them.

A PRAYER SONG: I think it is one of the best songs/prayers ever written. When I was going to have a funeral service, I asked my wife to play the song at my funeral. Now that will not happen as I will not have a funeral service. But I think this song/prayer speaks a word that we all need to pray in the current times: PRAYER BY PETRA: First I want to thank You Lord for being who You are; For coming to the rescue of a man who's drifted far; For calling me to be Your son and calling me to serve; Lord the way You've blessed my life is more than I deserve; Keep the ones I love so dearly Fill their emptiness while I am gone; And fill the loneliness in me CHORUS: This is my prayer Lifted to You Knowing You care even more than I do This is my prayer Lifted in Your name Your will be done I humbly pray....

Let me be the evidence of what Your grace can do; To a generation struggling to find themselves in You; May they come to know the love of God May their eyes be made to see;

Give me the opportunity to share the truth that sets them free; And may unity in all things Be the banner of Your church And let revival's fire begin to burn CHORUS:

As we face the last and final hours Turn a wayward country back to You; And keep us from the evil that devours Keep us on the path and lead us through; Keep us in Your light until Your kingdom comes And our work is done CHORUS **AMEN. LORD LET IT BE SO!!** 

**IMMEDIATELY AHEAD:** We have had probably the worst president in recent times over the past four years. Hoping things would get better was such low odds. And we told you in videos back before the election of 2020 what was coming. And few people wanted to listen. As is often normal, when new people take office, many of our readers/watchers ask me what I think about what is happening. It is not at all a surprise Donald Trump has done more in a few days than Biden did in four years. Reality is, a lot happened in Biden's "reign", but most of it was obviously not at his direction. It was amazing if he even knew what his name was that day. Huge numbers of executive orders went immediately in effect before the clean up at the inauguration could even be done. Only time will tell what the results of all that will be. While Biden was busy in his last days pardoning all of his family, his political buddies, the DOJ members that had become weaponized to take out Trump, and murderers who shot police, the media and Congress only want to talk about Trump pardoning people that should have never been prosecuted in the first place. The beginning of the removal of illegal criminal law breakers happened immediately. It was funny to watch situations like the drug lord/president of Columbia trying to rattle his saber against Trump. And it took a few lines in a response from Trump and Columbia's drug lord disguised as a president put his saber away. Pretty much the same thing happened with Mexico. Trump put the tariffs into effect and the Mexican president offered immediately to send 10,000 soldiers to the border. It is amazing how there is no desire to act and no willingness to support America. But suddenly, they put away their sabers. Canada and its disgraced soon to be relieved of duty PM has decided to keep rattling its saber. We will see how long that lasts. Hamas is quickly putting away its saber too. They immediately started releasing hostages they held for over a year. I guess when Trump told them "all hell was going to break loose" they realized their little buddies in Iran wasn't going to protect them. Kind of reminds me when the disgrace Jimmy Carter left hostages in Iran for months. And as Reagan was taking the oath of office, Iran was releasing them. What is frightening is Israel is releasing terrorists to gain the release of the hostages. And only time will tell the damage that will be done by these criminals that Israel is being forced to let go. Drill baby drill is Trump's motto. It is hard to say if it will help or how long it will take. But we know this: his gameplan worked before as gas prices were less than \$2.00 and have not been close to that since Biden took office. These multiple air disasters, I do not think this is accidental. Yes, there goes my conspiracy theorist. But something is going on here more than meets the eye. And I do not think it is because suddenly people are unqualified?? I guess we will see if the truth comes out. I don't apologize for the fact I have not ever been and never will be a huge Trump fan. I do like some of the things that he does. And while the effects may take some time to actually change things, I am hopeful we might see some things happening in the near future. Bur for my friends that think everything in America is fixed because of the election, I remind you just to take a look at the reality. The RINOS are alive and well. And terrorists like the minority leader of the house are still threatening to send BLM back on the streets. And hatred for God is still prevalent. PRAY!!

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PRAY PRAY! II CHRONICLES 7:14 JOEL 2:15-18 PRAY PRAY! PRAY! PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!! FRANCIS ASBURY: A PERSON WHO READS THE SCRIPTURE AND YET DOES NOT PRAY HAS MISSED THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.

I THESSALONIANS 5:25 "BRETHREN PRAY FOR US."

SPECIAL INFO: DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, THE JANUARY ISSUE CAME OUT LATER THAN USUAL. THE FEBRUARY ISSUE WILL COME IN A COUPLE WEEKS. THIS ISSUE AS PROMISED IS ABOUT THE MINISTRY PROGRESS. BE WATCHING AS THE NEXT ISSUE WILL COME OUT SOON!

MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy! It feels wrong to call this a coffee thought this month. Normally I write down the ideas and thoughts I have while drinking coffee or tea in the mornings. However right now, this writing; sitting in silence in my room eating late night Oreos and drinking milk, and completely throwing away the first semi forced idea I was going to write about but it felt... off. Before I sat down at this computer again to begin typing away the idea I thought I was going to talk about. I was doing a very tedious task of preparing some children's church supplies for tomorrow (definitely not tomorrow for you by the time you see this) morning service. Individually blowing up each inflatable instrument while guessing which individual child would enjoy and worship with. Then my heart began to feel heavy. Last year my ideas of what this call to full time ministry would mean definitely was not what happened. 2024 was the darkest time for me. I wrote about it a few newsletters back. 2025 has also come in with a vengeance. My heart is heavy. The devil is completely swarming my mind reminding me the ministry goals I set in place for 2024 never happened. He is also holding it over my head that I have 30+ sermons that I am working on and nowhere to preach them (waiting on God's direction). At one point he tormented me with a phrase, "you are a Pastor stuck in a pew". I have always promised to be honest in these writings. I know God gets the glory in all things. So here I am pouring my broken yet mending heart into this writing because I will never let the devil put that lie in my head again. Ministry isn't always on a platform preaching my heart out. Even though right now that is what the fire in my soul is longing for. It's holding my crying friend and praying over her. It's having deep spiritual conversations with anyone who asks. It's praying over my husband before he goes to work. It's singing worship songs over my crying children. It's spending hours organizing a binder for a teen who was failing school and didn't know how to get her school work in order. It's helping a kid do their school project because her mom had forgotten to help her. It's turning our old church into the ultimate hide and seek get away to help the kids I used to work with escape what they were

dealing with. It's pillow and blanket forts destroying my living room with the sound of laughter. Screaming from underneath because of the stories being told. It's sitting in my classroom after service crying my eyes out in praise because I had no strength to lead one service that day and yet by God's strength I led two. It's praying over my church as I walk through the halls. Its 2am phone calls helping a friend through their darkest moments while also facing mine. It's screaming out to God that I don't understand. But I trust Him and I continue to move forward with Him. No devil, I didn't preach on a platform this year; but my God has used me to share His love, word, mercy, forgiveness, and teachings. I don't need a platform. So Lord, continue to send me into the fields. I'll keep watering. Maybe a pew is exactly where this pastor needs to be. Sitting and being in the presence of God with my church family. Crying with them, praying with them, worshiping with them. I'll go where God sends me. In the hurt and heartbreak I will remind myself GOD IS GOOD! Even when I am not good. Even when I mess up. 2024 was a year of rain and darkness. 2025 bring it on! God? Let's do this together. Lord, continue to remind me and show me the memories of these past 10 years I have been doing ministry. Keep my eyes set on You and how You have used me. Give me the flashbacks of Fairmount Illinois spending full Wednesdays at the church helping with the Good News Club and the worship team. Continue to show me the fruits that have grown from the seed planted in my kids in Swayzee Indiana (I see posts about them daily and I am so proud!). When the devil gets in my head, flood my mind with Your goodness like tonight when I felt heavy and felt like I had failed you. So now I will close and go back to preparing for tomorrow morning. Happy New Year everyone. And thank you for reading this out of the norm coffee thought. Well I guess Oreo and Milk thought LOL.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: It is inevitable. I came away from the recent trip just electrified. And that continued for several weeks. But reality is, we always get back to "the real world". It might seem I lost excitement and got discouraged. That is not true! Of course, everyone wants to live their lives and do their ministry on the highest mountain. Ministry is not conducted on the mountaintop. It is conducted in the valley. It is great to have the events and the adrenaline rushes. We need those and it is perfectly acceptable! But when the rush is gone and we are walking back on the ground, the challenge of ministry is met in the daily grind. Not on the mountaintop. I love what we saw happen on the trip, and I am going to talk about that in the next pages of the newsletter. But the thrill of excitement is never limitless. But whether we are in the flow of adrenaline rush, or absolutely dry, ministry goes on. And God is still God!

REPRINT: SCOTTISH PREBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN GEORGE MATHESON WEARIED OF THE RESISTANCE HE FOUND IN HIS OWN HEART TO THE WHOLE WILL OF GOD WROTE: "MAKE ME A CAPTIVE, LORD, AND THEN I SHALL BE FREE. FORCE ME TO RENDER UP MY SWORD AND I SHALL A CONQUEROR BE. I SINK IN LIFE'S ALARMS WHEN BY MYSELF I STAND. IMPRISON ME WITHIN THINE ARMS, AND STRONG SHALL BE MY HAND."

REPRINT: THE PRAYER OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE IN 1577: "DISTURB US, LORD, WHEN WE ARE TOO PLEASED WITH OURSELVES. WHEN OUR DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE BECAUSE WE DREAMED TOO LITTLE. WHEN WE ARRIVED SAFELY BECAUSE WE SAILED TOO CLOSE TO THE SHORE. DISTURB US, LORD, WHEN WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF THINGS WE POSSESS, WE HAVE LOST OUR THIRST FOR THE WATERS OF LIFE; HAVING FALLEN IN LOVE WITH LIFE, WE HAVE CEASED TO DREAM OF ETERNITY. DISTURB US, LORD, TO DARE MORE BOLDLY, TO

# VENTURE ON WILDER SEAS. WHERE STORMS WILL SHOW YOUR MASTERY. WHERE LOSING SIGHT OF LAND, WE SHALL FIND THE STARS." THAT MY FRIENDS, IS MY PRAYER FOR 2025.

**THE TRIP:** The trip in October set a pathway that will "affect" the ministry for months to come. We had done a couple trips before. But this was the one that lit a spark. It was not a spark to preach, although we are praying about a possible direction the Lord is putting on our hearts. I will say little about that because I do not know as I write this what the future holds on that front. But I know for certain, no matter the cost, we will be doing more of these one on one trips. This trip involved Paxton and Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, Martinsville, Marion, Swayzee, Bryant, Portland, Muncie, Indiana. Marion and Sunbury, Ohio, and then back to Illinois and finally home. It covered over 2000 miles. Early in my plans to write about this trip, I was going to list names of people I dealt with. But we will not do that. It was numerous people! And it seemed like every single meeting was filled with God's presence!! And WOW what God did with those meetings. Most were one on one. But there were also times I got to go into larger groups and meet people and talk with them. I got to minister to workers in numerous restaurants in all the states and locations I went into. We passed out **LARGE** amounts of Red stones and cards. I think it was the most we had ever distributed in any of our events. There was special things that happened with this effort in two locations in Illinois, one in Marion, Ohio and one in Sunbury, Ohio. One of the waitresses in Illinois has been viewing videos since receiving the stone and card and has been in email communication with us. Micaela and I plan to go in May for a Revival Conference. I am thinking and praying about making another Mission trip then. Pray! This is by far one of the most exciting things God is doing in THE WARRIORS SWORD. You will hear more.

MEDIA WORK: I want to be careful of the title I give it. In the past, I have been in media ministry, television, radio, etc. I DO NOT IN ANY FASHION WANT THIS MINISTRY TO BE CONSIDERED MEDIA MINISTRY. There is such a pile of false teachers, false prophets, and wolves in sheep's clothing, it is getting harder and harder to find anyone legitimate in media ministry. But since I do not know what to call it, I will just call it "MEDIA WORK". Our You Tube situation has gone through a lot of changes in its efforts. We began with mid-week messages when COVID was happening. We then began to be more "regular" with weekly videos, then went to daily videos along with the weekly videos, and now we are back to weekly videos. In 2024, we added 27 new subscribers, and had 6119 minutes of viewing. We had 124 uploads, 639 likes, and 162 shares of the videos. Our top watched video, and we don't know why that was, was a video in the series on Israel. It had 182 views and 21 hours of viewing. We are very much a small time ministry, competing in a big time market, and making a much larger than expected impact. I fully know because of the type of messages we bring; we will never go "viral". But a little ministry, in a little town, from a little parsonage, with a "little" minister, has seen much more reach than I ever ever thought we would. One of the things that has amazed me and left me a bit perplexed is the Podcast. We stopped recording podcasts several months ago as the effort and time investment just was not seeing the results. At least we thought. But in 2024, even as we discontinued doing them, we saw a 21% increase in downloads. To no surprise, our biggest download area was Martinsville, IN where our largest ministry supporters live. We had 32 there, and probably at least 90% of them was one person. What is a SURPRISE?? We had 6 downloads in Washington, VA (I don't even know where that is). We had 6 downloads in Los Angeles, California, 3 downloads in Santa Rosa, California, and 5 in Marion, IN. We had 78 in

the United States. AND 2 IN JAPAN. (In 2023, we had some in the Netherlands). I'm not sure what we are going to do with this Podcast information. We must consider the reach may warrant starting them back up in some format. We are very excited the weekly message videos will definitely continue. In addition to that, we are working on new video projects. Some of these new efforts will be involved in the new AMMA ministerial association work. Others we will have more "public". But even the ones in the AMMA will be reachable to the public. We will be doing some Basic Christian Doctrine Studies and Leadership Training Studies by video. Also, we will do Bible Studies on video. The possibility of going back to "Daily Thought Videos" I would say is highly unlikely. This is very time demanding and often very strenuous to carry out. However, pray with us as we consider going back to daily writings instead. If we go back to this effort, we will only send them to those who request it. We will no longer send to the mass mailing. We will also pray about the possibility of how to make them available on the website. So be watching for opportunities to join special ministry pockets that we are very excited about.

ON THE HORIZON: Habakkuk 2:1-3 "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; Because it shall surely come, it will not tarry." He closes out his prayer: 3:18-19A "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." I have literally written stacks of messages on vision. Put together a large section of leadership training on vision. Proverbs 29:18 tells us "where there is no vision, the people perish." So it is a significant topic. But sometimes one that is very hard to give clear meaning. THE WARRIORS SWORD has been in a constant state of evolving. THAT IS A GOOD THING! But it is very scary at times to face it. I have talked with my accountability partner of how God is CONTINUALLY challenging me. HOW MUCH DO I ACTUALLY TRUST HIM? You will read me talk about that in the future. (Not a grammatical mistake). We just purchased two black printer toners at \$60, 5000 of the red stone cards at \$150. Co-director Micaela has been passing out Scripture cards and has seen great success with those! So we purchased 2500 of the Scripture Cards to use in Restaurant Ministry for \$100. The new AMMA (American Mission Ministerial Association) see below. We will be putting together a number of certificates and information for prospects for ministry. We have ordered and paid for a package of certificates to use for this effort. We are still blessed in the ministry to have plenty of envelopes for newsletters, and stamps to probably get us through 2025. We have been blessed by our label person to have enough sets to get through June. And we will soon have some new label items to help expedite the mailing processes. You will see those soon. We have managed to keep paper supply for over two years without purchasing any. We are now down to our last two reams, so we will be buying a case of paper soon. It looks like this will be about \$50 Last time we purchased it from Sam's. But we cut that membership to save funds. We will have to get a color toner which is about \$40. We also have to purchase a copying machine toner soon which is a little more daunting. This cost about \$150. I wish I understood technology better, but we are currently trying to figure out if we can use the copying machine as a printer. I think we can if I was just a little smarter. Printer ink is very expensive and does not last very long. If we could do this, we would only use the printer for color projects. In the long run, even though the copying machine cost more up front; it last a lot longer and is cheaper. So we hope this will save ministry money as well. We have been working on a new business card design. Would you pray for us on this? We had hoped to put the logo on the new cards. Our business card printer gives us an outlandishly good price. But it is frustrating when I have business cards printed and then the information changes, and we have to do it again. So we are working on a new plan. First, they would be information for both Micaela and me. We would not list phone numbers and addresses. Information would be to the website and email. This way if we move, or our phones are replaced, we will not need new cards. This will cost us \$60, but this will also make it where we don't have to order separate cards and that saves even more money. We will get this done as soon as we make some plan for the new logo. As I write this, I am not sure what is going to happen with the Logo plan. We had a preliminary sketch. We now are considering another logo for the AMERICAN MISSION MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. There are things I am looking for and I am not sure what all this will lead to. So please keep praying about this issue and hopefully I will have more news soon. So we have already handled some expenses and are facing more to kick off 2025. But no matter what, God has been faithful to us. There are numerous plans of advancing the efforts. And we are trying to project the vision into 2025 and keep on the pathway God wants us on. Facebook is becoming more and more useless, and Instagram is owned by Facebook. I am considering starting an X page to see if we can expand the reach more. We will keep the Facebook ministry page open, but we are definitely changing the focus. And we send out bunches of emails and I am not even sure how many of the addresses are still active. So the plan will be to make things by request only. If people do not let us know, we will stop sending. Time is so valuable right now and ministry so limited, and we want to be razor focused on what we do, how we pray, and what we spend time and money on. We know videos, the trips, the restaurants, the red stones, are bringing fruit. And God will prune the trees, continue what brings fruit, and dispose of what does not. The restaurant ministry is definitely a large investment, and it is evolving very much. So there will be things to tell in the future as God reshapes this amazing work. We have been excitedly working on another project. I mentioned a little bit in another section of the newsletter. We are working on a new "MEMBERSHIP SECTION" in our video, which will somehow translate onto the website. I am excited about this. It will offer more opportunity for deeper videos and writings. I think this is something that God has been helping us with. The Logo situation has affected the other thing, but we are working on a store section for the website. This will offer some merchandise things for donations. We have the information set up for PayPal, but I have held back on that because I do not want to give them my personal account log ins. So I will be talking to the Credit Union to see about setting up a separate account. If we can't do that here, we will do it in Illinois at Micaela's. We have the opportunity to have some cool things put together. SO BE WATCHING ON THIS ONE!! The evolving of the ministry is bring a huge new load of effort and work. And I am trying to keep that tempered with God's plan and direction so we do not get ahead of Him. Please keep praying as we look out on the horizon and lick our lips with anticipation! AMMA Ephesians 4:11-16 "And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, and unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the

stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. "Acts 13:2-3 "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, THE HOLY GHOST SAID, separate me Barnabas and Saul FOR THE WORK WHEREUNTO I HAVE CALLED THEM. And when they fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, THEY SENT THEM AWAY." I Corinthians 1:26-29 "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: THAT NO FLESH SHOULD GLORY IN HIS **PRESENCE.**" There is STRONG BIBLICAL EVIDENCE, the way we do ministry and commission ministers in modern churchdom is not what God set out in His Word! A. F. Harper says: "Jesus does not propose to send His soldiers into battle without their battle equipment. Jesus said "Tarry ye until you be endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49" Paul closes out his Ephesian letter you must wear the whole armor of God that you may be able to resist the evil in its day of power 6:13. One of the great lies decimating the ministry! Only denominations can license you to minister. Who made that rule? THE DENOMINATIONS. And it has nothing to do with ministry!! THAT IS NOT BIBLICAL! It has to do with controlling the ministry. THAT IS NOT BIBLICAL! We had to check with a wonderful attorney about legalities. We then went to work to put together bylaws and constitution (which we are still working on). We will also be putting together Doctrinal and Leadership videos and training items. We put Rev. Steve Rogers in Indiana into the position of General Superintendent. I am president and Micaela will be vicepresident. We are in the process of praying about our Asst. General. We can license people in every state except for Nevada. There are Special Marriage rules in Ohio, Massachusetts, Oregon, and New Hampshire to perform marriages. There are particularly special license rules in New Jersey, Virginia, and New York City. If you were licensed in any of these, it would be legal, but you have to check out all the special rules you have to fulfill. The reason I am so excited about this effort is we want to get people equipped to do ministry. Yes, we will have things that you need to do to be licensed in this association. But the goal will not be to control you. It will be to equip you. A.F. Harper "It seems a strange contradiction that peace should be a Christian's instrument of war. But it is." We are at war my friends. Yes, WW3 sits on the horizon. But the war I am talking about is MUCH BIGGER AND MUCH MORE IMPORTANT. For it is not just human lives that are on the line, it is ETERNAL SOULS. And we MUST NOT LOSE! This is a huge ministry project that will again change the horizon. Please be in prayer! And again, if you know of anyone that might benefit from this effort, put them in contact with us.

FROM CASTING CROWNS **UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS:** I wanna be Your hands and feet; I wanna live a life that leads; To see You set the captive free; Until the whole world hears; And I pray that they will see; More of You and less of me; Lord, I want my life to be the song You sing.

Until the whole world hears what we are calling out; Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound; Like voices in the wilderness, we're crying out; AND AS THE DAY DRAWS NEAR WE'LL SING UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD HEARS

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PRAY PRAY! II CHRONICLES 7:14 JOEL 2:15-18 PRAY PRAY! PRAY! PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!! FRANCIS ASBURY: A PERSON WHO READS THE SCRIPTURE AND YET DOES NOT PRAY HAS MISSED THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.

NEXT MONTH, THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 2025, WILL BE A SPECIAL VISION ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER. WE WILL SHARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND MORE INFORMATION ON SOME OF THE THINGS WE WILL BE LAUNCHING. BE SURE AND WATCH FOR IT AND WE HOPE YOU WILL READ IT! AND PRAY! PRAY!

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!! AND WE HOPE AS YOU BEGIN 2025, IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY FRUITFUL IN ALL YOU DO. WE HOPE YOU BRING MANY SOULS TO JESUS CHRIST THIS COMING YEAR. THAT IS THE GOAL OF THE WARRIORS SWORD AS WELL!!

MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy!

MMMM peppermint! My favorite time of the year when all my drinks are nice and Hot and usually have peppermint in them. White snow will soon be falling and covering the view into my backyard with a blanket of snow. The sound of joyful Christmas songs playing at every turn. But I can't help but feel like a grinch this year. My heart is heavy. My thoughts are racing and it feels like nothing is going to ever be the same again. Has that ever been you? You think to yourself, "how can I possibly celebrate anything after the year I had?" Well I'm with you there. This year is nearing a close and I'm ready for the change. But even though deep down I feel like my heart has shrunk a few sizes smaller than normal; I'm still celebrating. Wait, WHAT!?? Yes. I'm celebrating. I'm celebrating a baby who was born to save us all. I'm celebrating my Savior who gives me Joy when I have none left. I'm celebrating the peace that passes all understanding that He gives me. I'm celebrating HIM! My peppermint coffee doesn't give me true joy, it's a temporary joy; One that I love but not as much as the joy from Jesus. Even though this year has been heavy and my heart can't take another blow, He is carrying me. He loves me so much He came to this broken world and took the punishment for me. So even if it's praise that I have to struggle to get out because of the weight on me, I'll still praise. I'll still celebrate all Jesus has done and is still doing! Because even when Jesus was going through the hard fought victory on the cross, He was doing it for me. Brandon Lake said it well in his new song Hard Fought

Hallelujah, "I'll bring my hard fought, heartfelt, it is well Hallelujah." So even in the pain I feel, It is well. Merry Christmas everyone! I hope it's full of Joy and Peace this year. I cannot express how much all the feedback from the Coffee Thoughts have blessed me. So going into the new year there will definitely be more to come! Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: I don't want to be cliché. But the birth of my grandchildren has opened a place inside of me I did not even know existed. I LOVE MY CHILDREN! AND ALWAYS WILL!! But there is a different kind of love. You see, with the grandbabies, my responsibility is not the same. My children are both ordained ministers and I am very blessed and honored to have them in my life. But at times, I had to be "daddy" and intrude on their thinking. My daughter would tell you I let my grandbabies get by with things I would never have let my children get by with. But her and her husband have to be parents. I get to be Apaw (that is what the grandbabies call me LOL). My grandson has taught me so much about pure worship and about trust. While I was on the recent trip, when I got to be with my family a few days, I love to take my daughter and grandchildren to breakfast. I was laughing one day as Gabe had ahold of my hand and he was pulling me forward into the restaurant. I mentioned to my daughter, "If someone put a pole in front of this boy, he would walk right into it." He had ahold my hand, his head was down, and he was marching forward. It came to me that he had full trust in me to make sure he got safely to where he was going. Even if at times he was in front of me pulling, he didn't have to look up to see what was ahead of him. He knew in his little heart I would never let him go astray. I have admitted it is one of the hardest concepts for me through the entire Scripture. II Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight." So much that happened on the recent trip was with my absolute ignorance. God teaching me truly the meaning of my nose in His back. Anna L. Waring "Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back; My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack. His wisdom ever waketh; His sight is never dim. He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him." I am blessed that I have truly learned to walk with my nose in His back, but sometimes I want to still look up over His shoulder. He is so gracious that even when I get in front of Him and start pulling like my grandson, He holds my hand and holds me back. He reminds me, as I remind my grandson, that it is important to not get out ahead. Especially as the ministry has sprung into so much excitement, I need my nose in His back more than ever. As the world unveils the events of the last days around us, it is very important that your nose is in His back as well. I can't say that I ever won't be like my grandson and find myself pulling on His to move where I think we are going. But I will remember my little grandson as I pull back on his hand and whisper that he needs to wait on Apaw, he always gives way to my lead. And he keeps his head down moving forward to the destination I am leading him to. Oh Lord, help me to wait on your leading to the destination YOU are taking me to!

We are officially launching the AMMA (AMERICAN MISSION MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION). There is work to be done to be ready to go, but we are excited to announce our new General Superintendent Rev. Steve Rogers from Portland, Indiana. Pastor Mike and Pastor Steve have worked together many times through the years. We will soon begin presenting ministry license to people who feel called into the ministry. We have been at work putting the certificates together. There are going to be numerous other things that this will launch in the ministry, and we are very excited what it will bring about. If you have a calling into the

ministry, or know someone who does, and perhaps the unbiblical requirements from "organizations" have hindered you/them, contact us. We would love to talk with you. Please pray for this new effort.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN A SIMPLE OUTREACH: I think most of us, if we have been Christians for any time at all, have faced the moments when we felt we should witness. And maybe there are times, I know there have been for me in the past, I just didn't want to. It might have been a fear of rejection or a fear of looking bad or doing it wrong. But it unfortunately happens. Please do not think I am bragging, because I AM NOT!! But it has become easier and easier to witness as the years have passed and I have gained more experience. Yet there are times when the opportunity to fully share with someone is not there. The Red Stone ministry which my friend Pastor John fully launched, makes it easy for us to spread a simple Gospel message. We saw it on the recent trip as we reached out to a waitress who has had a lot of struggle in life. Her name is Marissa from Illinois. These stories have happened over and over again through the years. Also while I was traveling, we had a person, a stranger, email and ask how they could attain Red Stone cards like we use. This has launched a new project we would love to have you join us in. As I write this, our website is being revised where you can order Red Stone cards from us. Jay, our dear friend and John's son, is in the process of putting together a large order for us of 5000. Also on the website will be a place where you can go to order the Red Stones as well. www.thewarriorssword.org We go to Hobby Lobby to get the stones and if you have one, we encourage you to go there. But you will be able to link on the website to get the red stones sent to you as well. My daughter began a new thing with Scripture cards to pass out, and we are going to make those available as well. I want to say as I finish up this little discussion. I openly tell people 90% of these cards get thrown in the garbage as most "Christian Tract" type things do. That is NOT OUR CONCERN!! The concern is the 10% that read them and are touched by them. That is people like Marissa that receive a simple message in a moment of need. This is something you can do. Just lay them on a table or place them in the hands of someone or put them with your tip. We encourage you!! LET'S SATURATE THE NATION WITH RED STONES, CARDS, AND SCRIPTURE CARDS!! Maybe someone you care about will be one of the 10% who's life direction changes. GO TO THE WEBSITE!! This should be up live very soon. And there is much more coming to the website as well! Be watching!

**SCROOGE:** I guess I always have been known as kind of a Scrooge. It wasn't that I was stingy or even didn't like Christmas. It was the insanity people have attached to it. I was so frustrated this year in my own town, as in the middle of October!! Let alone skipping Thanksgiving!! Halloween had not even come!! And they hung up the Christmas lights in town. I like lights. But it made me say "bah-humbug" every time I came out of the house in the morning. A number of years ago when I was deeply involved in prison ministry, I was given the honor to put the music together for local prison's Christmas program they did every year for the community. At the time, I went to a friend who owned a music/book store. Mary Did You Know by Mark Lowry had recently been released and my friend recommended it for the program. I fell in love with this song. In more recent years, my friend Dennis who does a Christmas Sing-Along, has blessed me numerous times with this same song. It is one of those songs that reminds us why we aren't full blown Scrooges. Mary carried Jesus in her womb. But she could not have fully

understood. Can we even imagine what the experience was like for her as the words of Gabriel sent from God were fulfilled? Luke 1:35 ".... THE HOLY GHOST SHALL COME UPON THEE, AND THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOW THEE: THEREFORE ALSO THAT HOLY THING WHICH SHALL BE BORN OF THEE SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD." The actual Son of God was "placed" in Mary's womb when she was overshadowed by the HIGHEST and the Holy Ghost came upon her!! Lowry wrote in the song: "The Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.... When you kiss your little baby you kiss the face of God.... This little child your holding is THE GREAT I AM," This baby was and is EMMANUEL!! GOD WITH US!! And as I have said for several years now! I really don't care what you feel about the "holiday". What I do want you to realize is JESUS WAS BORN! OF A VIRGIN!! WHO WAS OVERSHADOWED BY GOD AND THE HOLY GHOST CAME UPON HER!! AND HE IS THE GREAT I AM!! Maybe we need the Son of God to be "Placed in us?" See article below A STRANGE BLESSING. He wants to make His abode in us! Don't miss the point!! Mary was a favored young girl who could not fully understand what God was doing with her. But she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it unto me according to thy word." As we don't forget what we are celebrating, the BIRTH OF THIS BABY, would you tell God be it unto YOU AS HE HAS SAID?? Doing that very thing stopped me from being a scrooge.

WONDERFULLY MADE: Psalms 139:14A "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:..." In his wonderful devotional from years ago, Mendell Taylor shares: "God designed and made operational the wonderful chemical laboratory of our bodies. This is a fantastic collection of living cells. It starts over the narrow bridge of 46 cells. These grow and divide often enough that at maturity we have over 100 billion cells in this chemical laboratory. Of these, the brain cells, averaging three pounds of gray matter, number 15 billion. Besides, there are billions of blood cells In the red river of life, billions of nerve and muscle cells, and billions of skin cells. This chemical laboratory can take such ordinary foods as cornbread, black-eyed peas, and mashed potatoes and engineer bone structure, insulate against bacterial diseases, and evacuate trouble-making germs. Since it is a matter of life and breath, the lungs have 300 million air sacs. If these were placed side by side, they would cover a football field. These delicate sacs absorb the oxygen that provides the fire that keeps the body temperature 98 degrees, and the fire necessary to release the energy from the food taken into the physical system. The God who made us so fearfully and wonderfully has "all power.... In Heaven and in Earth." And He can do anything that needs to be done." You are not a blob of flesh or just some random animal. You are precious in the eyes of God as He made you WONDERFULLY!

HOW CAN WE UNDERSTAND?: Luke 24:45 "Then opened he (Jesus) their understanding, that they might UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURE." I think it is a part of most of us. We want to understand. That striving for understanding has led mankind to some phenomenal things. It does not necessarily have to be negative! But sometimes we push things to fit into our thinking because we want to understand what can't be understood. At least in part, this led to one of the greatest deceptions of all time as Darwin searched for answers he was not smart enough to understand. So he made up things with no factual backing, and led millions into unbelief. We do this with the Scripture as well. We try, instead of understanding it takes Spiritual wisdom not intellectual, to make it easier to understand. In the above text, Jesus opened their understanding so the truth that was in the Scripture all along, suddenly they were able to

perceive so they could understand the Scripture. The Scripture truly can be understood. But getting a theology degree does not make it understandable. Knowing about God doesn't make it understandable. Jesus has to open our spiritual eyes!! Then truth that was there all along, suddenly becomes so easy to see and understand!! That is how we can do it!

A STRANGE BLESSING: John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; IT IS EXPEDIENT FOR YOU THAT I GO AWAY: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." Have you ever wished Jesus would physically walk with you? Just tell you what to do? John 14:23 "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and WE WILL COME UNTO HIM, AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM." I Corinthians 6:19 "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost WHICH IS IN YOU, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" Ephesians 3:19 "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." This is a petition that they might be filled, not with the gifts and graces of God, BUT WITH THE GOD OF THE GIFTS AND GRACES. Going back to the earlier question, I have been guilty of saying that myself. I wish Jesus would just show up and tell me what to do. But that is actually false theology. If we are Christians and following what He has taught us to do, HE LIVES IN US!! He doesn't have to show up!! He is already there! Always there! The problem may be we have forgotten how to hear Him. We are the sheep of His pasture, and He is our Shepherd, and we are to KNOW HIS VOICE. But we aren't taught that in Christian circles anymore. So often as we face the struggles and questions of life, we wish He would just show up. So it makes the several verses we shared seem all the more foreign. How could Jesus say it was expedient, A BLESSING, for Him to go away? It would be so much greater to have Him walking with us and directing us. But oh my friends, WE HAVE IT SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE DISCIPLES HAD IT!! HE LIVES INSIDE OF US!! What we need is for a fresh a new experience of having THE HOLY GHOST come upon us, and the HIGHEST overshadow us. And He will. He will dwell inside of you if you will just get out of His way and let Him!! And oh, do I ever get in His way!! Like daily!! And when I do that, I find myself seeking for direction that is already there for me. If I would just get my nose back into His back, the direction is there. So we don't need Jesus to show up because Jesus never went away. Jesus is there always. If I quit walking by sight and get back to walking by faith, then He is abiding in me and the direction becomes easy. So I think it is just crazy that Jesus would say it is a blessing that I go away from you in the flesh. If He were here right now in the flesh, I would throw my arms around His neck, wrap my legs around His waist, and beg Him to not go. "Please Lord, I love having you here with me. I love being able to see you and talk to you and love you." And His response? "I am always with you. I will never leave you or forsake you. You can talk to Me and I will talk back. You just have to learn to listen!! And follow Me." So when Jesus left in the flesh, He sent THE HOLY GHOST! Wow, it was strange, but what a huge blessing this was. God often works in "strange blessings". A manger, A cross, A tomb? And go back further to slavery and enemies. He allows things to happen. Even terrible tragedies like slaughtering thousands of children. Which happened in Israel several times. And yet God will bring about blessings in even terrible circumstances. It is ludicrous to think that all things that happen in our lives are good. But it is absolutely truth that all those things work together for good. And you don't need God to show up to get that good! He is already there!! Start recognizing that. And no matter how bad it seems when Jesus' says in the flesh I must go away. Just realize the massive

blessing that is waiting for you!! For He said to His disciples where I am going you cannot come. But you will come. For I go to prepare a place for you and if I go to prepare a place for you, I am coming back to get you!! Walk by faith, not by sight. And don't miss the strange blessings!!

GOALS OF THE GLOBAL WARMING SCAM: We have often quoted from the BATTLE CRY Newsletter and we are going to do that again here. From an article written by Sherrie Johnson. Sherrie shares some information that I think is very important for people to realize. Just the other day at my church, I got into an unplanned discussion and kind of risked an issue. I had a man declare it was foolish to think Global Warming wasn't happening. I had to immediately tell him that global warming is a scam perpetrated to control people. The architects of global warming have zero concern for the climate. Their concern is to control you. Sherrie shares "whether or not there is a real problem, the proposed solutions are scarier than the issues themselves." "In July of 2024 a report titled A World Call to Action, think tanks submitted what they believed to be the greatest issues facing humanity." The report dealt with issues like food shortages, social injustice, war, inadequate healthcare, and geopolitical instability. The two most common issues facing humanity was "global warming and economic instability." "Professor Emeritus Augusto Lopez-Claros of the Global Governance Forum stated we are moving toward a future of accelerating climate change... and an economic paradigm that no longer delivers prosperity for all... His solution includes creating an EARTH SYSTEM COUNCIL that has authority to pass binding legislation to protect our planetary environmental system and the common goods it provides, WITH NECESSARY ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS." My friends, the simple interpretation of that solution is ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT! "Of the twenty-six entries, every single one that addresses global warming and economic instability suggest some form of one-world currency as the solution." Worldcoin, an American Silicon Valley tech start up has made it their mission to fulfill this "need" for one world currency. They raised a quarter of a BILLION dollars and introduced a working cryptocurrency and ID verification system in one shiny unit dubbed THE ORB. This is a high-tech metal ball that scans the iris in a person's eye, verifying their individuality much like a fingerprint. "Worldcoin's goal is global acceptance of both the verification system and the currency." One who has a little intelligence might ask, what exactly does currency have to do with the temperature of the planet? You won't get an answer for that because the only answer is CONTROL. The ground work has been setting for a long time with every major company and store joining in the rewards programs and apps. These programs have never been about giving you discounts. They have been about tracking you and controlling you. With THE ORB, if they don't like what you are doing, your finance can be frozen in an instant. And you will only buy and sell what they give you permission for. SOUND A LITTLE BIT FAMILIAR?? David Daniels shares "We were once called crazy for showing that the Bible prophesies one-world government. But oh, times have changed! Now, giant organizations say we're crazy if we DON'T want one-world government. They say it's the only answer to global climate change and pandemics and population control. And they want one-world electronic currency, so all we buy or sell can be tracked, or even turned off, if they don't like what we are buying or selling." So the real game plan is to push one world government, one world currency, and one world leader who is most likely already sitting on the horizon. And the farce of global warming is one of the vessels they are using to get you to accept their agenda. And their ultimate agenda is **CONTROL!!** 

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EVEN THOUGH THIS IS COMING OUT EARLY, THIS IS THE NOVEMBER EDITION. WE WANT TO WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING. WE HOPE YOU ARE BLESSED AND WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY MERCIES AND GRACE!

MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy! Father, Thank you for this beautiful rainy and cold day outside. Thank you for all the blessings in my life. Help me to hear from you today... today? OH NO IM LATE! I HAVE SO MUCH TO DO! "Can you pray for the meal?" "I don't know, I think you're better at it than me. You do it?" "Lord I don't have time to pray today except for now so please accept this as my one in all prayer for the..." Has this ever been you? I know for a long time I struggled praying out loud. Someone I knew had criticized my openness with God and how for the most part I literally just stop and talk to Him. That made me so self-aware of my prayers that I felt like I was doing it wrong, and I became afraid. Thank you Jesus for taking that away! But seriously, are you struggling to pray? Why is it that it can be so embarrassing for us to talk with our Heavenly Father? Last month I talked about unrealistic expectations we place on ourselves while reading the word. But what about praying? Do we get too embarrassed? Especially out loud in front of a crowd? Or even just in a small diner to thank Him for our very overpriced meal in front of us. (I hope that gave you a giggle) Daniel was literally thrown in the lion's den over praying. He knew how important it was to be in a time of prayer. Jesus taught us an easy prayer. But why do we get so sheepish? We know God is listening to us, 1 John 5:14, Psalm 145:18. Why do we care about the theatrics of it? Whether you're on your knees with your hands to the sky, or on your face sobbing with a heavy heart, or even sitting quietly silently speaking to God while you handle the rush of everyday life, God just wants to talk to you. I have gotten into the habit of explaining my day to Him! Also thanks to me telling Him constantly how I make my bread, I bet He could even make a mean sourdough loaf with me! (again I hope that made you laugh) My point is, prayer should be our first weapon we use. Not something we only pull out when things go wrong; or we need something. I know God doesn't need to hear about the stretch and fold process of sourdough bread, but I can feel Him smiling as we talk with each other about the dough and flour chaos in front of me. So my challenge? Matthew West said it

well in one of his newer songs, DON'T STOP PRAYING! When you're rushing out the door like in the example above, keep praying while you do your morning routine. Challenge yourself to be the one who steps out and prays openly! Yea sure the people around you may judge you and want to throw you in a lion's den, but we know how that story ended. Don't stop praying! Especially right now when it feels like our world as we know it is falling apart. Talk with Elohim Shama (God Hears) about it. He wants to listen and talk with you. He wants you to cast it all to Him, Philippians 4:6-7.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: Psalms 118:8 is the very middle verse of the Bible. It says, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." That is THE WORD! But it is so hard at times to trust anything; let alone something we do not fully understand. God makes these promises recorded in His word, but can we really trust Him to do what is best? Who is God and what exactly are His qualities? I mean that is like trying to understand the Trinity. I can absolutely explain to you Biblically why we believe in the Trinity. I can give you the Bible verses to fully back up the belief. But there is a huge difference between knowing about God and knowing God. A. W. Tozer shares "Theology can teach us about God, but that is only the beginning." That is why most Christian colleges and seminaries have gone spiritually dead. They are teaching about God and neither the students nor the professors KNOW GOD. And truth is, we will never ever completely trust a God that we only know ABOUT. The great prophet Isaiah definitely knew about God. He was already a prophet and already in service. But he walked into the temple one day and got a new vision of who God is. The Apostle John had literally walked with Jesus. But when He came face to face with THE JESUS in the book of Revelation 1:17, he fell on his face as if dead. Like Isaiah and John, we need to get a fresh "vision" of Jesus, and when we do, we won't be stomping around telling people how great and holy we are. We will be weeping for we are people of unclean lips, and our righteousness is as filthy rags. For God's train fills the temple. There is no room for anything else. He fills it all! God is so much greater than our little comprehensions of Him. Mendell Taylor shares: The amount of fuel needed to keep the sun functioning at full capacity has been figured this way. We consume 600 million tons of coal a year for heating and manufacturing purposes. We have a coal supply that will last for 3,000 years. If we could release all the energy from our total coal supply immediately, WE WOULD HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO RUN THE SUN FOR ONE SECOND! And this massive power we know as the sun, God literally SPOKE INTO EXISTENCE. IN AN INSTANT. So God's power is beyond comprehension when compared to the amazing sun. The sun is not even close. Our means of measurement are useless for God. We cannot measure Him or comprehend Him. Isaiah 40 He can scoop up the oceans in His hands. He stretches forth His arms and measures the vastness of the universe, trillions of light years. He understands the sands in the world in a measurement and He weighs the mountains in scales and the hills in balance. And that is just a small portion of Who He is. For there are trillions of planets that He exceeds in His being. You will never comprehend Him and neither will I for He is infinite. But in His awesome grace, the infinite, Jesus Christ God the Son, took on the finite, came to this earth, and showed us a "glimpse" of who God is and what He thinks. And when you come to know God the Son, you will have no question that you can absolutely trust the Godhead Trinity in anything He says. For the little bit we know is only a small glimpse of His fulness!!

PERSECUTED CHURCH NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>. Anyone who has been around us at all knows one of my deepest passions in ministry is the persecuted Christians. I feel it is a biblical mandate that we remember and pray for our brothers and sisters in chains for their faith. Colossians 4:18 Paul asked that the church do that for him. I have never been put in chains for my faith, but that day could very well come. Jesus said that was going to happen to believers in the last days Matthew 24:9-12. More than ever, Christians around the world are tortured, imprisoned, and murdered for their faith. They lose their jobs, their possessions, their homes, and most horribly often their families. We challenge you to go to prayer, especially on this Sunday. My church will be cancelled, and I will be on the road, but as I travel I assure you I will be praying for Christians around the world. And be assured, it is coming to America soon. Please remember this INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH.

MINISTRY UPDATES: What a time it has been. I am literally typing away at the computer pushing to get this issue done before I leave for a three week road trip. As I try to get this done, It is Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday I will do our service at church and then leave. These mission trips have become very instrumental in being in the field of ministry. I have found them to so often be more effective than revivals as we deal one on one with people. This trip has taken many revisions even up to the day before I leave. It now will be in Illinois, three locations in Indiana, and two locations in Ohio, before heading back to Illinois and then Iowa. I will leave 10/20 and get back 11/6 right before a major doctor's appointment. I shared all of that to ask you to please add us to your prayer list. There will be a lot of meeting people for personal ministry. There will also be ministry meetings as we deal with some new things that are happening. So there will be a little bit of time I get to enjoy my daughter, son-in-law, and especially my grandchildren. But this is definitely not a vacation. We are also very excited that the new logo is in full production. We think everyone will like it. And it is going to be used a lot!! We will be doing new business cards that will have both Micaela and I together and will highlight the website and email with the new logo on them. We are in talks with a t-shirtnovelty place that we might be doing some things with. The website will go through massive resetting, and we are excited. I have already been meeting with our designer over these things. We will also be adding some link things where you can get more writing that we have done and will be doing to use materials we have available. There is a lot happening! I was excited to find that even though we stopped doing new podcasts several months ago, people are still downloading the podcasts. I'm not sure what we are going to do with that information, but it definitely is worth considering what is happening. And people are definitely still watching the videos. We have been excited as we have been doing a video series on Israel, that the viewership has been up on each video. While we have been working very busily on behind the scenes issues, the in front of the scenes continues to move forward as well. That doesn't even count the numerous things that Micaela, our co-director has been involved in Illinois. I had let some of you know it was my intention to leave Iowa at the end of the year. I felt like it was time. I BELIEVE I WAS WRONG! I made several contacts at supposed open doors and God slammed every one of them closed. God led me to this: Luke 13:6-9 he spake also this parable; a certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? and he

answering said unto him, lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it and dung it; and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. I feel like there is still more work to do before we cut down the tree. For the time being, unless God completely changes the plan, I will be staying in Iowa until God gives different orders. It is not what I understand, but God does not need me to understand. Only to obey. If God gives a different direction, I will follow it. But not until He gives it. I am also very excited about one more thing I would like to share in this little section. I had mentioned before that we were considering doing licensing of ministers that wanted to do ministry. One of the meetings I will do on this trip will be involved with that. We checked with the attorney, and then checked on state laws. A couple states have extra qualifications, and most likely, we would not be able to license anyone in Nevada LOL. That is okay since I don't know anyone in Nevada LOL. But we can do this and form a ministerial association where we can equip people to do the ministry to which they are called. This will also facilitate the starting of a new "membership section" in the videos and we might possibly use podcasts as well. In this section, we will have special biblical training, leadership training, and Bible Study training that candidates and others will be able to access. I remember when I was unceremoniously discarded by a denomination, the "general superintendent" told my church he was going to do everything in his power to make sure I never preached again LOL. I am preaching like crazy, and he is no longer "general superintendent". We are not interested in controlling people, but equipping them to do what God wants. Are you interested? Know someone who might be? Watch for more details. Pray for THE WARRIORS SWORD. Thank you!

# CHUCK SWINDOLL: IF YOU ALLOW IT (SUFFERING) CAN BE THE MEANS BY WHICH GOD BRINGS YOU THE GREATEST BLESSING.

WHAT WILL YOU DO? Psalms 118:23 "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Philippians 4:11 "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Something happened recently that made me change the lead in to this article. What I did made me feel like an inconsiderate jerk; even though it was totally innocent. Quickly, let me explain. As ministry issues have exploded with so much needing to be done, I am making lists just to try to remind myself of what is necessary to accomplish. One of the things on the list was a contact to someone to cancel something we had been doing. I made the contact, and he graciously said to me "I will see to that as soon as I can. Right now my computer is off because I am waiting on a hurricane." I felt like such a low life. Here I am trying to take care of simple ministry issues, not even super important ones, while he is staring down the barrel of a second hurricane in a few days. How could I be so inconsiderate? But I didn't mean to be. The ministry is the ultimate focus of my mind. It has become more and more profound to me, this statement Paul made in Philippians 4:11. The Holy Spirit had totally transformed the attitude of this man. But he still had to discipline himself in having contentment with all the things that happened. One way he accomplished that was he gave the Lord credit for everything. YES! EVEN THE BAD!! He was stoned, beaten, imprisoned, and he never said look at what Satan is doing to me. Instead, contentment came because he knew even in the bad stuff, he was right where God wanted him. WOW. LORD HELP MY ATTITUDE!! He said I am the prisoner of the Lord; it is God's will where I am, and this is the Lord's doing. He knew when the story was told and the facts were in, he would understand what the Lord had in mind in taking him through the experience. May I just

admit it to you!! I do not have that deepness in my own life. I get very concerned when things happen, and it is hard for me to feel content. That is why I came up with the push to put my nose in Jesus back and just follow Him. Not trying to look over His shoulder to see what is ahead, but just following. The very moment we raise our head to look up and see what is happening ahead, despair, fear, and discouragement can find the way into our spirits. Ask Peter who was the only human being to ever walk on water and he did that until he looked up at the circumstances. So for years being involved in the political arena, people have asked me, what will you do if ..... wins? I have made it an ongoing statement. When H.W. Bush won, I woke up the next morning and went about The Father's Business. When Bill Clinton won, I was about The Father's Business. When W. Bush won I was about The Father's Business. When Obama won, I was about The Father's Business. When Trump won I was about The Father's Business. When Biden won I was about The Father's Business. I believe we are at the largest crossroads as a nation I have ever seen. Even worse than 2020. It is still my firm belief 2020 was rigged and I fear it is rigged again. But my hope is not fixed on the election. MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS I DARE NOT TRUST THE SWEETEST FRAME BUT WHOLLY LEAN ON JESUS NAME ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND. And my dear Christian brothers and sisters, no matter what happens, the orders remain unchanged. OCCUPY UNTIL I COME Luke 19:13. I do not know as I write this what is going to happen on November 5<sup>th</sup>. I got my ballot absentee, and I voted before I went on the road. But whatever happens, if God gives a reprieve or we plunge fully into judgment, do not let your hearts be troubled!! Whatever lies ahead, we cannot become a part of the group who's hearts are failing them for fear. We must be about the Father's business until the Lord comes. Occupy. Hold the ground and take more ground. Remember this, the Messiah came to earth when one of the most vicious governments in history ruled the world. And He raised up His church in the middle of that environment. So stand up from on your knees and be about The Father's Business.

**COME ON! FOCUS!** Are you wasting time trying to do the wrong things? Don't get angry at me. I think one of Satan's greatest "tricks" is to get us trying to do things that do not need to be done and miss the things we can accomplish. It took me a long time in ministry to understand I could chase for weeks after people that were never going to accept my help. While I was wasting my time on them, I would miss people who were standing ready to be helped. The Harvest is already white, and instead of harvesting it, we stand trying to figure out how to make the white harvest turn white. Matthew 9:37-38 We produce books, programs, and ideas to try to make the harvest white. But it is already white. We must quit trying to do what God has already done. I have spoken in recent days about the sower of the seed Matthew 13:1-9. The sower keeps throwing the seed into the fields, and the seed is falling in numerous locations. Some of the locations are fruitful and some are useless. But the sower takes no notice of where the seed is falling. In the spiritual realm, that is not his concern. His concern is to plant and water. God will not sow the seed. That is our job. But God knows we can spend all of our time waking up to go check on the seed and we will never know what causes the seed to be brought forth. The earth brings the fruit of herself. That is God's task. He makes the fields white to harvest. Mark 4:26-29 But then in verse twenty-nine, when the fruit (corn) is brought forth, the man that cast the seed V. 29 "immediately, he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is

come." God will not reap the harvest. He wants you to be a worker in the field. And He will glorify His name through you. The worker does not spend the efforts to try to make the field white to harvest. The worker puts in the sickle, and harvests the field!! So our job is to be obedient. For obedience is better than sacrifice I Samuel 15:22. Do what God tells you to do. It does seem we often put our focus where it is not fruitful. Another area is I spend most of my time trying to prove myself strong. Do you like to appear strong to others? Yet the Word tells us God's strength is made perfect in our weakness II Corinthians 12:9. God knows we are not strong, and we were never meant to be. Much to the chagrin of modern thinking, Christians are not lions, we are sheep. We are the sheep of God's pasture and frankly we are sent out for the slaughter as we face an enemy we cannot defeat of our own power. Romans 8:36 And sheep are some of the weakest animals on the planet. Sheep have no defensive mechanism, and no offensive either. Christians reject the idea of being sheep because they want to roar and not baaa. They want to tear the enemy up instead of drawing close to Jesus and recognizing the battle belongs to the Lord. That is why we are much more excited about the voting booth than the prayer closet. We want to be strong. **COME ON! FOCUS!** It is time to get back to the Word and realize we are planters and waterers and not the ones that make the plants white. We are weak because that is when our Lord is made strongest in our lives. Yes, He gives us the power to roar, but only in Jesus Name. Not our own. So just do what God has given you the ability to do and never try to cross out of your lane and be God. Because He is God, and we are not.

IT MAY SEEM MINOR: BUT!! The New World Translation Jehovah's Witnesses "bible" takes Colossians 1:15 and changes the entire verse with the insertion of **ONE WORD** in parenthesis (other). So is it wrong for them to make this change? Exactly how much of the Word do we leave out or insert before it is considered wrong to do it? I have said it before. The Bible says, "there is no God." It also says, "all things are lawful to me." Course when you quote the entire thing, "The FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART, there is no God." "All things are lawful to me, BUT ALL THINGS ARE NOT EXPEDIENT." Kind of changes the entire Scripture when you put the whole thing down!! When you take "looks like the Son of God," and change it to "looks like a son of the gods." That isn't just making a slight change in the way it is said as some "theologians" attempt to pass off, but that is dramatically and totally changing the MEANING of the verse. Revelation 22:18-19 So how much change is too much change?? Is there any amount of deletions that would make you upset? The truth is, how you feel about something doesn't matter. Scholar Dean John Burgon: "The sacred text has none to fear so much as those who feel rather than think." REVIEW!! What matters is the facts. When you delete words and add words to the Bible, it only takes a very small amount to corrupt the entire word. Satan is very good to this day of still saying "did God really say?" And just a slight change in a few words led Eve who led Adam, and they plunged the entire creation into the corruption of sin. Be careful how much you think is acceptable. Because one word inserted can change the entire meaning. Calvin Linton NIV Committee: The NIV The Making of a Contemporary Translation: "The Bible is God's message and not His words. The Bible is the wrong side of a beautiful embroidery. The picture is still there, but knotted, blurry-not beautiful, not perfect. Christians are amusingly uninformed who presume the Holy Spirit dictated the actual words of the text of the original writers." WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS I Timothy 3:16 "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY

**INSPIRATION OF GOD**, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS." Quite a difference in perspective.

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MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy! Yuck! My coffee has been very flavorless and bitter lately. Which is strange considering I haven't changed brand, syrups, creamer, or even coffee maker I use. Yet for some reason my coffee just doesn't turn out right from my trusty twelve cup coffee pot anymore. So that has resulted in money spent on outside coffee that is normally iced and cold. Then when the coffee buying budget has come to its end, I sit at home with my bitter coffee that I just can't seem to get right anymore no matter what I do. Have you realized this isn't about coffee yet? When I came back to Christ at 15 I struggled daily with my walk. At 15, it's hard to get a disciplined schedule going for reading the Bible and spending so much time in the day with God. An unrealistic expectation that I truly had no idea where it came from was waving over my head telling me I had to wake up early and get in the word for at least an hour if not more. I had to read so much and take so many notes or I didn't do it right. First, I'm the farthest thing from a morning person. Second, at 15 that was impossible for me. So I would struggle daily "not fitting the perfection standard" which resulted in defeat that day and my trying again the next. A truly stuck cycle I didn't know how to get out of. Being completely honest and transparent, I struggled with that until last year. As a mom, my routine never stays consistent. I would beat myself up that I couldn't get a solid routine down in the mornings with God, and cry to Him at night feeling like a complete failure. God then asked me "whose standard are you trying to live up to. Mine? Or someone else?" Truth be told? I had no clue. So I began a different approach. I downloaded a Bible app that reads to me. I got a new Bible with things that make my daily reading easier. I take any moment I can to listen or sit down and read. Instead of staying in a cycle of it not working and me looking outside like the Iced coffee I so often get that would leave me feeling cold. (don't take that wrong! I still love iced coffee LOL) I would try the same things daily that would leave me feeling bitter. Which resulted in a slow sipping of my nasty coffee which would then become lukewarm, and I would have to nuke it in the microwave to be Hot again. I'm tired of nuking it; I want lasting hot and

sweet tasting liquid joy coming out of my cup daily. So I got a new coffee maker, new creamer, new syrups, and a new outlook on my day to day so I don't remain stuck. So don't remain stuck if this is you. God wants YOU! Not the perfect reading plan, schedule, highlighters, notes, and whatever else the lies of perfection have placed in your head. Isaiah 30:18.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: Ephesians 6:18-20 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; AND FOR ME, THAT UTTERANCE MAY BE GIVEN UNTO ME, THAT I MAY OPEN MY MOUTH BOLDLY, TO MAKE KNOWN THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: THAT THEREIN I MAY SPEAK BOLDLY, AS I OUGHT TO SPEAK." I can't imagine the pressure Paul must have felt at times. The obedience to the tremendous responsibility God had given him still has lasting effects even today. Paul is giving this word immediately after establishing the Armor of God that all of us are to wear. But God doesn't call us to put on armor and then sit back and hide from the battle. ARMOR IS ABSOLUTELY MEANINGLESS AND USELESS UNTIL YOU GET INTO THE FIGHT. HAVING A SHINY SWORD HANGING ON YOUR WALL TO ADMIRE DOES **NOTHING TO WIN THE BATTLE.** And as most of you will already know, the only place the armor does not cover is your back. Because God never intends for you to turn your back to the enemy or be in retreat. We want to be very deliberate in these days to be bold and straightforward in our speaking. Paul knew it was not going to make him popular. He sincerely comes to the Christians in Ephesus and asks for them to pray. It doesn't come naturally for us to open our mouth boldly and speak the mystery of the Gospel. It is much easier to just put together easy soft messages to tickle the ears and keep the paycheck coming. But that is not what we need. I have become aware I need to be TRYING TO WEED OUT THE DEVIL'S DISTRACTIONS AND FOCUS ON THE CROSS. Paul, maybe more than most, knew those distractions. He had come to God asking for deliverance from the thorn in the flesh. The devil will use your health, your finances, your family, your location, your popularity! Anything he can use to silence your mouth. I ask that you would pray for us now and in the days ahead, that we would remain bold in speaking God's Word. More and more, it will take things away from us. But when I stand before God, I never want to be judged for my weak speech.

PRAY FOR MILES: It is still a very strange thing to my "minister thinking". Restaurant ministry?? I admit in recent days things have been changing around this issue and it has become easy for me to lay down my sword when I am going for breakfast. The Saturday before I am writing this, God reminded me ONCE AGAIN of His call. My restaurant in Boone was closed so I headed to Madrid. I enjoy Kayla as my waitress there. We have spoken several times about Miles. I have mentioned it in some of my Facebook/email writings. She has a Two Year Old nephew named Miles who has Leukemia. We have praised God he has had a little relief and has had some good days. That is about to change. I appreciate that Kayla shared with me to give me opportunity to pray. The first week of October, they will be doing what they call "Red Devil Treatment". I cringed when she told me that. "That doesn't sound good to me." She assured me it wasn't. It is very harsh and will cause numerous side effects. I remind you: HE IS TWO!! It will be over some time this little guy will suffer. In the normal world, I would probably never know Kayla. God has opened the door through this strange ministry, that I get to talk with her and pray for

her and her family. I am asking you to add Miles to your prayer list for the month of October. PLEASE!!! That God would bring a testimony and a witness to His healing power.

# WILLIAM CAREY THE FATHER OF THE MODERN MISSIONARY MOVEMENT: "ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD; EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD."

**SOME THINGS:** I recently did a funeral while I was on the mission trip into Illinois. Some people may wonder why I call these "mission trips". It is actually pretty simple. We have clearly stated we are mainly an AMERICAN MISSION. Taken from a song my old duet Blue Skys wrote, "BREAKING THE CHAINS ON THE LAND OF THE FREE." Since it had been some time since I had done a funeral, I went back into the archives to put together verses I commonly used. I found the notes of one of my favorite funerals of all time for one of my favorite ladies of all time. Joanne Duncan. "Today, I will do what I say I believe." I had asked the question in her funeral after reading this quote, how often do we actually do that?? Actually do what we say we believe? It is just profoundly easy to say we believe something. But boy is it so profoundly harder to live it and do it. Those who have read and followed know we have been in a hugely struggling mode in THE WARRIORS SWORD. So when the Lord laid it on my heart to take a recent mission trip, it was hard. Especially when He said He wanted the major ministry meeting to be about moving the ministry forward. We say we believe, but will be actually do it. We had that meeting, amongst some other just tremendous times where I got to minister some, and had others minister to me some as well. But it wasn't just the results of the trip directly, but the lingering ripple effect that has followed. We are now planning an even larger trip coming up in the next few weeks. With the issues with the car and with the finances, I don't know how it will get done. But then I didn't know how God was going to do that last one. We have paid, and things are at work for the new ministry LOGO. God is already giving direction of how we can expand our prayer force and expand the reach. I recently contacted an attorney to give advice about a possible new project which has stemmed from frustration with denominations and people who block others from going into ministry because they want control. We are looking at beginning to do licensing, and there is a lot that is going to go with that (watch for details), of people who want to minister. This is going to massively change the video ministry and possibly bring back podcasting but in a different game plan. Explanations to come. And to say we are becoming more outspoken on video, just watch. We have begun a new series on Israel and that is about as controversial as you can be right now. We are also working on the possibility of doing some videos to present people's testimonies. I am truly excited about this and praying for God to bring it together! We are excited the website is being poised to bring the changes and it will become more of the juggernaut than it already has been. We are just absolutely ecstatic at the things Micaela is doing, much at her church, but under the blanket of THE WARRIORS SWORD!! Pray for her. And watch for details as she has become a coach for Decision Point and will be going into the schools and churches with ministry. This is a phenomenal opportunity. IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT ANY OF YOU READING COULD HELP? If you are in the position you can help the ministry right now, it would be appreciated. You can send a check made out to Pastor Mike Murrell. God willing, very soon we will have a way to give electronically through the website. But your help right now would be appreciated. Thank you!

The 2020 election was very dangerous with devastating consequences. The election 2024 is MUCH MORE DANGEROUS. The consequences will be unthinkable. If you as a Christian can walk into a voting booth and mark your ballot for a person who stands absolutely against anything righteous, the consequences will be greater than you could imagine.

(Rick Phillips is a dear friend who is an accomplished author and a politician as well. This letter is addressed to people in Iowa and appeared in an Iowa newspaper. But we felt if you just insert your state and your leaders, it was an important message for right now. So we asked to repost it. I hope you will take to heart and do what is said here in your own state!!) lowa, as well as the rest of the nation, is clearly divided. The division is not a result of two differing political parties but from two diametrically opposed ideologies with spiritual implications. A divorce is warranted but someone is going to lose, and will. There will be a cost and a loss regardless. We have come to a time when this state needs to make a choice. Let's preface our current conundrum with the prophet Elijah when he approached all the people of Israel, and asked, How long are you going to struggle between two choices? Then he followed his question with a statement: If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Ba'al, follow him. Iowa is divided because of gender identity, DEI and CRT, same-sex marriage, communism, terrorist Hamas, a migrant illegal invasion and Baphomet – all represented in the Capitol – all representing Ba'al and have a foothold in this state. Those are the problems causing so much dissension and strife. It is an egregious error to think we have peace and unity by compromising with the devil. But for those who claim God as the Lord, who love life and liberty, value our Constitution, and who see a problem with Ba'al, we have a compromise problem. We have a courage problem. We listen to the narcissistic and gaslighting voice of Ba'al and his talking mouthpieces and fear the enemy of life and liberty more than we fear God. The people will soon be asked to make a choice, but first, let's ask Gov. Kim Reynolds, Rep. Pat Grassley and Sen. Amy Sinclair, leaders of the executive and legislative branches of our current 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, where they stand. Let's further ask each representative and senator where they stand and if they will openly oppose Ba'al. Let's ask if they will fix our Iowa Civil Rights Code and remove divisive policies granting special rights and privileges for a special class. Let's ask if they will draft legislation to remove gender identity and let the process reveal where each stands. Let's do the same with satanic displays, Palestinian Hamas and Rainbow flags in public buildings, same-sex marriage, the ALA, social-emotional learning and DEI in our public libraries and schools. Let's protect the next generation of innocent children from Ba'al and his influence in Iowa. "Our Constitution was made only for religious and moral people," said John Adams. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Our Constitution was not made to protect reprobate behavior, pornography, communism, satanism, terrorism or an illegal migrant invasion. Our state government representatives are not bound to obey federal law in violation of our Iowa values and morals or our Iowa Constitution. We the God-fearing citizens are not bound to obey any antichrist laws either. Our government is elected to protect our God-given rights, our innocent posterity and property, and if You, the government representatives fail and are derelict in your oath to God to protect us, then we are obligated to do our duty and deal with it ourselves. If you compromise and choose Ba'al as your god to avert civil war, then we should not be surprised there will be hell to pay. Why? Not because we the People did anything wrong but because the God of life and liberty departed from blessing this state continuously as

implied in the preamble of our Iowa Constitution. The God of our Constitution will not share His glory with Ba'al. We cannot fault Him for departing from Iowa and rescinding His blessings if we choose Ba'al as our state lord and god. Our Iowa government leaders, Gov. Kim Reynolds, Rep. Pat Grassley, and Sen. Amy Sinclair, should make known where they stand, hold a special session, and begin correcting this mess in our Iowa Civil Rights Code. Each representative and senator should publicly make known who they serve, the God of our Constitution or Ba'al — before the election. Then, on 5 November, the People can make known who they serve. A no vote is a vote for Ba'al. Failure to proactively and openly stand for the God of our Constitution is a clear sign we want Ba'al in Iowa just like Israel chose criminal Barrabas and crucified Jesus. Voting against the God of our Constitution by supporting any actions considered an abomination demonstrates favor for Ba'al. How the Deity that gave us life and liberty responds to our state will be according to how He sees our actions or inaction. Iowa needs to publicly and openly hear from each of our elected leaders and our Iowa delegation in Washington D.C. where they stand. How long are you going to struggle between two choices? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Ba'al, follow him. Your silence will favor Ba'al.

**DIVORCE? CAN YOU STILL BE USED?:** (I want to make a bit of a disclaimer before I begin this once again controversial topic. I am going to talk about a situation with a young lady who I helped to hurt because of immaturity on my part. This was years before I met my wife. I DO NOT REGRET THAT I DID NOT GET TOGETHER WITH THE LADY I HURT. I MARRIED THE WOMAN I WAS SUPPOSED TO MARRY AND THAT IS THE END OF THAT TOPIC!! I DO NOT WRITE THIS BECAUSE I REGRET WHO GOD GAVE ME TO MARRY. WHAT I REGRET IS I HELPED TO HURT RENEE AND IT WAS NOT INTENTIONAL. SO THAT PART OF THIS STORY IS ABOUT THAT ONLY!! Thank you for understanding that!) John 4:17B-18 "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and HE WHOM THOU NOW HAST IS NOT THY **HUSBAND:** in that saidst thou truly." Let me be clear, divorce is not a good thing and in no way do I write this to make it be a good thing!! I hate divorce. Let me be absolutely clear on that fact. As soon as I faced divorce, I was "ex-communicated" from many churches. When fifty percent, even in the church world it is high forty percentile of marriages, end in divorce, It decimates the warrior pool to look at things with the attitude much of the current church world has. It just boggles my mind these churches will put a murderer, a thief, a drug user, even a child molester behind the pulpit. But not a divorced person. In fact, the woman at the well, who led her entire community to Jesus Christ, would be disqualified in most churches today. I wonder if we are again doing some misinterpretation on the Word of God and putting people into a hopeless situation acting as if Divorce is an unpardonable sin. Let me share about the lady I spoke of earlier who I helped to hurt. Her name was Renee. I was a YOUNG Assistant Pastor in a church that felt if a man got with a divorced woman, he was absolutely disqualified from the ministry. Renee was a lady who had six young children from a previous marriage. She was quite beautiful, and I don't have any idea why she became interested in me. I was interested, but only in a limited way. Her's was not limited and that is the only funny part to this story. The reaction of church leadership was immediate. If I in any way pursued this, I would be put away as minister. I wrote a note to Renee with an intention that she did not accept. I don't in any way regret not going with Renee. I was still very young and to take on the role as stepdad to six kids was way over my head. But I also mentioned my fledgling ministry and the church would

remove me immediately. You can judge me for what I am about to say: I wish I would have told that church to go drop dead. I don't apologize for that statement. Maybe Renee would have stayed in the faith. She wrote me several pages of hurt. It was and is heartbreaking. She was a nice lady and probably had ability the Lord could have used. I can only hope that she allowed healing for the damage I caused and got back to the Lord. But she was hurt. More than being hurt by me not going along, she was hurt by the "scarlet letter" attached to her by a dead beat church. By the way, that church likes to make clear to this day I am not welcome to minister there because I now have the "scarlet letter" on me. Even though I determined I would not marry again and stay the husband of one wife. That makes no difference to this hypocritical bunch that would cast the stones at someone not guilty of as much as they themselves are guilty of. Jesus was very clear. If there is any other reason than fornication, someone marries a divorced person is committing adultery. Matthew 19:9 But Jesus also says by what measure you judge others is how He will judge you. Don't be picking at the speck in your neighbor's eye while you have a beam in your own. And let me tell you, these elders and ministers who are still in charge of this above mentioned church, have LOTS OF BEAMS IN THEIR EYES!! What these self-appointed deputies of heaven don't understand: the word translated fornication is porneia. It represents many types of marital infidelity. So Jesus was not just saying if your spouse has an affair, you can get a divorce. This gives Scriptural grounds for all types of marital immorality. And Paul in I Corinthians 7 says if your spouse is a non-believer and chooses to leave, you are not bound as a believer. But these self-appointed Bible scholars are oblivious. They misquote I Timothy "the husband of one wife", and start picking at the speck in the eye of the one they have permanently marked with a scarlet letter. I have rarely told this story of Renee, but it is deeply a scar I carry on my spirit. Again, not because I did not get with her. But because I allowed her to be hurt and leave the church. I will never be a supporter of divorce. But another mark that is on my ministry is the wish that I would have supported my dear friend Mary to get a divorce from my best friend Dan who shot her to death. Instead, I stayed with the playbook, talked them back together, and he murdered her. The fifteenth year anniversary is this month. It was quite an audacity for Jesus to talk to the woman, minister to the woman, send the woman, and use the woman to accomplish ministry to her community. In my current ministry, I will still try my very best to talk couples out of divorce. ESPECIALLY IF CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED! If there is anyone reading this who has experienced divorce, I understand. I really do. I am dealing right now with several people going through this terrible experience. And I wish I could help them not have to face it. But let me say, I think it is a wrong interpretation of the Scripture to use this as a weapon to beat people down with. Sometimes it is beyond the person's control. Sometimes they have Biblical reasons which these self-appointed thugs do not even take into consideration. Sometimes it is for the best. And yes, you can unsubscribe because I said that. It is never a good thing to put away your spouse. But if these things have happened to you, God can still use you. Ask the lady who took a walk in the heat of the day to get some water from the well. Casting Crowns Mark Hall says "I thought She came to the well to talk to Jesus. Actually, she came to a whole in the ground to talk to THE WELL." And Jesus did not justify her life or condone her actions. He called her out!! And then He sent her to her community to bring the entire community to Him. You can't do that Jesus. She cannot be used in any church ministry anymore. She has been married five times and is living with a man who is not her husband. And Jesus says take your traditions and your self-righteous Pharisaical attitude and

shove it. The fields are white to harvest. And I need workers in the field. And if I disqualify everyone who has scars, there will be no one to do the work. Praise His Name. I have scars and He uses me. And He will use you too. Don't try to justify your scars. But realize God doesn't fix broken people. He uses them while they are still broken. I can only pray that He set aside my immature stupidity and brought Renee and her six children back to Himself.

#### THE WARRIORS SWORD HEB. 4:12 ISA. 49:2 II TIM. 2:3-4 EPH. 6:17 PS. 149:6

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#### 9/24 UBUNTU!! I AM BECAUSE WE ARE!

PRAY PRAY! II CHRONICLES 7:14 JOEL 2:15-18 PRAY PRAY! PRAY! PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!! FRANCIS ASBURY: A PERSON WHO READS THE SCRIPTURE AND YET DOES NOT PRAY HAS MISSED THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED THIS MONTH TO HAVE ARTICLES BY OTHER PEOPLE. WE HAVE MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT, AND ALSO A SPECIAL UPDATE FROM HER. WE ALSO HAVE AN ARTICLE BY REV. TONY ELDER THAT WE REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE NAWE NEWSLETTER. WE LIKE TO HAVE OTHERS SHARE. THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT AND WE HOPE YOU ARE BLESSED THIS MONTH. WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY. WE LOST YET ANOTHER HUGE SUPPORTER AND DEAR FRIEND OF THE MINISTRY, JAMES. WE KNOW HE IS CELEBRATING IN HEAVEN.

MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy! Ahh yes, fall is coming! My absolute favorite season! I love it. Well not all of it as I am allergic to pumpkin spice. So this time of year I have to be extremely careful. What's your favorite season? I know my dad HATES winter with a passion. My mom loves spring because of the flowers and the start to camping season. I know many who love summer; I am not one of those people. For a moment let's talk about spiritual seasons. Are you in a time of heavy rain? Drought? What about a time of joy? Or abundance? A time of diving deeper with God? What about a time of running from Him? You see, we all go through seasons. Each is different, but important. I currently feel like Alaska. Specifically Utgiagvik, Alaska. It is the northernmost part of the state. The sun will set in November, and not rise till January. They live in a time of polar night and their days are called civil twilight which provides some light for "daytime". I am truly in the darkest time in my ministry. I will have a special update discussing that in this newsletter. I feel like Egypt during the plagues when there was total darkness. Life around me has fallen apart like I'm in the middle of winter with the temperature as low as it can be. What is God teaching me in this? No season is wasted. Let's look back at nature for a moment. From the moment a season starts everything is preparing for

the upcoming season. Animals shed or grow fur to withstand weather change. Plants go through different phases of life. Birds will build their nests and prepare for their younglings. Trees will change leaves and alert us to the cold coming. Flowers will bloom and pollinate. Insects will prepare to either die or hunker down for the winter. Long winter naps come to an end for some creatures. My point? Every. Season. Has. Purpose. God is preparing you in all things for what is to come. Spoiler alert, It's Him! He's coming back guys! We know this! And He is preparing His Bride. So these seasons are important. We just need to be still and trust His plan while walking beside Him. In ALL seasons, God is good. All things to His plan and His timing.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: II Corinthians 9:8, 15 "AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TOWARD YOU; THAT YE, ALWAYS HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL THINGS, MAY ABOUND TO EVERY GOOD WORK... THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT." Paul said he had a desire to go to Rome and God told him he would witness of God in Rome. It is an amazing set of events that leads the Roman government to pay the expenses and provide the means for Paul to go to Rome. God can even use the enemy to provide for the work to be done. When Paul as a prisoner arrives in Rome, he is given amazing freedom. But he needs rent and provision to be able to have those freedoms. Acts 28:30-31 Paul was a tentmaker and was used to being able to earn his keep. In fact, he makes mention numerous times he was careful not to be a burden to the "church", even though as an apostle he had that right to receive. But now, his tent making was taken away from him. What would he do facing these new circumstances? God had already been at work in miraculous ways to set it up, and now here comes Philippi and Epaphroditus. Philippi, a church that would not have been but for Paul's dream in the Macedonian call, becomes the great church provider to keep Paul going and Epaphroditus was the minister that became the liaison between Paul and the Philippian church. THE WARRIORS SWORD has had these types of relationships in the past. I could recount numerous stories to you. I remember I took a trip to Arizona after losing my church in Indiana, and thinking I was going to get a job there. SURPIRSE!! By the time I was done, all my resources were used up and I could only pray I could get back. I got a call from a church in Iowa, they wanted me to come through Iowa on my way home. I told them I couldn't do it. I didn't have the money to make a side trip, and I was facing a huge snowstorm I would be trying to beat home. They convinced me to come. Not only did the church give me offerings, but several people did as well. As I have said before, I may not have always gotten what I "wanted", but I have never failed to have what I needed. About four years ago, I moved back to Iowa. I had no job and no income. And God again laid it on people's hearts, and I had the provision I needed. God gives all sufficiency to do all of His good works. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift! Would you pray with us that God would raise up a "Philippi and an Epaphroditus". We have some already that have been so faithful to this ministry. Some for years!! We have lost several of our most faithful givers to death and to circumstances beyond control. We have many doors open to us. We have had to close some doors at least temporarily because we do not have the resources. And the discouragement has been unbearable. But we don't want to stop. And we won't. For God has provision and He will continue to have provision. Pray with us. I don't think Paul could have ever imagined the Roman Government would pay for his trip. Maybe God has something that we could never imagine. WHAT GOOD WORK IN YOUR LIFE DOES GOD WANT TO PROVIDE FOR?

— Theodore Roosevelt "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

SPECIAL UPDATE FROM MICAELA: Well how far back do I go? As a lot has happened. Let's start in March. I received frantic texts from my Best friend Maven that her Father was officially going into hospice. Ed was like a Father to me. So I rushed to Ohio to be with them as he passed. He asked me to do the very hard job of being his chaplain. My heart was shattered into a million pieces as I laid my hands on him and prayed while he took his last breath, and I physically felt his spirit leave the room. That shook my faith. Later I would get the awesome opportunity to go to a youth convention with my church and watch God move in the teens of my church. At this convention I would meet the Jesus Revival Now crew who have become such an important part of my life right now. I would be invited to a Revival Boot Camp and make connections with a ministry called Decision Point; I am now in the process of bringing that to our local schools. Then on Mother's Day I would get the call that my Grandma was in the Hospital, and we almost lost her. So I would rush to Ohio to be with my family. All my grandma wanted was to be prayed over that God would take her in her sleep. That, at the time, was the hardest prayer I had to pray; ever. As of now my grandma is still here with us but the doctors aren't sure for how long. So with every Ohio phone call I prepare myself for the news. On July 3rd, my daughter would end up in the back of an ambulance. Our family was watching the fireworks when she suddenly started to have a seizure that we now know was from a high fever we didn't even know she had. With stress on the rise I truly didn't know if I could take anything else on my plate. On Sunday July 7th I would wake up, go to church, get through the first service, be in the middle of checkout when a friend would come to me crying with the news that my best friend's son didn't wake up that morning. Going into complete shock I couldn't process the news that a baby who was basically my nephew, was gone. I would find myself in the sanctuary where my knees would hit the floor, and I would cry and cry and cry BEGGING God that we were told wrong. When I found out where my friends were I rushed to them to find out that little baby was still in the home. I stepped inside hearing Brandi cry out to God why did He take her baby. Embersyn was only 2 weeks older than my daughter Perpetua. I laid my hand on his curly hair and on the inside while I comforted my friends on the outside, I was praying. With all my faith I prayed. "God, you can turn this situation around. Please, please breathe the breath back into him." I heard no response. No gasp for air. Just the sound of sobs all around me. I kept praying until it turned into internal screams begging and pleading for God to change the outcome. To our great heartbreak, He didn't. I had enough faith in that moment. Bigger than a mustard seed I can promise you. The mountain didn't move. Instead I felt the mountain I had been facing since March began to shake the earth and grow taller. I was angry. I started to beat the base of it with my fists screaming out I couldn't take anymore. As the days passed more and more bad

news hit my ears. More loss, more grief, I felt like I was in the book of Job. Every day was something else. My heart was heavy. My faith felt shattered. I tried to lean on God and struggled against the waves crashing harder and harder with every single blow. At the same time I would also stand with my friends at the bottom of their mountains, Giving words of encouragement I was starting to doubt. Until I did the final notes of the Bible study in Ruth that had been started early in the summer. See Naomi knew exactly what I was feeling. At this moment I could completely agree with "call me Mara" Because I started to get bitter. If you've never read Ruth please stop and take a moment to read the four short chapters. Then also Read Matthew chapter 1. You see, Naomi couldn't see what God could. John 13:7 Jesus answered, "you don't understand what I am doing now, But afterwards you will". We see God's faithfulness in all areas of the Bible. We know there is a plan on our lives (Jeremiah 29:11) Naomi's family died. That gave her Ruth, which led to Boaz, Which ultimately led to the birth of Jesus 30 generations later. So I don't understand now, but I know there will be a When. Whether I wait one hundred years like Abaham and Sarah, 40 days and nights of rain on an ark, in prison cells, In a fish's belly, sitting in a lion's den, or 3 days after the cross. God is GOOD! God is FAITHFUL! He won't leave you even when you are screaming at Him from the base of the mountain. God is preparing you for the "when". My heart is heavy; but I will serve you while I wait Lord.

The following article is written by President of the NAWE (National Association of Wesleyan Evangelicals). He recently wrote it for the NAWE newsletter, and gave permission to reprint it. WE NEED RENEWED LIGHT: BY REV. TONY ELDER: One day I noticed that the streetlight in our cul-de-sac was broken. It wasn't simply that the bulb had burned out, but the lantern-like globe was actually off the top of the pole and was hanging upside down being held only by some wires. Therefore, due not only to the lack of light but to the safety hazard of the situation, I called the electric company to report the problem. I am glad to say that they responded quickly, replacing the lamp the same day. However, after they had finished the job, I observed that the light's appearance wasn't quite the same as before. I was interested to see how it would look when darkness fell that evening. It didn't take long for my curiosity to be satisfied as the sun disappeared below the horizon. When our streetlight came on, it was blinding, at least if you tried to look directly at it. What a difference! I guess it was a newer LED version of the device. It now feels like we have a lighthouse situated in our cul-de sac. I wish we would experience such a revitalization of light in our world today. We certainly need it. Spiritual darkness is spreading, and the sources of light seem to be growing dim. Such an observation points directly back to the church – to those who claim to be followers of Jesus. Jesus professed that He was the light of the world (John 8:12). He also declared that those who would put their trust in Him would similarly be lights in this world (Matthew 5:14). Their light would emanate from His light residing within them and shining forth through them. So what is the problem? Why do our lights seem to be so dull and ineffective these days? There is nothing defective in Jesus' light. The problem seems to be with us, the reflectors of His light. Some of us have allowed our relationship with Christ to become so cold and distant that our lights have faded and are flickering. Others have intentionally obscured their light out of concerns of becoming unpopular, being ridiculed, or even persecuted by those who prefer the darkness. Others are simply broken. If they ever had a real relationship with the Light, they have forsaken it as they have

turned away from His Word and aligned themselves with those who dwell in the darkness. There is a famous quote attributed to various individuals that refers to how we ought to light a candle rather than curse the darkness. Some of us have become very adept at denouncing the darkness in our day. While such condemnations may be needed at times, it is even more important that we deal with the darkness not just through exposing it, but by overcoming it with the light of Christ. Instead of focusing so much on condemning our dark world while our pale light is barely visible, let's focus more on getting our lights shining brighter. The light of Christ shining through us will not only accomplish the purpose of exposing the darkness, but will also expel it. It falls back on us, the church. Are we willing to forsake the darkness and seek a closer relationship with Christ the Light? Will we humble ourselves and submit to God's Word rather than following our own ideas or the philosophies of today's society? Will we courageously let our lights shine even though we know there will be negative consequences from both the secular world and the darkened religious world? Let's pray for and seek a renewed, brighter-shining light in each of our lives and in Christ's church today.

# HELEN KELLER: MANY PERSONS HAVE A WRONG IDEA OF WHAT CONSTITUTES TRUE HAPPINESS. IT IS NOT ATTAINED THROUGH SELF-GRATIFICATION BUT THROUGH FIDELITY TO A WORTHY PURPOSE.

A PROMISE: Luke 24:49A "And behold, I send THE PROMISE of My Father upon you: ...." I admit, more so in the past than current as my attitudes and activities have changed drastically, it was hard to pin me down. One of my favorite phrases was "I will do my very best." That usually meant it was not going to happen. In fairness, I was working twenty hours a day preaching hundreds of messages a year. My family knew the key was to get me to say, "I promise". If I said I promise to do this or I promise to be there, that made it an entirely different thing. Now I had an obligation. It is a powerful reality of who God is and what His words mean. I never thought about it before. Dr. David Jeremiah notes that I PROMISE never appears in the Bible. God didn't say I promise, He simply said I WILL pour out My Spirit, and that was enough. The reality is, when you see a Word from God, whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament, it just goes without saying. God has never failed to back up anything He said. If He says it, the PROMISE is sealed without saying I PROMISE. I will do it is always a promise from Him. That should bring great comfort to us. You will often hear, and they are legitimate, of the many promises of God. But understand, it is totally unnecessary for God to say I promise. Because when any word comes from His mouth, you can always count on it to be ultimate truth, no matter what. HIS WORD IS TRUTH! ALWAYS! In the middle of tears and despair as Jeremiah writes Lamentations. Everything is gone. Jeremiah would have gladly been wrong in his prophecy, but of course he wasn't wrong. Judgement had come to Israel and Israel would never, even to this day, be the same place it once had been. And in the middle of the sadness, the great prophet writes Lamentations 3:22-23 "IT IS OF THE LORD'S MERCIES THAT WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, BECAUSE HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS." And He doesn't have to say I promise.

HAVE YOU EVER JUST HAD A SENSE OF IMPENDING TROUBLE? I REMEMBER HAVING THAT FEELING BACK IN 2020 AS SO MANY OF MY FRIENDS THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO COME

OUT OF THE COVID ISSUE WITH DONNY AT THE HELM BRINGING PROSPERITY TO EVERYONE'S WALLET AGAIN. AND I WAS WAKING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WEEPING. I REMIND MYSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN I AM NOT A PROPHET!! SOME DAYS I WONDER IF I AM EVEN A MINISTER. BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE HORIZON, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT EXACTLY IT IS. BUT THERE IS BIG TROUBLE WE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE. I DO NOT SAY THIS TO SCARE YOU!! I DO NOT SAY THIS TO MAKE YOU RUN OUT AND BUY A BUNCH OF DEHYDRATED FOOD OR BOTTLED WATER. I'M NOT CONDEMNING THAT. IT IS JUST NOT MY PURPOSE. BUT WE NEED TO PRAY! MORE THAN JUST A GOD BLESS THIS NATION. WE NEED TO PRAY!!! GOD, PLEASE LET ME BE WRONG. I WANT TO BE WRONG!! BUT THE "NEWS MEDIA" IS SHOWING ONCE AGAIN HOW MUCH THEY CONTROL THE THINKING OF UNINFORMED AMERICANS. AND IT IS SETTING THE TABLE. BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER!! PROVERBS 3:23-26 "THEN SHALT THOU WALK IN THY WAY SAFELY, AND THY FOOT SHALL NOT STUMBLE. WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, THOU SHALT NOT BE AFRAID: YEA, THOU SHALT LIE DOWN, AND THY SLEEP SHALL BE SWEET. BE NOT AFRAID OF SUDDEN FEAR, NETIHER OF THE DESOLATION OF THE WICKED, WHEN IT COMETH. FOR THE LORD SHALL BE THY CONFIDENCE, AND SHALL KEEP THY FOOT FROM BEING TAKEN." PRAISE GOD!! PRAY PRAY!!

WHEN GOD SAYS NO: It is one of the most fascinating ministry stories in all the Scripture. It is recounted in Acts 16:6-12. Paul was in Galatia region, and he wanted to go to Asia and Bithynia. The Holy Spirit FORBID THEM TO GO PREACH THERE. Who ever heard of such a thing? God saying you cannot minister there? I am left often times in these past years shaking my head at what God leads. I used to think I understood how to be a minister. Then God told me to go into "restaurant ministry". LOL. I still think that is the most ludicrous thing I ever heard. Yet God does over and over again a work I never imagined. God's plan is not my plan. What a profound thought. God said no to Paul. You cannot go where you want to go to minister. We are heading rapidly toward COLD WEATHER! And boy does lowa get that!! I have teased for years when it got to wintertime I felt the call to Hawaii. LOL. Not permanently. Just through April and then I would come back. I have said that and honestly have to admit, I don't even know what Hawaii's climate is. In the modern era, it is such a foreign thought that we submit to God's will. We are often taught to decide what we are going to do and then tell God He needs to bless it. But sometimes God says NO. Sometimes He heals and sometimes people die. He allowed James to be beheaded in prison, but delivered Peter out of that same prison. Sometimes the persecuted are set free with great testimonies and sometimes the gun goes off and kills them. Whether our theology likes it or not, sometimes God says no! As I was thinking on this recently, it led me to some questions of myself. Would I walk into the lion's den silently without fussing like Daniel did? Would I hold up my faith while being thrown into the furnace and still defy the king?? Would I say lay not this sin to their charge while they were pelting me with boulders? Would I be thrown in prison and accept it being the will of God? Mike, God would never throw you in prison. PSALMS 105:17-19 "He sent a man before them, Even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: He was laid in iron: UNTIL THE TIME CAME THAT HIS WORD CAME: THE WORD OF THE LORD TRIED HIM. Better read it again. The He that send him was God, and it was THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT TRIED him. Maybe the biggest question is am I willing to pick up my cross daily and follow Him? There is an old country song that says, "I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden." In this modern era, there are so many

that somehow think God should give them all they want. But sometimes, even in ministry, God says no. And we need to accept that He is giving us everything exactly as is best for us, even if we are never going to understand that. And while He is doing what is best for us, and we don't understand it, HIS WORDS ARE TRUTH AND HE DOESN'T HAVE TO ADD I PROMISE! It is simply TRUTH! Isaiah 40:29 "HE GIVETH POWER TO THE FAINT; **AND TO THEM THAT HAVE NO MIGHT HE INCREASETH STRENGTH**." He will always provide for you what you need! That is the theme of this newsletter. Thank you for reading.

#### THE WARRIORS SWORD HEB. 4:12 ISA. 49:2 II TIM. 2:3-4 EPH. 6:17

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8/24 UBUNTU!! I AM BECAUSE WE ARE!

PRAY PRAY! II CHRONICLES 7:14 JOEL 2:15-18 PRAY PRAY! PRAY! PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!! Francis Asbury: A person who reads the Scripture and yet does not pray has missed the most important part.

DUE TO EVERYTHING HAPPENING, MICAELA WILL NOT HAVE A COFFEE THOUGHT THIS MONTH. NEXT MONTH SHE WILL PLAN A COFFEE THOUGHT AND A SPECIAL UPDATE WRITING. BE SURE AND BE WATCHING FOR THE 9/24 NEWSLETTER.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: I think it is one of the most profound and challenging Scriptures. II Peter 3:10-11 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY CONVERSATION AND **GODLINESS.**" What manner of person should we be? It seems to me a lot of people think they should be as mean as they can be. I read and listen to what they say and try to imagine Jesus saying those things. And I firmly believe the answer to that question of what manner of persons we should be is **CHRISTLIKE!** Oh I know very well how easy it is to fall into the trap. Especially in this time where forgive me for saying it, it seems stupidity is more common than simple common sense. But how should we treat others. I love the verses in Colossians 4:12-13 "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, ALWAYS LABOURING FERVENTLY FOR YOU IN PRAYERS, THAT YE MAY STAND PERFECT AND COMPLETE IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD. FOR I BEAR HIM RECORD, THAT HE HATH A GREAT ZEAL FOR YOU, AND THEM THAT ARE IN LAODECIA, AND THEM IN HIERAPOLIS." Epaphras was a Colossian. And he fervently prayed for those in Colosse, as well as Laodecia and Hierapolis. Colosse had issues and we know for certain Laodecia had issues. This man Epaphras' response? Have a zeal for them and pray fervently. Paul often spoke of remembering always in prayer the saints in different locations. What is our response? Dr. David Jeremiah: it's wonderful to take mission trips to needy areas of the world; BUT EVERY DAY WHEN WE LEAVE OUR DRIVEWAY, WE'RE TAKING A MISSION TRIP INTO A NEEDY WORLD. Learn to pause as you leave home each day and say,

"Here am I, send me. Isaiah 6:8. Be ready and willing to preach and practice the Gospel. Embrace small tasks that you can do for Him each day. What great advice!! The truth is, we as Christians, especially in these last days, should be on a mission trip as soon as we get out of bed. In the 1970's Mendell Taylor: Unless the Church makes gigantic strides in taking the world, the world is going to reach out and take the Church. It was a prophetic statement by Taylor. It had already begun happening and today it is being fulfilled in front of our eyes. The church is NOT taking the world. Our perspective and attitude means so much. And we need to start making sure that perspective lines up with Christlikeness. I am not in this to be "lifted up" and I need reminded of that. In Luke 17:7-10 Jesus talks about the servant doing what he is supposed to do. And he should not expect praise for doing what he is supposed to do. If God needs to praise me to do something for Him, then something is desperately wrong with my attitudes. Matthew 20:27-28 JESUS SAID, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." I Peter 5:2-3 "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, NOT BY CONSTRAINT, BUT WILLINGLY; NOT FOR FILTHY LUCRE, BUT OF A READY MIND; NEITHER AS BEING LORDS OVER GOD'S HERITAGE, BUT BEING ENSAMPLES TO THE FLOCK. I would rather be an example and see the ministry fold, than to be in the work for filthy lucre and dominance. Ultimately, all of that is going to go up in flames anyway.

<u>PODCASTS AND VIDEOS:</u> We no longer do the daily thought videos. But we still do message videos and all the videos we have done past and present are still available. Including the one released most recently; "IT IS NOT COMING; IT IS HERE". We have stopped doing Podcasts as well, but again, all we have done are still available. Including THE STUDY ON ROMANS, THE STUDY ON PHILIPPIANS, IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF THE BIBLE, and more. You can go onto the website and access all of this and also past newsletters. www.thewarriorssword.org.

**ASSASSINATION:** It is so hard in this day and time to avoid the political issues. And obviously, this is one we can't ignore. I think it used to be a cool thing you could totally disagree with someone, and still have conversation with them. That has gotten harder and harder to do. One of my very best friends was a die-hard Democrat. I will never be a Democrat. I no longer consider myself a Republican either. I think they all are con people destroying America behind closed doors. But my friend and I would talk about things. And never had disrespect for one another. I was amazed the first time I saw a Trump sticker on his car. That was before Trump became president. But I really had little to do with his change of mind. He was just tired of what he was seeing happening. I do not have television, so on July 13<sup>th</sup>, it began showing up on my feeds and I immediately went on to see what happened. The news media was doing its best to not call it what it was and trying to figure some other explanation. In fact, apparently CNN said Trump had fallen down on stage. Anyone with a brain in their head could see Trump's reaction to the "pop, pop," and realize he had been shot. I am not talking about those at the event who were surrounded by the confusion. But I had zero trouble watching it and understanding Trump had been shot. I am old enough to remember when Ronald Reagan was shot. And I believed back then it was the grace of God that kept him from being killed. They say it was one centimeter with Donald Trump. One centimeter and Donald Trump would be dead. I am not in any fashion, so do not accuse me, accusing the democrats of trying to assassinate

him. But I also am not an idiot. After listening to the so-called testimony (more of a cover up) from the now resigned head of the Secret Service Kim Cheadle, I became more convinced. You consider a person at a political rally carrying a rifle with a range finder climbing a building to get on the roof not a dangerous person but just a suspicious person?? Are you actually kidding me? You ma'am are not director of anything except the moron society. And the new acting director testifying in front of Congress as this is being written has been caught in NUMEROUS BOLD FACED LIES!! They try to make conspiracy theorists out to be lunatics, then they fuel the conspiracy theories themselves. You have a major financial institution with ties to George Soros, one of the evilest men to ever live, who makes stock options on Trump stock within hours of the assassination attempt? And the shooter was in a commercial for that company? Then mysteriously the stock activity just disappears from record when the shooter missed? Immediately they tried to portray him as a Republican and as a person who was bullied. Here goes my word!!! HOGWASH!! He contributed to Biden, not Republicans. And there is no real evidence he was bullied at all. And the "tolerant" crowd again showed their real face. Amazon began selling a t-shirt "The only good Trump is a dead one". Started July 6th, took down July 27<sup>th</sup>. They only stopped selling it when they were discovered. Oh, could you imagine the ire of the news media if that had been Biden or Harris on the shirt? This "kid" pulled his van, loaded with explosives, to within 150 yards of the stage, carrying a rifle and a range finder, climbed on a roof in plain sight, and gets off three to six shots?? Acting alone? Honey, if you believe that, I have ocean front property in Arizona that I don't want. Want to buy it from me? I don't care what side of the spectrum you are on politically. You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to see the collusion, you have to be a moron to not see it. Corey Comperatore, a Christian firefighter was a hero who unfortunately lost his life protecting his family. Others were severely injured. Our thoughts and prayers continue for those and their families. I fear this will not be the last attempt as the powers that be are determined to not let Trump be president again.

### A.W. TOZER: MAYBE WE SHOULD CEASE TO STRAIN TO UNDERSTAND AND SHOULD JUST STAND IN WONDER AND AMAZEMENT AT THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD IN THE ATONEMENT.

HOLINESS: Christian Perfection John Wesley: The holiest of men still need Christ... for God does not give them a stock of holiness. But unless they receive a supply every moment, nothing but unholiness would remain." I have said it in videos. I am a holiness preacher unapologetically. But it is unfortunate to me a false attitude filtered into the holiness message. No matter how holy we become, there is not a magical storehouse that keeps us from sin. WE NEED JESUS! EVERY DAY WE NEED JESUS! THERE WILL NEVER COME A TIME WE DON'T NEED JESUS! Let's not use the reality that we are still tempted to justify our lust and sin! If we are dead to sin, we should not be living in sin. Romans 6:1-2 John Wesley said, "If I set standards too high, I drive people into needless fears. If I set them too low I drive their souls into hellfire. I had a man years ago who got very angry at me for preaching holiness. His comment was "no one lives up to that and you should not be preaching it." I asked him, just because I fall short of the standard, should I no longer preach the standard? If we are not striving to be fully Christlike, then what is it that we should strive for? Wesley realized he had to be careful to not make the goal unattainable, but if he made the goals not exist at all, then he was leading people into Hell. I do not preach firmly because I want to beat people down. I preach firmly because I

want to lift people up. A.F. HARPER: INSTEAD OF GOD TAKING US OUT OF THE SKIRMISHES AT THE FRINGE OF THE BATTLE, HE SENDS US WITH HIS COMBAT TEAMS TO PENETRATE THE ENEMY LINES. OUR HUMAN NATURE INCLINES US TO CHOOSE A SMALL FIGHT WITH OUR BARE FISTS. GOD'S PLAN IS FOR AN ALL-OUT BATTLE--- BUT EQUIPPED WITH HIS WHOLE **ARMOR.** God NEVER EVER CONDONES an attitude of I am what I am. NEVER!! God's love does not supersede or compete with God's Holiness or Righteousness. His expectations are so high, He had to send His Son Jesus to die on a brutal cross and be beaten with an inch of His life to pay the price for our wrongdoing. So if you want to cheapen grace, don't bother talking to me. God doesn't equip us with full body armor for us to sit in our spiritual easy chair convincing ourselves we are okay. God equips us with full body armor to penetrate the enemy lines and be the people God has called us to be. And that is beyond refute HOLY! But you cannot fight the battle bare fisted. You must be covered with the whole armor of God. And notice, the only part uncovered by the armor is the back. Because God never ever intends for us to have our back turned to the enemy. And if you have laid down your weapons to sit on the fringes and accept the spiritual status quo, you are not following God, you are following Satan. But that is not said to beat you down!! That is said to lift you up!! Holiness should not make you feel defeated!! Holiness should lift you up to where you have such a relationship with God you literally pray His will back to Him. I hope it is every reader's desire to be Christlike. In all things. And when you fall short, that doesn't put you into despair. It puts you into conviction and repentance!! Because Jesus is the only answer!! Always!! You and I and our righteousness are not the answer!

THNGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMMM: Have you ever been around a place where an explosion has happened? Have you ever seen a time when an explosion brought order? Is it not absolute fact an explosion of things will ALWAYS bring chaos? A mess in fact? Yet people actually believe it is scientifically sound to believe a huge mass of matter exploded and brought phenomenal, beyond description or explanation, order of the universe, planets, and life itself? The way we measure distance in our physical universe is the speed of light. It travels 186,000 miles PER SECOND; or eleven MILLION miles per MINUTE. The scientific world used the symbol "C" to represent the speed of light; it is the ultimate unit for all calculations of speed and distance. On a trip through the universe, traveling at the speed of light, we would pass the moon in 1 ½ SECONDS. In five months we would leave our solar system; then it would take us four years to reach the nearest star. Going through the Milky Way, our own galaxy, hopping from star to star; it would take an average of five years between each star. With 100,000,000,000 stars in our galaxy, it would take 80,000 YEARS traveling at eleven million MILES PER MINUTE, to go from one end of the Milky Way to the other. AND THAT IS ONE GALAXY. Leaving the Milky Way and going to Andromeda, our next nearest galaxy, it would take us 2 MILLION YEARS TO REACH IT. Then if we headed for Hercules, the largest of all the galaxies, it would take us another 300 million years. That is moving at ELEVEN MILLION MILES PER MINUTE, WHICH IS TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO DO AND SURVIVE! All of these huge heavenly spheres move with absolute order and regularity. And that happened from an explosion?? HMMMM.

**PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY: A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL BOATS.** President, Kennedy used this phrase talking about his tax cut proposal in Congress. The idea was to not punish the poor or

the rich, but cutting taxes increases revenue and prosperity. Kennedy is touted as a hero to the Democratic Party. I am not a fan of Kennedy by any means as he was an immoral man. But I dare say, even though he is considered a liberal, in today's standard, he would be a conservative. One of the thoughts on his assassination is he ordered the first ever audit of the Federal Reserve. Within days, he was dead. And one of the first actions Lyndon Johnson took was revoking the order for the audit. Kennedy would never be a modern day liberal. One of the things that got me frustrated about writing politics is because it does nothing to "lift the boats". There is so little we can influence against the massive forces of the media, education system, and the political propaganda machine. But if we say nothing, we submit ourselves to the status quo. If we just accept how things are, and don't at least speak out against it, then evil wins. A little bit of computer research tells us this quote is attributed to the wrong person. I don't trust the computer research, AT ALL. But the quote goes as follows: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke is credited with the quote, but there is some dispute if he ever said it. In 1867, utilitarian philosopher John Stuart Mill gave an inaugural address at the University of St. Andrews. He said "Let not anyone pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject." No matter who said it, I agree. We must trouble ourself to use our mind on any subject that affects those around us. I have admitted elsewhere in this issue, this will not be my favorite issue. I moved other things I wanted to write about to next month because I do not have space to cover it all. And writing about politics will not change much of anything in you our readers lives. But a rising tide lifts all boats. We have talked in the past about the ripple effect. We put a splash of water into the ocean, and it seems to affect nothing. But as that splash of water ripples, it can go on and on and on. So it is that attitude of walking along the shoreline and finding a bunch of starfish washed onto the shore. If I pick up one and throw it back in, does it really matter? No! But it matters to that one. Each of you that take the time to read are that one. Our country is in trouble. And if we just stand and sing God bless America while babies are being murdered and drag queens read to our children and portray a blasphemous last supper, then we are allowing things to happen and we are not good.

GAVIN NEWSOM: Okay, so I had to come in and completely rewrite this. Things are happening and it is not what seems to be on the surface. I have tried to get away from politics, but with all that is happening, how do we not make comment? Joe Biden suddenly drops out of the race? Honestly, even though I think he is the worst president ever, it is sad for Joe Biden to go through the mental breakdown. My mother had dementia and there is nothing funny about it. When I call him Braindead, he was that long before the Dementia. He has been a fruitless politician, making some of the dumbest remarks in history, long before he lost his mind physically. And he was a corrupt criminal long before he got Dementia. I find it interesting, here goes the stirring of my conspiracy theorist, Biden is ready to start out on the campaign trail. He is declaring I beat Trump before and I will beat him again. Not a sign of backing down. Then suddenly, he pulls out of the race? I believe the big money people let Biden know they did not want him in the race. In 24 hours of Kamala being the candidate, her campaign brought in \$81 million. This is

one of the biggest morons on the face of the planet, and that much money flows in 24 hours? I do not believe Braindead stepped out of the race willingly. Perhaps the same money that paid for the assassination attempt on Trump, let Biden know he needed to be aware of what could come his way? I am not a prophet, and I do not know what the Democrats are up to. On multiple fronts, I am hearing the mention of this name, Gavin Newsom. I think the Democrats know, Kamala, sleep with everyone to get to the top Harris, cannot be their end game. I'm sure any of you who pay attention, have heard Newsom being whispered about. So they are trying to figure out how to get Gavin Newsom at the top of their ticket. When COVID was raging, I lived in Arizona, a border state to California. Through multiple opportunities, I got to talk to numerous Christians from California. I will not say Newsom is the Antichrist, but there is no question he is AN antichrist. THIS IS AN EVIL DESTRUCTIVE MAN!! I think what the media is trying to do, and again, this is observation not prophecy, is to convince Americans we need a new hero. And they will portray this young vibrant Californian as the answer to America's problems. When COVID was happening, Newsom took the opportunity to not try to protect people, but to decimate the church. He went after closing the churches and ministries with a fervor. And you think Biden's \$4.00 a gallon is bad. Go to California and pay \$7 to \$8 a gallon in places. Now this is not to say to you Harris can't win. Remember four years ago, Trump was winning easily. Suddenly the vote counting stopped. And 81 million votes appeared for a person who got twenty people when he spoke. The rig is still there. And the money is there. Netflix donated \$7 million to Harris campaign. Exactly why would a streaming service, who has raised prices more than the grocery stores and gas stations do that? And I have to admit it makes me laugh!! Out Loud!! Netflix also was apparently making another price increase. They do that about every three months. So it could have been about that as well. But Netflix has lost a ton of business!! And I want to think it is possibly because of this donation. The biggest phony site on the internet, run by Facebook fake checkers Snopes, says it was not the donation. LOL. The propaganda machine is in overdrive. GovTrack, a supposed non-partisan organization, had ranked Harris the most liberal senator of all above Bernie Sanders. But GovTrack amazingly removed that ranking after Harris was named the presidential candidate. The media immediately removed her title of border czar with the most failed border policy in HISTORY! Don't count her victory out. But she is not the end game. Newsom may or may not be. But the Democrats have things up their sleeve, I promise you. And the media, just like it went into full action for Harris, is more that prepared to do the same for whatever the end game for the socialist, progressive, anti-American, antichrist party will decide.

NON US CITIZEN RESIDENT VOTING RULES: I hate that we have so much political in this issue. I had some "good topics" prepared. But the world is crazy. It has been exposed that you can be an illegal alien and vote in the elections in the District of Columbia or Washington D.C. This started officially in 2024 if you meet "certain qualifications." According to the wording of the "statute", you can vote for Mayor, Attorney General, members of the DC council, members of the State Board of Education, or Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Now again, I am not quoting this from my words, but directly from the law. Non-citizens are also allowed to vote on measures such as initiative, referendum, recall, or charter amendment that appear on DC ballots, and this is ABSOLUTELY KNOWING YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN. It states that non-citizens cannot vote on federal offices, but if you give them a ballot, exactly how do you guarantee they

do not vote on everything? You must be at least seventeen years old and turn eighteen before election day. Be a DC resident, not a citizen, for at least thirty days before the election. Not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of law. Not claim the right to vote anywhere outside DC. And then with no citizenship, even if you are a criminal, because again how would they know, you can vote. They used to try to cover things up and then proclaim anyone that said anything was a crazy conspiracy theorist. Now, they don't even try to hide it. And why should it matter if Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and my dead grandpa votes as well.

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PLEASE DO NOT SEND BIBLES, STAMPS, OR OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THIS TIME. WE ARE NOT IN NEED OF THESE ITEMS! THANK YOU!! WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF THE NEED ARISES AGAIN.

# MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy!

The sound of a piano dancing with every key that is hit. The strumming of a guitar. The harmony of a flute, The sound of someone pouring their hearts out into the lyrics they are singing. Wow music is such a powerful wonderful thing! To be singing songs over my babies before bed; to hum melodies of my favorite songs; pure joy. But are you paying attention to the lyrics you are declaring over yourself? As a teenager I used to listen to bands that would sing lyrics that I now as an adult don't want sung over me and my family. Remembering that I used to scream these songs at the top of my lungs declaring the words I was singing. Let me share one of these songs with you. A friend of mine showed me a Band called In This Moment. The lead singer is a Proud Pagan, and I did not know these things until I was much older. On almost a daily basis, I would listen to this song singing it at the top of my lungs with my friends.

"So go ahead and point your fingers Tell me who to love is it him or her? When will you see this is who I am S-i-n-n-e-r Natural born sinner I'm not gonna change Stay out of my way I don't need you to understand That I'm already saved"

Yikes. I'm glad I don't sing this anymore! But the truth is, as a teenager; I loved the rage this song filled me with. I loved declaring the lyrics. Now let me show you a song by Rhett Walker "And in one moment everything changed Who I was got washed away When mercy found me. My Savior's arms were open wide, And I felt love for the very first time

When mercy found me When mercy found me All those days and all those doubts They don't seem to matter now His Grace is all I need, oh, His Grace is all I need And the chains that I was in before, well They don't hold me anymore His love has rescued me, oh, His love has set me free" Now this song is what I sing from the rooftops over my life and my family. It's terrifying to me just how many songs recently I have heard declare total evil over your life. Wanting you to sing proudly about Sin and The devil. Music artists like Sam Smith who did a full performance dressed in horns and carrying a Pitchfork singing a song called "unholy"; and you know what makes me sick? I know Christians who listen to these songs and proudly sing them loud. Why would we let these words have so much power over us? I'd rather have the Words of God declared over my life. So I'll be singing His Praises over me and my family, "Let everything, That Has breath, Praise the Lord" So I will. In the mountains and valleys, God gets all the praise from my lips. I will declare HIM over my life and the love and grace He has given. Oh Lord my God When I in awesome wonder of you and who you are, Thank you for setting me free by your Mercy. So I can declare I am YOUR child, and not titles that I am not.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: UPDATES AND MINISTRY RESEARCH: I DETERMINED WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS PORTION OF THE WARRIORS SWORD NEWSLETTER AND SHARE SOME THINGS. I **HOPE YOU WILL READ:** I have mentioned Charlie, my nemesis at the restaurant before. The other day, he sat shaking his head as I was preparing to leave the restaurant at 6:30 a.m. to get to work. He said "Until I met you, I always thought preachers just worked at church on Sunday, and did nothing the rest of the week. You are constantly busy doing something I don't understand." Later, he shared he thought I was hiding a girlfriend that I went to see LOL. Let me assure you THAT IS NOT THE CASE AND NEVER WILL BE LOL! THIS ARTICLE IS NOT A REBUKE. At least it is not a rebuke to you, but maybe to me it is. It saddens me when I talk about what is happening, those who are the best friends of this ministry often think I am rebuking. I am not. We should come to serve and not be served. Matthew 20:25-28. We should be ready to put the towel around our waist and wash other's feet. I've tried but I failed. I'm not fully sure why. I have shared it before. There are two verses we have based the philosophy of ministry upon. II Corinthians 9:6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: It shall not return unto me void, But it shall accomplish that which I please." I always felt if we sowed the Word of God and sowed it bountifully, the ministry would prosper. What are we missing? Has it stopped being out of His mouth and instead out of mine? I fully take the blame. My relationship has not been what it should be. I have been extremely busy, as Charlie noted, but maybe it has been the wrong busy. So we are doing a reset. I have always taught that CONSISTENT evaluation was a mandatory part of healthy ministry. And that evaluation had to be done taking away all "sacred cows" and dealing with a ruthless honesty to what was being done, and what was being accomplished by it. I would stack up my busy to anyone out there. But is the goal to be busy, or be effective? In churches I have "pastored", and I use that term very loosely, I have tried to use evaluation. And most church leadership refused it. Because the goal is not to make ministry of the PEOPLE thrive. The goal is to maintain control. One group of elders actually told me, they only kept congregations input to appease the congregation. The elders didn't really care what the people thought. The message to the

congregation, "sit down in the pew, put your money in the plate, keep your mouth shut and do what we tell you." And then we wonder why church ministry has been in a full free fall for years. When vision has to answer to structure, and maintaining the status quo is the gameplan, THE MINISTRY AND THE CHURCH WILL DIE!!! Even if it does not close, IT WILL BE COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE! We absolutely never started this ministry to have to beg for help. I am so appreciative of those who have given help. But the list has steadily declined till now we have some six to seven people who give support. AND I APPRECIATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU!! BE ASSURED, IT HAS BEEN BECAUSE OF YOU WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. And I am so thankful for you. Thank you Jeff Kemp FACING THE BLITZ for the following underlined items. Coach Doc Rivers of the 2008 champion Boston Celtics instilled a practice with the team. Every time they broke huddle, they would chant UBUNTU. That is a Zulu word that means I AM BECAUSE WE ARE. The Celtics won their first championship in twenty-two years. Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." I believe it is because YOU ARE THAT WE ARE! But I wonder if it may be time to leave full-time ministry and get a job. The economy may mandate that. I've been praying about this, and it is okay!! I'm not depressed over that. It may be God's way of saying it is time. If it is time to say welcome to Walmart, or do you want fries with that, that doesn't mean I will stop doing ministry. It just means the full time will go away and things will change. I have never understood how people set out to help the ministry and they have gotten sickness and job loss and family disaster and just absolute attack. I sit and shake my head not understanding God seeming to lay it on people's heart to help, and then they are devastated. Maybe it is God's way of saying it is time for me to start saying "welcome to Walmart". I have done ministry for a long time. And I have been clear that when I drove my car out of the state of Arizona, after yet another horrible experience, I did not want to be a pastor ever again. But then after living with no income and no hope and some of the very ones I mention above who kept me and the ministry going, I went back to the only thing I have ever really enjoyed doing. Being a pastor. And we have seen the efforts of THE WARRIORS SWORD MINISTRY explode into directions I would never have dreamed. I am thankful for everything we have gotten to do together. But it is time to do some serious evaluation. That is in THE WARRIORS SWORD, the church, and in my personal life. So we are shutting things down. We have already begun to do that. We have 141 video subscribers and growing, we have hundreds by Facebook and more by email. And we have had five people say anything at all about us stopping. Yes, it hurts my ego. I have to face the fact people used to actually think I could preach, and now I am a sideshow. I used to be invited to do revivals. Now if I ask, I can fill a Sunday night when no one plans to come. And maybe that is God's message to me. SINCERELY. I preach every Sunday morning to a handful of people and most of them go to sleep. Maybe it is time. And if God says so, that is okay!! I don't know what the future is going to hold. I truly don't. But as the economy crashes, we look at the reality that much of what we have done is no longer making a difference, and most of the support (in 2023 we had great support and in 2024 we are less than a fourth of that) is going away, it is time to evaluate with ruthless honesty and start figuring out if there is any vision left or is it just structure that needs to crumble. So we are shutting it down and doing a reset. And it may be possible God will restart it, or it may be possible God says I need to focus on getting my own life out of the pit and get a towel around my waist. Some things will continue. These newsletters have the funding to continue through

2025. But I can't afford to do the restaurant anymore. It is time for us to go back to the beginning. Back to the basics with a total reset. And see what God wants to open if anything. So thank you for reading this to the end. Again, let me say this is not a rebuke. For those of you that have stood with us in the past, present, and for the future, I love you and appreciate you so much. You have helped make this all possible. When you get to Heaven, you will see with me the things we have accomplished together, and you and I will see it did matter. Every single thing we accomplished together mattered! I will keep you posted! UBUNTU!

With a smile on my face, I write this addition so to speak. I decided not to rewrite the entire MANIFESTO. We just had the largest audience on Podcast since we began that effort. Quadruple what we had ever had before. God is doing something. Please pray I can see it.

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FACTS: Mendell Taylor shares: Acts 22:22 They gave him (Paul) audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth; for it is not fit that he should live. "The people did not stop listening to Paul because his sermon was too long. He had been preaching only five minutes when they turned him off. They stopped listening when he touched the fuse connected with their powder house of prejudice. They would not listen to another word. Listening is absolutely essential if we are to learn God's truth. But our lines of communication are always in danger of being snapped when God's messenger touches our prejudices. Too often we close our minds to the truth by hiding back of our prejudgments. It is easy to shrink from new light if we are blinded by our prejudices." When we make up our mind to only believe what we already think and make no consideration of the facts presented to us, we are in deep danger of deception. I remember a while back when I had a "crisis of faith". People thought I was losing my faith in Jesus. What was actually happening was I got deeper into His Word and was discovering much of what I had been taught for years, did not match up to what the Bible actually said. But what our prejudices determine in our mind is fact and truth can destroy us and those around us. I have been asked in the past what would make a young person strap a bomb onto themselves and blow themselves and others around them up. When they have been taught from the time they were two years old, the only guaranteed way to get to Heaven is to kill themselves and others in suicide, what is the surprise? Don't you want to go to Heaven? If that were the teaching you had and was forced to accept, you would do it too. So the FACTS cease to be what we look for. And we simply look for things to back up what we think about the facts. Pilots have a term that describes this in crisis situations. It is CONFIRMATION BIAS. The pilot believes something to be true, therefore he sees the instruments in a way that backs up what he already believes. And the end result? DISASTER!! And we can be presented the truth, glaring in front of our noses, and disregard the truth because it does not match what we think. Paul told Timothy the day was coming the sound doctrine would not be accepted. He was not talking about the world not accepting it, he was talking about the church! And much of the church world has absolutely rejected the truth to follow what they believe the truth to be.

Last time, we put a page in that presented THE FACT, then asked you what was missing and gave you several different options to consider. When I was given this page along with hundreds of others at Creation College, I strongly considered what I thought was missing. I leaned hard toward option D which was the smile face. But decided in the end that I believed it was option E the circle. I smiled with the responses to the newsletter, because my friends Chuck and Audrey, who by the way are ministers and teachers of foundations of the Bible, answered correctly. Everyone else did the same thing I did. Most answered E, but some A or B. When I was originally given the sheet, I guessed E. And I realized immediately how easy it is to be deceived by a simple way of presenting THE FACTS. So the page we included gave you, the readers, a drawing titled THE FACT. Then the paper asked you the simple question what is missing and gave you options. I then backed up that thinking by saying to you something is missing, and gave you the options again. BUT IT WAS THE FACT!! Why did we assume something was missing from THE FACT? Because I told you and the paper told you something was missing. But it was THE FACT. Nothing is missing from THE FACT!! THE FACT IS THE FACT. But by a simple suggestive comment and display, we are manipulated into thinking THE FACT has something missing. Subconsciously, what we think is occurring is what is reality instead of THE FACT. So for years, students were taught in school that when a baby is first conceived, it looked like a fish. Then it went through all kinds of transformations until it finally formed into a baby. AAAAH. But then the ultrasound was created. And it was discovered a baby is a baby is a baby is a baby from the time of conception. And yet for years after that ABSOLUTELY SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY (they say follow the science), students were still taught in school they started out looking like a fish. Scholar Dean John Burgon: "THE SACRED TEXT HAS NONE TO FEAR SO MUCH AS THOSE WHO FEEL RATHER THAN THINK." And the Sacred Text, The Word Of GOD, has been decimated by people who care more about what they feel rather than THE FACT. It is time we begin to go back to the truth, and not what people perceive to be the truth. Thank you to everyone who helped with this exercise.

**BRETT:** I received a message from my friend Brett. "Do you remember me writing a song called WITHOUT THE CROSS that we did, I think during the last Singspiration when you were here? I read an article this morning where a cross was mandated to be removed in the San Francisco area and the organization is accusing city leaders of being biased against Christians. That just struck me because I had written the lyrics about how the display of the cross had become something people stopped doing. Persecution against Christians is starting to escalate within America, and I believe it will only get worse. I also think the attack by Iran against Israel is another sign and pre-cursor. Jesus' return is drawing more imminent with each passing day...." Amazingly, I did remember Brett doing that song. And somewhat prophetic to where we were heading. Roseanne Barr was fired from her highly successful sitcom (I never ever watched it), for saying the Muslim Brotherhood had a baby with the Planet of the Apes and it was Valerie Jarret. Valerie Jarret was one of the biggest sell outs this nation has ever seen!! But because she is black, and the reference was to the Planet of the Apes, and of course because Barr had become a Trump supporter which is career suicide in Hollywood, Barr was fired. "Comedian" Sam Kinnison openly mocked the crucifixion of Jesus Christ while on his Cocaine driven tirades and he was made a hero. If you think there is a level playing field?? The NFL took a national champion quarterback who took a then useless team in Denver and won in the playoffs, and blackballed him. No other explanation. EXCEPT Oh by the way, he was an outspoken Christian who refused to be quiet about it. Recently, a Street preacher was shot in the head in Arizona. One of my mentors would say that Christians had been the home team in America. And he correctly stated that was no longer the case. We have become the enemy, and that sentiment is growing rapidly. Yes Brett, the Cross is becoming a hated "symbol". And I think we Christians need to realize we are no longer the home team. We are fighting a battle against an enemy that has won the heart of America. And we need to Occupy until our Lord returns. Even though that will mean that you will be hated. But in spite of the hatred, we need to lift the CROSS high so that all may see it! **Thank you Brett!!** 

ATF AND LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS POLICE; MURDERERS!!: The Arkansas state patrol was well trained in murder when Bill and Hillary ran the state. Everyone who refused to fall in line with the Clintons and did not keep their mouth shut, suddenly decided to commit suicide. There were more murders, determined to be suicides, than could be counted. And the troopers surrounding Billary knew it and did nothing. On March 19, 2024, Little Rock, Arkansas Police joined with the rogue ATF under a murderous director, and murdered Bryan Malinowski, an "accused" gun dealer. Malinowski had no record, had committed no crimes, and was falsely accused from the beginning. They invaded his home at 6 a.m. after shutting off his electricity, taping over his doorbell cam, and blasting through the door in darkness. When he was literally awaken by the attack and shot at the intruders feet, not being aware they were law enforcement, to attempt to scare them away? They shot him in the head in front of his wife. They did not have arrest warrants or any reason to declare him dangerous. It was a simple search warrant which could have been served in the middle of the day with no incident. Instead, they stormed into the house at 6 a.m. And murdered Malinowski in front of his wife. It is the LAW that Little Rock police and the ATF must wear body cams in these types of operations. NO ONE WAS WEARING A BODY CAM. CONSPIRACY? Oh, only fanatics believe in conspiracy. YEAH RIGHT! Mike, did you just accuse law enforcement of conspiracy and murder? Without a single regret or retraction. You have wondered why I have said in recent days I no longer consider law enforcement to be heroes? There you go! In continuation, Donald Trump was recently found guilty? If you have followed me at all, you know, I AM NOT A DONALD TRUMP SUPPORTER. I think what he did during COVID was a trial run to give world government absolute control. He is the one who pushed the bogus vaccines, Operation Warp Speed, which killed and harmed numerous people. I AM NOT A FAN. However, you need to realize what is happening. The media and the useless Democratic party told us years back, we were wrong to say Bill Clinton having sex with his intern in the White House office was something to be concerned about? Bill Clinton paid so much hush money, even he can't remember how much. And anyone who didn't accept his hush money suddenly decided to commit suicide. This prosecution of Donald Trump had nothing more to do with justice than the ATF and Little Rock, Arkansas police murdering an innocent man had to do with justice. The justice department has been corrupt for years, and Trump didn't drain the swamp. It is not a new dynamic. There is no justice in this country!! Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden can do whatever they want and know beyond a shadow of a doubt they will never pay for it. Hunter Biden was just convicted of three felony counts. Do you think his daddy will permit him to pay for any of it?? Watch and see!! The police used to be heroes, and THERE ARE STILL SOME THAT ARE

HEROES. You used to be able to count on judges and District Attorneys to work toward justice. The prosecution of Donald Trump is about one thing. Controlling the election and keeping him out of office. And whether you want him to be president or not, the fact they do not want him to be is what matters to them. If you think you still can trust police are still heroes, can I have a meeting with you to discuss selling my ocean front property in Arizona to you?? Don't think you are safe from it all because when there are no more people to speak, they will come after you.

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MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Unfortunately Micaela's grandmother has been very ill. She had to be in Ohio to be minister, daughter, and granddaughter. So there is no thought this month. Hopefully, we will have it next month.

Friday June 14 is Flag Day. In 2015, one of our biggest ministry supporters Dennis Champlin, took an audio message recorded at that time in the church I pastored, edited the audio, and put together a visual slide show. It has some interesting information about the American flag as well as the Christian flag. We invite you to listen. If you go to You Tube and type in the search, "Flag Day Mike Murrell 2015" you should be able to find the video. We will also try to send the link to our computer list. Sunday June 16 is Father's Day. We appreciate you Fathers so very much. We did a video message for you BE A DADDY. We hope you will watch. The Fathers are so important in spite of the propaganda of Hollywood and the media. Thursday June 20 Summer Begins. We wish you a happy Summer season. Monday June 24 is the anniversary of Roe V. Wade being over-turned. It has turned out to not be as huge of celebration as pro-lifers wanted to make it. But one thing at least, it did show some sanity in the Supreme Joke. So we will recognize that and ask you to never forget to pray for the unborn, and for the mommies and daddies who should care for them.

One of the restaurant waitresses posted this to her Facebook. I like it, so I wanted to copy it here. FIGHT LIKE YOU ARE THE THIRD MONKEY TRYING TO GET ON NOAH'S ARK.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: (from the editor: Micaela wrote about storms last time in COFFEE THOUGHT and we in no way want to step on that. I have mentioned the plaque before that

sits on my desk and it just so happens, it focused me again). Have you ever noticed, especially the ones on You Tube, the weather predicters try their very best to be as dramatic as they can to cause you to be as fearful as they can make you? Fact is, if they can cause you to be fearful, it is much more likely you will watch them. So they will tell you there is a storm front coming and it is sure to end the world as you know it. Last issue I shared my frustration with the church world for sensationalizing things. And God forgive me, I used to do that myself. We have had some terrible storms this year. Although most of the worst has missed where I live, we have seen the results of them. But just because we have had tornados doesn't mean it is a sign that Jesus is coming back. LET ME SHOUT IT TO YOU AGAIN!! JESUS IS COMING BACK AND I THINK IT IS SOON!! But EVERY YEAR, EVERY YEAR, EVERY YEAR, we have these storms as Spring moves in. And Spring is as unstable as Winter. The weather can change hourly, at least in my area of the country. And don't let the fake science of global climate change being the cause deceive you. But if you listen to these You Tube forecasters, the wind is going to blow fifteen MPH, and this is sure to end your life as you know it. I laugh in my area because we are constantly getting these WIND ADVISORIES. We don't need an advisory in Boone, Iowa. The wind blows fifty MPH every day here. Chicago just likes to claim it is windy city. Come to Boone boys!! So in my office at church, I have a plaque given to me by my daughter years ago which says, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass: it's about learning to dance in the rain." And boy has it ever rained!! According to the weather experts, we are still seven inches of rain below what we should be for the time. So they declare a drought while the river is literally flowing out of its banks. We have been indoctrinated to listen to the "warnings" and come unglued. Just wait for the prediction of four inches of snow and try to get into the local Walmart. And ignore the fact of how many times these "weather people" have completely missed it! The American people lost their mind and bought up every roll of toilet paper because of a "pandemic" that had nothing to do with toilet paper. But I am sure some "media gem" or "politician" somewhere (I wasn't listening) mentioned toilet paper, and America lost its mind. We have become so conditioned to be afraid, we have lost the ability to dance in the rain. One of the truths we shared in leadership training. "You cannot have a rainbow without first having a storm." Jesus had to allow the storm first so He could show His power by saying "Peace, Be still." But we become so entangled with this "life" we have lost the passion for the life to come. II Timothy 2:3-4 "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." The soldier has a passion for his/her cause. And boot camp has changed that soldier as intentionally, the things of the world have been shaken out of them. Hebrews 12:26-29 "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth THE REMOVING OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE SHAKEN, AS OF THINGS THAT ARE MADE, THAT THOSE THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN MAY REMAIN. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, LET US HAVE GRACE, WHEREBY WE MAY SERVE GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH **REVERENCE AND GODLY FEAR:** For our God is a consuming fire." I think God needs to do a little more shaking us. ME ESPECIALLY!! I never could dance very well, but isn't it wonderful? I'm not trying to impress anyone, and I don't care what anyone thinks of my dancing!! So dance my friends!! DANCE!! Find joy in your heart today. Don't get caught up in the storm! DANCE!!

HARRISON BUTKER: As we approach Father's Day, I want to make recognition of a MAN I now have deep respect for. If Harrison Butker and I were to sit down together, we would not agree on most doctrinal platforms. He is Catholic and I am Protestant. He does things in his "religion" that I would never do in mine. But when he recently spoke at Benedictine College, HE SPOKE TRUTH. He called out a professed Catholic who has been given control of this nation and DID THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AT A PRO ABORTION RALLY. I should stop and say who this person is for those of you that don't know. Because I didn't know. When these scabs started kneeling during the national anthem, I meant it that I would not watch or support the NFL EVER!! That was not a temporary statement for me. But that does not mean that every NFL player is bad. Butker is the place kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs. And because of his stand for the righteous, even though we will never agree doctrinally, and he would not be my favorite football team. I APPLAUD HIM!! I APPLAUD HIM LOUDLY!! The woke snowflakes are trying to get him fired because he dared to tell the truth. I hope the Chiefs are not so stupid to listen to them. One thing is for sure. If they do, that will seal the deal even more I will never watch an NFL game ever again. But I applaud you Mr. Butker. I stand with what you stated to these graduating college students and their families. Who by the way, the audience itself gave Mr. Butker a standing ovation. I hope they were not just clapping, but were actually listening. We will never agree doctrinally, but I would proudly, if I ever got that chance, call you friend!!

LOGO: SHOULD WE??: It is an unfortunate fact about outreach ministry I never liked, but I understand. We do not have a large church supporting us and promoting us. In fact, we don't have any church or organization supporting us at all. And in this work, promotion is absolutely a necessity. Let me just quickly show you a couple reasons why. It is amazing to have a nice website. I am very thankful for both of the men, Jay and Cory, who have made that possible for us. But if no one has ever heard of you, guess how many people are going to check out that website?? ZERO!! We do Podcasts. They are slowly picking up an audience. But the problem is, no matter what we record, we do not have name recognition in this community. So we are not going to have a large audience. We have the opportunity to have a professional develop an official ministry logo. This would also open doors to make T-shirts, Mugs, water bottles, decals, and other items. We would use this LOGO on the website and hopefully on all the ministry items in all we do. This would not be free! I am not in any fashion interested in developing a merch line. However, if we don't spread the word and put the ministry "out there", we will always have a very limited reach. And limited reach for an outreach ministry makes it insignificant and ineffective at least in the physical realm. When I go to Illinois for my wonderful grandson's third birthday in a few weeks, it is the plan to try to meet up with this professional and talk about the costs and the barriers. WOULD YOU PLEASE PRAY FOR US AS WE DO THIS? Especially in this time of absolute transition, it becomes more important than ever that we stay in the center of God's will. Your prayers are appreciated.

EVEN THE GREAT ONES DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND: A.W. TOZER "JESUS CHRIST DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS TO CHANGE GOD. HE DIED TO CHANGE A MORAL SITUATION." FROM TOZER AS WELL: "HOLINESS IS NOT BASED ON THE THINGS WE DO OR DO NOT DO. WE HAVE ERRED TREMENDOUSLY IN THIS AREA AND HAVE CAUSED GREAT HARM TO CHRISTIANITY. WE ARE NOT SEEKING SO MUCH HOLINESS AS WE ARE SEEKING THE HOLY ONE. MANY HAVE AN

ABSTRACT IDEA OF HOLY, WHICH HAS ABSOLUTELY NO BEARING UPON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD; THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HOLY HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD AROUND THEM. HOWEVER, IF I AM IN HARMONY WITH THE HOLY ONE, I WILL HAVE ALL OF THE HOLINESS I NEED TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD." Tozer: "We do not operate from a human standpoint. We operate by faith, which means we have confidence in what God says, whether we understand it or not. And boy, are there many things I do not understand!! IF MY CHRISTIAN WALK DEPENDED UPON WHAT I UNDERSTOOD, I WOULD NOT BE TAKING ANOTHER STEP. IN FACT, I MIGHT BE TAKING A FEW STEPS BACKWARD." I just can't help myself LOL. I do not always agree with him, but I have huge respect for Tozer. When such a great man says he doesn't understand, I feel like there may be hope for me. We must recognize in our pursuit of Christlikeness as well as anything else, Apart from Jesus WE CAN DO NOTHING! JOHN 15:5 We can do nothing unless we are attached to that Vine!! And it is okay if we don't always understand everything. If we always had it figured out then we would be God. AND WE ARE NOT GOD! And God does not change. The cross did not change the way God does things!! God does not change. He is I AM THAT I AM!! So God did not take on a new nature because of the cross. He has always been what He will always be. And I am not God and will never fully understand Him. But what I know is He calls me to righteousness. And Tozer said it and I will state it further. I do at times take steps backwards. But the goal I am reaching for is not to be holy in the eyes of the world around me. But holy as I grow more Christlike every day. This is the prize I am pressing toward. Because if Jesus is not in it, and I try to do it on my own initiative, I will always be going backwards. Without Him, I can't do a thing!!

THE REAL ISLAM: Want to see a real picture of what Islam is all about? Take a look at October 7, 2023, what Hamas did to the Israeli people totally unprovoked. Israel is being blamed, but they did nothing to bring the attack on them. Also, look at Nigeria who recently saw the Islam ruling force Boko Haram declare you are either Muslim, or die. And the Christians do die. In Nigeria, more persecuted believers are killed for their faith THAN IN THE REST OF THE WORLD COMBINED. Islam may claim they want land for peace. What they really want is anyone who disagrees with them to be dead and exterminated. And young girls are protesting in behalf of terrorists who would rape and slaughter those same young girls without remorse. Homosexuals are protesting on their behalf, and they would throw the homosexuals from a high roof. That is what American college has produced. And I wonder, are these students that are desecrating our flag and chanting against America and Israel the same ones that Joey B. just gave away thousands of dollars for free tuition from taxpayers in a nation they hate??

MY ADVICE: WHAT IF IT IS WRONG?: My wife said, "If I make a mistake at work, I can cost my Uncle thousands of dollars." That was true and that was not a good thought. I quietly said, "If I make a mistake at work, I may cost someone their soul." I had a situation occur recently that made me think so much more about the issue of what I say to people. Sometimes it is awesome and frightening at the same time to be given influence with people. People actually come to me and ask for advice. There is no doubt in my mind there have been times I have given good advice, and times I have given bad advice. For the good advice, I give God the glory. If my bad advice really doesn't make any significant difference, then we chalk it up to my not being omniscient. In fact, we can chalk it up to I'M STUPID!! I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING AND I

MAKE MISTAKES!! But the consequences can be so much bigger than that. People come and want me to tell them if it is okay for them to do something. The problem is, often they have already made up their mind what they will do. So they only hear me say what they want me to say in the first place. I have had issues where I have told people I do not have the authority to give them a direction. It is not up to me to decide what they should and shouldn't do. All I can do is tell them what God's word says on the issue. But I have no "authority". Proverbs 11:14 "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." I think everyone of us should go to counseling. I don't mind offering counsel if we keep some facts in place. You should be able to count on if you ask "my advice" that I have studied the Word, and I can tell you confidently what it says. But when I did counseling on a regular basis, I always started the first session with this. "I am honored to be able to do this, but understand I am not the answer that you need. Jesus Christ is the answer that you need. My job is not to give you an answer, but to lead you to HIM. We are not here to make you a lifelong counselee. We are here to lead you to JESUS!" I appreciate if you allow me to give you advice. But always remember, it is from God and His Word that the only authority comes. Matthew 7:28-29 "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine. For he taught them as ONE HAVING AUTHORITY, and not as the scriber." Be careful what advice you give, what advice you listen to, and where it is coming from! I can assure you, when you get to that throne room, you saying "Well Mike said" is not going to mean a thing to THE KING OF KINGS sitting on that throne!!

QUESTIONS: Thinking along with the above article, questions have become the lifeblood of the restaurant ministry. People bring questions, sometimes serious ones, and sometimes outlandish ones. But they are looking for answers they do not know. Psalms 119:11 "Thy WORD have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee." As I was writing this newsletter, I came to another time of reading through the New Testament. While my Old Testament reading has slowed to one time a year, I still average four times a year through the New Testament. I have always been a firm believer God will, in situations we so desperately need it, give us what to say. But He often gives us what to say from our preparation, not our laziness. PEOPLE THAT NEVER READ THEIR BIBLE RARELY GET SUPERNATURAL REVELATION. Psalms 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:116A "Uphold me according UNTO THY WORD THAT I MAY LIVE." John 17:17 "Sanctify them through Thy truth. THY WORD IS TRUTH." Our theme verse of THE WARRIORS SWORD: Hebrews 4:12 "For THE WORD OF GOD is quick, and powerful, AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWO EDGED SWORD, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." In case you happened upon us and didn't know, the title THE WARRIORS SWORD is based upon THE WORD OF GOD! Ephesians 6:17. If you are going to help others, and/or help yourself, YOU NEED TO BE READING THE WORD DAILY!! If you are not, you cannot expect God to give you supernatural revelation. I often am answering questions for people who are intellectually much smarter than me. And I think the only reason I do not make a total fool of myself is I am reading God's Word and doing it daily!!

OH BOY; THERE WENT MY POPULARITY: LOL! Actually, I have no popularity! It has always been a strong policy of THE WARRIORS SWORD, and all my ministry in fact, to stay away from

the "doctrinal arguments" in the newsletter and most of the time even in the preaching. We have readers from both sides, and we avoid the issues because I don't want to waste our very limited time battling on a hill that makes no difference. The gifts; the forms of baptism; the use of musical instruments; should you do communion every week-once a month-once a year; do you need to repeat the Lord's prayer every service; or other waste of time "arguments" in religion. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARTICLE IS NOT TO ARGUE WOMEN IN MINISTRY. Even though I know going in, that is how it will be read no matter how many times I explain it. I won't die on that hill. If you want to, that is your choice not mine. But I love how we take one line and stamp our entire Christian banner upon that line. And then totally ignore everything else that is said and convince ourselves the rest of what is said is not relevant to us. All that matters is what agrees with our viewpoint. Jesus presents an ideal in Matthew 23:23, the chapter where He decimates the religiosity of the "religious people". "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, HYPOCRITES! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and HAVE OMITTED THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW, JUDGMENT, MERCY, AND FAITH: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, AND NOT TO LEAVE THE OTHER UNDONE." Focusing on the lesser importance. Then some even take that and try to say Jesus taught we shouldn't tithe. And that is why there is so much confusion about the truths of the Bible. It is not the Bible that contradicts itself, but us trying to put our own spin on it. God made a wonderful gift to humankind giving us the Sabbath rest, and the priests through the ages added so much garbage to it, it became about control rather than blessing. People were so burdened by the regulations they could no longer enjoy rest! Religious people have always been and always will be more than willing to put their own opinions onto anything God says. That is why the Jerusalem Council had to take place. Because of religious people, not because of Christianity. I submit to you God will use anyone at any time to accomplish His purpose and spread His word. And often, it is because the ones that are supposed to be doing it, aren't doing it, so He has to use others. But instead of the ones that should be doing it repenting and getting down to business, they just condemn anyone else who is not according to their banner. Psalms 8:2 "OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS, hast thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, That thou mightiest STILL THE enemy and the avenger." Let me make this blunt. To shut up the loudmouth know it all, God let the words come out of the mouths of babies and sucklings. Jesus would quote this same ideal in Matthew 21:15-16 "And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he (Jesus) did, AND THE CHILDREN CRYING IN THE TEMPLE, AND SAYING, Hosanna to the son of David; THEY WERE SORE DISPLEASED, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, YEA: HAVE YE NEVER READ, OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS THOU HAST PERFECTED PRAISE?" If God wants to get the message across, He will give babies the voice of praise. Luke 19:39-40 "And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, THE STONES WOULD IMMEDIATELY CRY OUT." Ever notice is it always those who think they are religiously exalted that do the whining about how God does something. And if God needs to, He will use a stone! God used prophetesses. DEBORAH WAS A JUDGE, A PROPHETESS, A COUNSELOR, AND A MILITARY LEADER. FEW WOMEN IN HISTORY CAN MATCH THAT RESUME. AND MEN CAN'T MATCH IT EITHER!

Women!! God used a divorcee woman to lead an entire community to Him. I thank God that He feels no boundary from my opinions. He uses what He wants to use when He wants to use it. And just because someone that doesn't fit my banner leads people to Christ, it doesn't mean they are not really led to Christ because it didn't fit my spin. Stan Key: "The future of our planet rests squarely in the hands of those who change diapers, blow noses, prepare meals, do laundry, correct homework, read stories, run a taxi service, and say bedtime prayers."

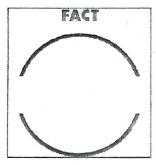
Women, you may have to become a rock crying out because bozos like Joel Osteen, Benny Hinn, Kenny Copeland and Jessie Duplantis have so corrupted the word it is unrecognizable anymore.

I unfortunately was an assistant pastor in a church with this attitude. The "elders" all lined up on the front pew like they were someone special, while all the wives sat in the back because they were "unworthy" to set up with the men. These men would celebrate women who got up to sing with their butt cheeks dropped out of their waist length dresses (probably it was because it was those men's eyeballs popping out of their head), and then eviscerate a girl for wearing pants. HYPOCRITE!! Maybe we should quit worrying about who IS spreading the Gospel and start working a little harder on those who ARE NOT spreading the Gospel. So much misrepresentation. So many twist around I Timothy to secure their banner. There are numerous churches I am not welcome in because of the misrepresentation of "husband of one wife". But these same people have children who are completely turned against God, and they will dismiss the verses about that and proclaim that doesn't apply to them. Ministers looking at pornography and lusting after other women and waving their banner that only they can be ministers. When I am totally unqualified according to the Word and so is every other person I have ever known, it is curious how the Bible can be twisted to only exclude others and not me. Or at least the way the word is interpreted by phonies who rise to authority because they have a few letters behind their name. It was the tremendous ladies who were faithful and led to a most effective church in Philippi. It was almost entirely the women who followed Him to the cross along with the Apostle John, while the mighty men coward away from the Roman soldiers. Paul says Timothy's faith basically came from his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. RUDYARD KIPLING: AN OUNCE OF MOTHER IS WORTH A POUND OF CLERGY. And when it comes to those who want to argue who God can and cannot use, I will take the ounce of mother over the pound of clergy any day of the week. Thank God He doesn't need my permission who to use.

(We want to thank Answers in Genesis for the next page on what is missing): If it was proven to be true, would you believe it? My son was telling me about a minister, who I had unfortunately never heard of, that asks that question. It is actually, "if Christianity was proven to be true, would you believe it?" The basis of the question: Is fact and truth what you search for, or just how you FEEL about the facts and truth? In recent issues, I have been dealing with the FACTS. But even in the Christian realm, we often do not want to deal with THE FACTS. We want to deal with how we feel about the facts. So someone presents the facts, and we say, "but I don't agree with that". Does it matter what we agree with? Or what the facts are? Again, I am not talking about interpretation. Because none of us know everything (believe me I don't), so my INTERPRETATION can be very wrong. But TRUTH AND FACTS are not up for interpretation. If you openly state you are not speaking the truth, that statement is not up for

interpretation or feelings. If you dispute the authority of the Scripture, you are not to be listened to, no matter if 90% of what you say is truth. The cults often teach truth, just enough truth to deceive you. So truth and facts become a very important thing. If you turn the page over, we have a little exercise for you. I WOULD LOVE YOU TO RESPOND, WHETHER BY EMAIL OR SNAIL MAIL. PLEASE!!! I would love for you to give me your input what you think is missing. There are six options. I won't tell you which one I chose, but I did choose one too. Will your interpretation be the same as mine?? I would really love to see how many of you will give your interpretation of what is missing. We will give you the answer next month!!

Consider the following 'fact.' Observe it very closely.

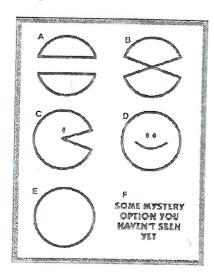


Now attempt to answer this question about the fact. What do you think this most likely was originally? What do you think is most likely missing?



Let me help you by offering you some options. See if one of these is one of the possibilities you

thought of.



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### PRAY PRAY! II CHRONICLES 7:14 JOEL 2:15-18 PRAY PRAY! PRAY FOR ISRAEL AND THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!!

<u>Francis Asbury: A person who reads the Scripture and yet does not pray has missed the most important part.</u>

# MICAELA'S COFFEE THOUGHT: MICAELA BOLSER: Welcome to Micaela's coffee thought! A section of the newsletter where I share my thoughts I get while drinking my morning coffee. Feel free to grab a cup of your favorite drink and enjoy!

So recently I haven't been drinking much coffee. Which sucks but the spirit of this writing will still be the same! I still drink coffee. It just hasn't been daily. Why am I sharing this? Well I want to be totally honest in these writings! Recently it's been difficult to write. Life has just been seemingly crashing down around me. I feel like I'm with the disciples in the boat while Jesus sleeps during the storm shouting "HEY! IT'S RAINING OUT HERE, WAKE UP!" As He just snoozes away, and I beg Him to wake up and shout "Be still" to the waves crashing into me. Alas, He's still; Teaching me to "be still". Not the waves. I'm currently reading the Book of Acts and there's something that just totally stood out to me. Acts 12:5-17, Peter has been thrown into prison and is surrounded by soldiers and shackled in chains. What is he doing? SLEEPING!?!? WHAT! He could die! Well he knows that. He's surrounded by enemies! He knows that too. At any point Herod could have sent for him and yet? He sleeps. Now the beginning of this situation says, "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church." I guarantee you the church didn't plan in their prayers on Peter being freed. Herod had just killed James. They were most likely praying for peace and guidance and IF it be God's will for him to be free; then please let it be. Peter was probably preparing to die. Yet, he sleeps. Like his Savior did before him in the boat. So Lord, keep teaching me to be still. When I am surrounded, When the odds seem impossible, keep me peaceful. Oh Lord also keep me in a constant state of prayer. No matter the situation. Even when it makes no sense. Even when the outcome doesn't seem good; YOU are good. Because no matter what comes from my situation, You have a plan. Whether that be an Angel coming to lead me out of the cell, or total persecution, God is good; ALL the time.

MIKE'S MANIFESTO: Have you ever influenced someone's life and didn't know it? Well that is a stupid question; isn't it?? If you didn't know it, then you don't know LOL. Most of us have done it though. Unfortunately, that can be in a good way or a bad way. I decided to share this in this format. I have been kind of outspoken in recent "days" of my sorrow for some of the directions I have gone in ministry. The many revivals being one of those regrets. The months away from home and the thousands upon thousands of miles traveled. Wearing out parts to vehicles as well as entire vehicles. And it was probably one of the biggest factors for why I am very alone now, and why many of the attitudes exist. Besides, most of the churches I did this for, I am not

even welcome at and that is not hyperbole. If I am welcome, I would never be asked to speak again. The churches have zero concern for what it cost me to go there and minister. And on the church's behalf, most of them are not in better condition now. Some are closed. Now, let me try to get this into chronological order. And if you stopped reading because you thought this was a complaining session, that will be your loss. A few weeks ago, I got an attitude adjustment. "Out of the blue", an old pastor friend I had done many revivals for sent and asked me if I remembered a particular young man. I did. I remembered his grandparents better, but I did remember him. The young man was trying to find me, but he only knew I was an evangelist that came to his church eighteen years ago, and my first name was Mike. He found Pastor Josh, and through that found me. Although I remembered Kyle, I did not know anything about his story at all. And it was a tremendous blessing to have him share it with me. How he was phenomenally touched at seventeen years old in a revival service in Grinnell, Iowa. I'm not going to share the details of this. I may do that in another format. But this young man, his wife, and three children have begun attending the church I pastor now. Certainly, God could have sent someone else to him, but He sent me. And I went. And this young man is saved today. I think also of Roger who died just a few days ago. It was in revival that I made acquaintance with him. Later, he would move to Pennsylvania and he and his wife would drive all the way to Indiana to attend revival there. I would never have known Roger if not for revivals. Joseph and Marley and James and Susan and Doug and Walter and Donna and Doris and Mary and Joy and Raelynn and young people that entered ministry after revival, and many I don't know their names, but I know their faces, are the epistle that God wrote in my life. I would never have met any of them. In the middle of a very dark time, God took me through a spiritual/mental journey in the wee hours of the morning. This was after Kyle came back into my life, and before Roger died. I have felt so deeply in recent years I was an absolute failure at being an Evangelist. I grieved I followed such a calling. Yet, that was God's calling for my life. It was a brutal calling. It made me unpopular in every church I pastored and in my family. And I understand that. But reality is, I never knew what success was. His ways are not my ways. What He called me to do has left massive scars. Sometimes God's call leaves scars. Ask Jesus and His apostles. It certainly doesn't help that many places do not even want me in their presence anymore. But it was what God called me to do. I was the odd ball pastor and evangelist doing both at the same time. I was never called to build church. My success was not based on churches and what happened to them. I was called to individuals. So when my churches grew, as most of them did, I thought "this is where I belong." But it never was!! My call was to individuals. God would send me across the country, not to make a church grow, but to reach one life. A Kyle or a Roger. That is why the ministry/mission trip a year ago was such a wonderful event in the life of this ministry. I could have easily asked several places during that two thousand mile trip to allow me to preach. But I didn't. I didn't ask a one. God gave me a number of people, some planned and some unplanned, to get to minister to. One to one. So I carry the scars of the ministry I was called to. To the absolutely booming popularity, then quickly took me to being alone. Desperately alone. But that is what God has called me to do. And that is okay!! The average church doesn't lead a single person to Jesus Christ ever. Any growth that happens is just people leaving one church and going to another. But God still calls and leads individuals to Him. And sometimes, He lets us be the ones leading them and we never even know it. Maybe not for eighteen years, when they enter back into our lives. So I need to get rid of the frustration of

scars and loss. And go back to one of my theme songs "I don't regret a mile I traveled for the Lord; I don't regret the times I trusted in His Word; I've seen the years go by many days without a song; But I don't regret a mile I've traveled for the Lord!" Don't you ever think your efforts for God are a failure!! EVER!! There are lives forever different because you obeyed!!

**PROGRESS UPDATE:** I started this section, deleted it, retyped it, deleted it, numerous times. I do not want to do this a wrong way. The Restaurant ministry is in a very volatile situation. The owner is selling our main daily restaurant. We have no way of knowing the impact this will have as we can't know how the new owner will look at ministry in their restaurant. The young lady who I have ministered to in the secondary restaurant has left the restaurant. Yet, God is still working in this: Gary is the retired college professor who taught evolution. He recently asked me the connection between Israel and the Second Coming. I shared with him from Abraham to Matthew 24, then sent him our study we did on Matthew 24. HE IS NOT A CHRISTIAN!! This is the email he sent me. "Wow! I am amazed at the power of your writing and of your insights. More clarity is given concerning the connection between Israel and the coming of Jesus. I confess I did not read it all to the end. But halfway I was already impressed. I did want to read Matthew 24 in its actuality as you recommended, and I shall do that now. Thanks for the insights." We also have a young man I have been ministering to at the restaurant who has now decided to come to church. So even in the uncertainty, God is still working. Thanks to the efforts of Micaela, and those of you who have helped, we were able to put a Bible into the hands of another youth. We continue to see the Ripple Effect Principle at work. Sometimes, we only see ourselves touching one thing. But through that one thing, many things are touched. We purchased toner for the copying machine which is a big item for the ministry. That was \$140, but very necessary money. The vehicles are definitely a necessity. We did a repair that was expected to be much less. But it required a more detailed part that actually took care of four cylinders instead of one. But the cost was double. Then, a little nail in the tire was \$32. In You Tube, we continue to see growth. In March, 5 new subscribers; 1040 views; and 5543 minutes viewed. To give perspective, for the month of February, we had 7 new subscribers; 855 views; 4216 minutes viewed. We now have 134 subscribers. We reached 100 Podcast downloads. I still don't understand this, but because of the numerous formats we are on with the Podcasts, people do not have to download to listen. I was counting downloads as listens. But there are more listening than are downloading. Now one of the LARGEST CONCERNS: Our Internet service is going from \$85 to \$129. We will have no choice in this at all but to cancel the service. If this happens it will stop videos, podcasts, newsletter, website so pretty much everything in the ministry. We desperately need God to provide an alternative. Do you remember the Manna Principle? God gave me this as I was driving from the terrible experience of Willcox, Arizona to move into a church building in Oskaloosa, Iowa. I had no job, no income, only THE WARRIORS SWORD Ministry. And at that time, we had just lost our main financial supporter. As I was traveling, God reminded me of the Israelite Children in the wilderness. They received Manna from Heaven. But it was filled with boundary. There was enough Manna for one day and they were not permitted to gather more. When they did, it was filled with worms by the next day. They had to absolutely without question depend on God to provide every day. Jeremiah said, "Morning by Morning new mercies I see." God said to me, "I will provide for you, but I will do it with the Manna Principle. Not ahead, but one day at a time and you will learn to

trust me. I have!!! I do not share the next part with you to question God at all. In 2022, the ministry brought in much more than we expected. The real game changer was the church in Oskaloosa had taken up offerings to help me have two eye surgeries. When I got insurance, none of the people wanted their money back, so they gave it to me in an offering of several thousand. In 2023 this ministry was so blessed as we received donations far above expectations. That is why we stocked up. We were only a few thousand short of what would have made me able to leave the pastorate and go full-time WARRIORS SWORD. We do not build buildings or buy luxury. WE MINISTER! In 2024 the first four months, it has been disastrous. Especially looking at the huge internet increase. If we continue on the pace we are on, we will be far below half of what we brought in last year. And there are no big church offerings coming; at least that we know of. We have really been seeking how God wants us to proceed. From just the financial standpoint, we will have no choice. In a short time, things will shut down completely. We have already cancelled plans for another ministry/mission trip this year. Is that what God wants? If it is, that is perfectly fine with me. If not, would you pray He will open pathways we can't see. I know He can. In 2021, He provided for me and every single need when I had no job. We need your prayers. We are battered, but not broken.

THE ECLIPSE AND SENSATIONALISM: II Peter 3:3-4 "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." Let me say right up front, this is not about you if you watched the eclipse or not. I have no concern at all if you took the time to purchase glasses and take photos and whatever. I had no desire to do any of that, but that does not make you wrong if you did. What does frustrate me deeply is this incessant mercenary prophet parade that happens every time an event takes place. We are immediately saturated with the "this will be the thing that brings Jesus' return" promotions. This is not something new. It has been going on since the planets aligned, Y2K, the four blood moons, the end of the Mayan calendar, and of course the eclipse. Is God trying to tell us something? He is trying to YELL US SOMETHING!! Loudly. But that does not mean that everything signals His return. He told us things that would be happening to signal His soon coming return. We are full boar in the middle of those events. But we must stop this sensationalism. We need to not help these mercenary prophets promote their message. We need to ignore them and tell everyone else to ignore them to. We are causing people to be cynics about the coming of Christ. They have heard this alarm sounded so much and the day passes and nothing!! The devil is distracting people using the sensationalism. And when Jesus returns, no one will be watching because they will be watching the eclipse. What is happening in Israel right now, and the recent action of Iran is major sign!! We told you by video right after Hamas attacked, the key would be if Iran and Russia got involved!! They are!! I listened to an absolutely ignorant professor. A professor of what? Must be the same thing Biden studied in school. He said Iran had no desire to go to war with America or Israel. WHAT?? Is there really that kind of stupidity out there? You bet. And that is why many college students believe Israel is occupying the land and committing genocide. It is absurd!! Biden, supposedly to lower gas prices, emptied the nation's reserve of gasoline. For decades, we have maintained a three year supply. Did this action lower gas prices? Not a bit. It destroyed our national security and Biden cancelled plans to refill emergency oil reserve. He is leaving it empty. So

when the attack comes from Gog and his cohorts, we will be devastated. Much to Braindead's sorrow, Fighter Jets and Battleships do not run on electricity. We are actively in the process of turning our back on Israel. The college students and AOC and her fellow America haters have been pushing for it. It is coming. Braindead and Blinken are in the process. THIS IS THE DEATH NAIL IN THIS NATION'S COFFIN. Recently at a "Christian" men's conference, a feature was a dance pole male stripper act. This is what happens when we exalt churches like Elevation "Worship" who teach "fire lines" and "grave soaking" promoted by the phony jesus from The Chosen when he glorified a homosexual hippy and Christians flocked to spend their money to watch it. We are racing toward the end. And God is shouting warning to us. But the warning is not Y2K or the eclipse. Don't allow Satan to distract you.

JONATHAN SWIFT: VISION IS THE ART OF SEEING WHAT IS INVISIBLE TO OTHERS. DAVID JEREMIAH: GOD CALLS US TO DO THINGS THAT CAN BE STARTED IN OUR STRENGTH, BUT MUST BE COMPLETED IN HIS.

THURSDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. YOU CAN BE PRETTY MUCH ASSURED THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT HONOR THIS DAY. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE SOME TIME ON THIS SET ASIDE DAY AND PRAY, FOR YOUR CHURCH, FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, FOR YOUR NATION, FOR YOUR FAMILY, FOR YOURSELF. SUNDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> IS PENTECOST SUNDAY. WE NEED TO MOVE ON IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE CROSS AND THE RESURRECTION TO THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PENTECOST. THIS IS THE BIRTHDAY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH AND WE HONOR THIS CELEBRATION. TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> IS RECOGNIZED AS YOUR SPECIAL DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND WE HONOR YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! MONDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> IS MEMORIAL DAY. THIS IS THE DAY WE HONOR THOSE SOLDIERS WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO WIN AND/OR SECURE OUR FREEDOM. IN THE WORLD WHERE MANY HEROES NO LONGER EXIST, OUR SOLDIERS ARE HEROES AND DESERVE TO BE HONORED AS SUCH. WE PROMISE TO NEVER FORGET THE SACRIFICES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. THANK YOU SOLDIERS WHO HAVE LAID DOWN YOUR LIVES!

THE FACTS: I am old enough to remember the show Dragnet. Yes I am old! Sgt. Friday would say "Just the facts, ma'am." The problem is, today we no longer determine our thinking with the facts. We determine our thinking by what "WE BELIEVE" about the facts. Recently, I presented documented facts and people shared they didn't agree. With the facts?? So someone presents the facts to us, and we say, I don't agree with you? See there is a difference between facts and interpretations. Of course, you have every right to disagree with my interpretation, or my opinions. I have stated it openly. I do not know everything, I have not been everywhere, so therefore, what I think is not infallible. But facts, on the other hand, are not concerned with what you think or agree with, nor me! Facts are facts. Now, as I write this, I am thinking about several issues, but I am not going to get into a debate. Apparently, recently Joey Braindead said anyone who disputes climate change are Neanderthals LOL. What he is too ignorant to know, evolution presents a total misrepresentation of Neanderthals. Fact is, Neanderthals were much smarter than Joey Braindead will ever dream of being. They were not transitional between an ape and a man!! Okay, want to say you don't agree with the facts?? Go find you an ape, sit

down in a comfortable chair and wait as long as you want to. One hundred years, one thousand years, a million years, a billion years. It is true, I do not know everything. But one thing I do know. That ape is never going to, even in a small amount, become a human. Go stand out by a pile of dirt and wait the same length of time. That pile of dirt is never going to be anything but a pile of dirt. THAT IS FACTS. AND FACTS ARE NOT DISPUTABLE. NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK OR BELIEVE ABOUT THEM. Course Biden thinks Easter is Transgender Visibility Day, so what do you expect. People will say Mike I disagree with you. Your disagreeing means nothing. The facts are the facts. And while Braindead is busy looking at a man who thinks he is a woman, or maybe a monkey, I will look to my Savior who left a tomb empty!!

CRISIS AND THE BLITZ: I've been reading a book before Sunday services in my office called FACING THE BLITZ by former NFL quarterback Jeff Kemp. Jeff is the son of Jack who not only was an NFL quarterback, but a wonderful U.S. Senator. I wanted to give credit where it is due. I do not like to take credit for thinking that did not originate with me. What is almost always true of me, someone else may have the original thought, but my brain definitely adds to it LOL. "The same blitz that threatens to destroy you can also build you." Kemp shares "The Chinese character for crisis combines two smaller characters. One represents danger, and one represents opportunity. That is the nature of a crisis." If you are playing basketball and you get double teamed, someone is open. The second man guarding you has left his man open. When you face a blitz, there is no defensive presence down field. If you can keep your wits about you and not crumble under the fear of the attack, you can accomplish more under pressure than you ever could in a relaxed setting. Most of us would much rather have the relaxed setting. If you pray for tension and pressure, I offer you counseling to help you become normal LOL. But James put it "COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YOU FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS!" WHAT?? ARE YOU CRAZY JAMES? Paul put it, "...BUT WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS ALSO." Paul was crazy too LOL. No!! Both of these men knew it is often in the largest crisis, we find our greatest opportunity to shine. I am never impressed by the advice of someone that has never faced struggle in their life. This is the type of person that will yell out the window at a hurting family "get a job". If you have ever faced the reality of not knowing what you were going to eat for the next meal, I HAVE, you will never yell out the window. It is that mixture of the Chinese alphabet for the word crisis. It is danger, but it is also opportunity. There are lots of dangers that face us in this present time. And I think that will get worse. But these dangers can be the greatest opportunity to make a difference in the world around us. When you face a crisis, immediately begin looking for the opportunity. I said that in my hospital stay from Christmas through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. I think God put me there to be a witness to those around me. It was dangerous, but oh the opportunity that God provided!! I think often we don't see the opportunity because we are so focused on the crisis. We see the double team. We see the blitz. We can't focus our eyes beyond the circumstances to see the teammates left open. I love the quote: Rudyard Kipling is famous for saying: "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you. If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too... Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, and which is more, you'll be a man, my son!" Let's be a man! A woman!! Let's face the blitz and double team and let's make the devil regret he ever tried that strategy. And we can yell **TOUCHDOWN!!**