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PRAY 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."

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IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED, PASTOR MICAELA AND/OR PASTOR MIKE WILL FIND A TIME AND DATE THAT WORKS TO COME AND SPEAK FOR YOUR CHURCH OR GROUP, AND/OR DO REVIVALS. YOU CAN MAKE CONTACT AT THE MINISTRY ADDRESS ABOVE AND THE MINISTRY WILL GET BACK WITH YOU TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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 17TH, 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 6th 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 ALWAYS 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!!