

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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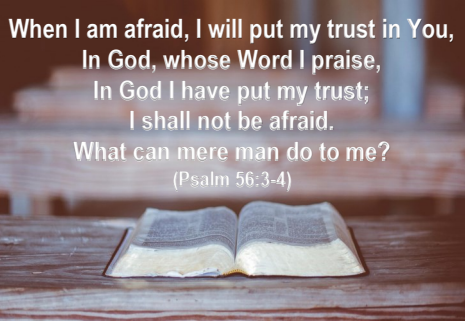
...Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of Faith...
(Hebrews 12:2)

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

This is a question our ministry is often asked these days. This world in which we live is in much turmoil especially as it grapples with Covid and its many adverse effects on lives, families, jobs, economies, etc. Our prayer list abounds with those that are suffering through cancer, physical pain, various illnesses as well as those experiencing emotional pain, burdens and sorrows. Many are also experiencing the destruction that comes with natural disasters including raging fires, earthquakes and hurricanes.



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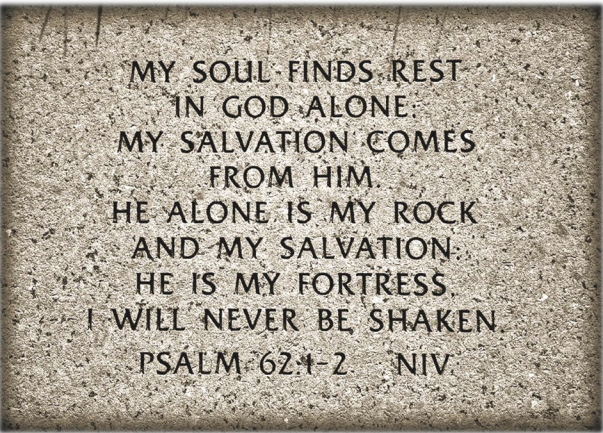
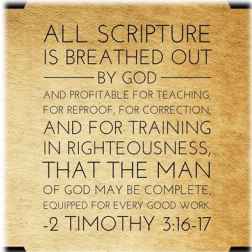
PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS - AND EVEN FEARFUL. Many are discouraged. Some are angry. Here in America, our nation is deeply divided, and these differing opinions are destroying relationships. In addition, justice and liberty for all seems to be taking on a new structure – one that will bring great consequences for our children. Sadly, today there is also no standard of morality. Everyone does what is “right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25).

WHERE ARE WE HEADED? WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN?

Many seek help and hope from the government or from a favorite political candidate or party to point us in the right direction. Many seek insight from all kinds of media sources. So many conflicting theories and differing concepts! Who or what is going to help us?

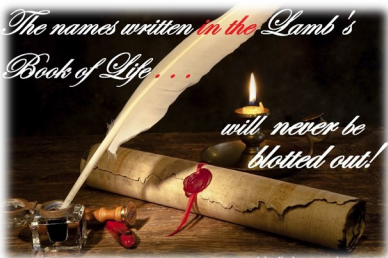
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO LIVE? WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO? FOR THE CHRISTIAN -- TRUTH, HOPE AND HELP COMES FROM GOD AND HIS WORD.

In our yearning to grasp at something we can see, hear and touch – we tend to neglect seeking the omniscient, all-wise GOD of heaven and earth through the pages of Scripture. What does HE have to say about where we are headed? How does HE help His people? How does HE tell us to live each day – especially in times of trouble?



When we go to GOD with an open Bible crying out to Him in our troubles and distresses, He sends us His Word to heal and deliver us from the pit of despair and destruction. Jesus told us in John 14:1 to not let our hearts keep on being troubled, but rather to trust Him and our Heavenly Father. Our GOD is the Sovereign GOD of the Universe. We can always trust that what HE is doing is right and good in light of eternity. This world is passing away because of man’s sin and the effects of sin on this world. Left to himself, man would have already destroyed it all.

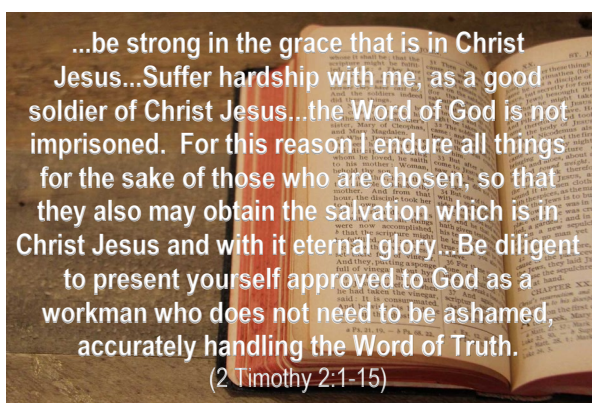
BUT GOD has revealed His eternal plan to us in the pages of Scripture. We know that this world is passing away; and as God’s people, we know that there is coming a new heaven and a new earth where there will never, ever be any sin and there is no need for the light of the sun or the moon because the glory of God Himself will illumine it and Jesus will be its lamp. And the only people that will be allowed to live in this new heaven and new earth for all eternity are those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life (Revelation 21:27).



SO, as born-from-above Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ whose names GOD has mercifully and graciously written in the Lamb's book of life, **WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING?**

WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MAKING DISCIPLES IN OBEDIENCE TO OUR LORD'S COMMAND!

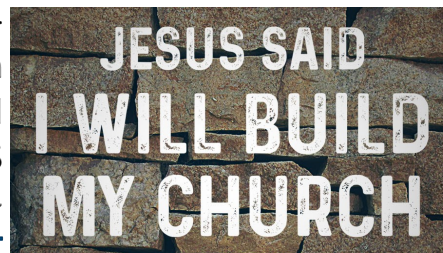
- Earnestly seeking GOD in prayer and the Word on a daily basis in order to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Praying by name for souls to be saved.
- Praying to walk by the Spirit and not the flesh in daily life and praying for Holy Spirit boldness to witness; and trusting GOD in obedience when it's time to witness.
- Praying for Pastors, Teachers, Missionaries to be endued with power from on High to preach, teach, proclaim Truth from GOD's Word in every circumstance and for the Holy Spirit to convict and transform hearts.
- Praying for the body of Christ around the world to love and obey Christ with a whole heart, to fulfill His mission to Make Disciples, and to endure and persevere in any and every circumstance – all in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Recently, I (Tressa) started teaching the Book of Acts to the Ladies Bible Studies. When I look at the early Christians of the New Testament church, they didn't have a Constitution. (We have been so blessed in America!) In fact, these early Christians were continuously oppressed and persecuted by both the Roman government and the "religious authorities" suffering both injustice and religious opposition. They had few laborers, little money, no church buildings, no media, no church growth programs, no music ministries...

THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A NEW TESTAMENT!!! All they had was GOD the Father, GOD the Son, GOD the Holy Spirit [Three in One], and the Old Testament Scriptures -- and the church grew! They lived for GOD; they were full of GOD; and they relied upon GOD.

THEY TRUSTED JESUS TO BUILD HIS CHURCH – and they were continually devoting themselves to prayer for just that purpose. Even when threatened by authorities to not speak or preach Christ, they continued to speak and preach in obedience to GOD and prayed that GOD by HIS Spirit would enable them to speak HIS Word with confidence and boldness (Acts 4:29-31). **THEY HAD COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO CHRIST and delighted to do HIS will, no matter the cost – and abundant grace was upon them all and JESUS was adding souls to their number daily.**



If we really think about it: **If we are saved, WE HAVE GOD!** Everything in this world can be gone in an instant – but **CHRISTIANS HAVE GOD** [a relationship with God the Father through Jesus the Son and indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit] and no one can take GOD away from us. **SHOULDN'T WE BE ABOUT BRINGING THE SAME TO OTHERS?**

By GOD's grace, this ministry continues to MAKE DISCIPLES through the teaching of GOD's Word. We thank you for your love, prayers and support as we bring the Light of Hope to souls for salvation and the teaching of GOD's Word for believers to live Aflame for Christ ablaze with His glory.

May the Lord richly bless you,

Ray, Tressa & Gwen

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We praise GOD that Ray's
PETSCAN on 9/16
once again revealed
NO CANCER!
Gwen is also now
fully healed from
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