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# WEBSITE UPDATE

The start of a new year is always a time to look back on the old year and ahead to the new year. Looking back can be painful. For some, 2018 was a very difficult year. That is why both Miss Linda and I wanted to write articles that will help put things in perspective.

We want to help you avoid living the rest of your life in a time capsule. A time capsule is something filled with things that show people in the future how life was in the past. Unfortunately, some people allow themselves to live in their time capsule. They live there with all the hurt, pain, and disappointment of their past. There is no future in that!

God has a future for you and we want you to see that. We encourage you to read "It Is Just One Chapter" and "Living With Eternity In View." These articles will help you get out of the time capsule mentality. With God, we all have a bright future!

**Happy New Year!!** 

# FEATURE ARTICLE: "IT IS JUST ONE CHAPTER!"

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.

You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

Coming up with fresh, new articles each month can be a challenge. It's not hard finding something to write about; the trick is to hear from God and only write what He tells you. But what if you aren't getting anything from Him; now what do you do? It is during these times I have experienced something I find totally fascinating. If I can just get into a worship and praise service where there is a strong anointing of the Holy Spirit, it seems as if a floodgate of creative ideas is opened.

Such was the case back in the first part of November. It was time to start writing my January article, but I just couldn't seem to get any clear direction. The first Sunday in November we decided to visit Vintage City Church in Ft. Collins. People we hold in high regard have told us so many good things about this church. One of the things we had heard was that there is a very special anointing upon their worship and praise.

We decided to attend their middle service. (They have three.) We purposely arrived early so we could visit with folks after the first service. It was so good to see many dear friends. However, something else happened that we could not have planned. Their foyer is quite open to the main auditorium so when you walk through the front entrance you are almost in the auditorium. The first service was still going on, and the instant I walked in I felt an amazing manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was so strong that I was shocked.

After the first service ended, we visited for a while and then found our seats for the second service. The worship was wonderful! Jesus was in the room! I guess you know what happened next. As I rejoiced in the presence of the Lord, He dropped the seed thought for this article into my heart. I got out my cell phone and made myself a note.

Here is exactly what I wrote: "If you want to know the whole story, you must read more than one chapter." I knew this was a bone with very little meat on it, but I also knew it was from the Lord and that He would help me write an entire article using it as my starting point. I pray it will bless you.

Our lives are made up of what Ecclesiastes 3 calls "seasons."

# Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ICB)

- "There is a right time for everything. Everything on earth has its special season.
- 2 There is a time to be born and a time to die.
- There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants.
- 3 There is a time to kill and a time to heal.
- There is a time to destroy and a time to build.
- 4 There is a time to cry and a time to laugh.
- There is a time to be sad and a time to dance.
- 5 There is a time to throw away stones and a time to gather them. There is a time to hug and a time not to hug.
- 6 There is a time to look for something and a time to stop looking for it. There is a time to keep things and a time to throw things away.
- 7 There is a time to tear apart and a time to sew together. There is a time to be silent and a time to speak.
- 8 There is a time to love and a time to hate. There is a time for war and a time for peace."

We have all seen this play out in our lives. Put simply, it is how life works. There are good times and bad times, times to plant and times to harvest, etc. The list goes on and on. I believe what the Lord dropped in my heart does not change what Ecclesiastes is saying, but rather puts it in the context that the "seasons" we experience are not just random times, but "chapters" in our life's story. This is so important and I want to show you why.

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It is important because we all tend to focus more on the immediate things we are experiencing (seasons) and lose sight of the amazing story of God's faithfulness to us from the cradle to beyond the grave. When we do this, we get stuck in one chapter and sometimes that can be very discouraging! Allow me to illustrate.

I am very sure that all our readers can find themselves somewhere in the first 8 verses of Ecclesiastes 3. Thank God, some can say that the season they are in is a good season; they would want it to continue indefinitely. However, as sure as the sun will set in the west tonight, there are others who are praying for God to get them out of the season they are in. What they are experiencing may be worse than anything they could have ever imagined. I want to tell you something you need to know; you both have something in common. Where you are right now is just another chapter in your life's story.

This brings me back to what the Lord spoke to me back in November: "If you want to know the whole story, you must read more than one chapter." Your story did not begin with the chapter you are living now, nor will it end with it. I absolutely promise you that. I know it may be hard, but you must not lose sight of this reality.

I have lived long enough to have proven this to be true. There have been more than a few chapters in my story that, if I had been given the choice, would have been edited out. Some were confusing and some were very painful. Some were both! However, the good thing about long life is that you live long enough to see that out of the confusion and pain, something amazing can be created.

The other wonderful thing about serving God is that the Bible gives us wonderful glimpses as to how our story will end. First of all, it is very clear, you are going to make it!

### Romans 8:37 (ERV)

"But in all these troubles we have complete victory through God, who has shown his love for us."

He has not forsaken you, nor will He. He finishes what He has started. Your life, no matter how dark it may be now, has a wonderful, happy ending.

# 1 Corinthians 2:9 (ERV)

"But as the Scriptures say, "No one has ever seen, no one has ever heard, no one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

Believe it, because it is true and it is talking about you. It is a part of your life's story! If you have a hard time feeling as if this is of much help right now, it is because you are only reading the chapter of your life's story that you are currently living. You need to remember, "If you want to know the whole story, you must read more than one chapter." Paul kind of puts all this in perspective in Romans 8.

## Romans 8:18 (TPT)

"I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us."

I could go on and on, but I want to start wrapping this up by going back to the thing God dropped in my heart: "If you want to know the whole story, you must read more than one chapter." Truer words have never been spoken. So many times, Miss Linda and I have said, "The last chapter of the book has not yet been written." That is true of all of us. Every day our stories continue to be written. The season you are in now is only one chapter of many. Don't get so focused on it that you lose sight of eternity. I encourage you to live every day with eternity in view. That, too, is a part of your story. Never forget it.

And by the way, the next time you desperately feel like you need a word from God, you might try finding a good church where God shows up. Contrary to what some would tell you, there are still some really good churches!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH





# "Living With Eternity In View"

Here we are at the start of 2019. I can hardly believe it! This past year, there have been so many times I have heard my family and

friends say, "Time seems to be going so fast." Even some of my younger grandchildren have said this.

The coming of a new year is a time when many purpose in their heart to make some long overdue changes in their lifestyle. These New Year's resolutions usually include things such as: weight loss, eating right, exercise, etc. I have no problem with this, but can't help but wonder if there are some other things that would be far more important to consider. What am I referring to?

I have always found it curious how Christians can say they believe certain things and yet not live lives that reflect their supposed belief. I could give many examples but will limit this to only one. Do you believe in life after death? Ask any Christian that question and 100% will tell you that they do. Their answer is based upon what they read in their Bible.

### John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This is the theme verse of the Christian faith. The grave is not the end! Jesus proved this when He rose from the dead. Without this wonderful truth, there would be no Christian faith. This truth is universally agreed upon by every Christian denomination and sect worldwide. But do we really live like we believe it? Here are some scriptures to consider

### Matthew 6:19-20 (KJV)

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

### 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (KJV)

"Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

# "Living With Eternity In View" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

# 2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV)

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

This is what I am talking about. We say we believe these scriptures and that is why we believe in life after death. But then why do our lives not reflect that? My dear friends, eternity is endless, and we need to never forget that this life is our only chance to establish the reward we will be given when we come to it.

Perhaps now would be a good time to talk about what Paul is referring to when he says that some build using "gold, silver, and precious stones" while others use "wood, hay, and stubble." Many a sermon has been preached about this by those much more qualified than myself. However, I do have my own personal thoughts about this question.

I see it like this: Some use things of great value while others use things of very little value. So what things have great value and what things don't? Some may have other answers, but as I see it, the things of great value are the things that money can't buy. It is my honesty, my integrity, my love for the Lord and His kingdom, and my willingness to do and say whatever He tells me, whether it is popular or not. These are all things I believe have great value.

I need to say that these are the things my husband and I used to guide our lives and our ministry. We never set out to win the praise of man. We never purposed in our hearts to attain fame by building a big church or a big Christian school. We never even gave a thought as to what legacy we would leave. Earthly legacies are all about what men think of us and we never saw this as being of any great value. We lived our lives with eternity in view, knowing that someday we would stand before our Lord and everything we had done while in the flesh would be tried by fire.

Yes, in the Kingdom of God, motives do matter. Certainly, things done to gain fame and fortune must fall into the category of wood, hay, and stubble. This appears to be something many have forgotten. That is why a good New Year's resolution would be to reevaluate what your motives and priorities are, just to be sure they are not wood, hay, or stubble. If we purpose to live the coming year with eternity in view, it will change our lives and our eternity.

On July 4, 1952, a young woman named Florence Chadwick waded into the water off Catalina Island, intending to swim the channel to the California coast. Long distance swimming was not new to her; she was the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. But on this day the water was numbingly cold, and a heavy fog rested over the water. She swam for 15 hours before asking to be taken out of the water by her team that followed her in boats. Her trainer urged her to keep going because she was close, only one mile from shore. But Florence just couldn't make it. "I'm not excusing myself," she said later, "but if I could have seen the land, I might have made it." Two months later she did make it, because this time the weather was clear and she could see her goal with every stroke.

Believers, when we reach eternity, if we are going to hear our Lord say, "Well done good and faithful servant," we must keep our eyes on Jesus and live each day with eternity in view. I am convinced that this, more than anything else, is what motivated the apostle Paul.

# 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ERV)

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have served the Lord faithfully.

8 Now, a prize is waiting for me—the crown that will show I am right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give it to me on that Day. Yes, he will give it to me and to everyone else who is eagerly looking forward to his coming."

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE!

# PROPHECY UPDATE

# Who was Jamal Khashoggi?

In 2018 one of the biggest news stories of the year was the murder of Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul on October 2nd. As usual, President Trump was demonized by the press for not loudly condemning our ally, Saudi Arabia. I must admit that I, too, found it a bit curious that our president was so silent. So, I set out to find out just who this Jamal Khashoggi was. What I found was quite enlightening and explained President Trump's silence.

In high school, Jamal Khashoggi had a good friend. His name was Osama bin Laden. The friendship endured with Jamal Khashoggi following Osama bin Laden to Afghanistan. It is well known that when Osama bin Laden set up Al-Qaeda, he called Khashoggi with the details.

After Afghanistan, Jamal Khashoggi went to work as a media adviser for former Saudi intel boss, Prince Turki bin Faisal, alleged to have links to Al-Qaeda. Those allegations came from none other than Zacarias Moussaoui, the alleged twentieth hijacker who perpetrated the attacks of September 11 on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

As I dug deeper, it became very apparent that Jamal Khashoggi was not the moderate journalist he has been portrayed as. Some describe him as the leader of the Saudi Muslim Brotherhood. This Islamist network admires Hitler and seeks to impose Islamic law around the world. Nor was he a supporter of freedom of the press. In one of his Al Jazeera appearances, he complained that the Saudi government was allowing some journalists to report positively on Israel.

Here is where things turned ugly for Khashoggi. He went on making a case for the Islamic state of the Muslim Brotherhood, even though the Saudis had decided that the Brotherhood had become too radical and too dangerous.

Because of this, Khashoggi was forced to go into exile in Turkey. However, he continued to speak out against the Saudis and even encouraged Islamists to overthrow the kingdom. Media spin describes Khashoggi as a moderate dissident. Khashoggi wasn't a moderate; no more so than the Muslim Brotherhood or Osama bin Laden. He wasn't a proponent of human rights, but of Islamic Jihad and Islamic rule.

He could be found on Al Jazeera, Qatar's Jihadist propaganda network, bemoaning Saudi opposition to the Brotherhood and its friendliness to Israel. "Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman should get rid of his complex against the Muslim Brotherhood and stop treating them as the enemy or a threat to Saudi Arabia," he complained, and urged the Saudis to fight Israel instead.

The Khashoggi case demands context and that is what I have tried to establish for you. This is just another example of the bias the secular news media has against our president. Don't think for one moment that they are not aware of who Jamal Khashoggi really was.

We do not know why Khashoggi went to the Saudi consulate nor what happened while he was there that led to his murder. This we do know: The world is a much better place because it is rid of this violent human being who supported international terrorism and the establishment of an Islamic state that he believed would eventually rule the entire world.

Do I condone the murder of my enemies? Of course not! But I also know that the Bible is true when it says:

"Be not deceived, what a man sows, that shall he also reap."

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