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In the past month there have been articles about me in *Newsweek*, *MSN*, *The New York Times*, *The Daily Mail* (U.K.) as well as the tabloids. All of them were about my message of the coming revolution/civil war. Though I don't think any of these portrayed the message I've been sharing about this accurately, or my intentions for doing it, it is apparent that our growing civil conflict is being acknowledged by nearly everyone as at least a precursor to civil war.

I must admit that my prophecy about the impending civil war is one prophecy I would much rather be wrong about. War is the worst judgment we can suffer, and civil war is the worst kind of war. Yet, there are righteous wars and righteous civil wars. Our nation has become a very sick society. Perversion and nearly every form of debauchery is celebrated, while righteousness and truth are attacked and trampled upon. There is a time, as Abraham Lincoln understood, when a civil war must be fought in order to preserve the Union.

Abraham Lincoln also understood that the Civil War was judgment on both sides. It is the same with the present national trauma. While many have sided with what the Lord called "evil" and "wickedness," few of those who know the truth and claim to stand for God's righteousness and justice have stood up to challenge the evil as the country slid into growing darkness. As we are told in James

4:17, "Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin."

So, we are all guilty. The heathen are only doing what people do when they do not have the light. They do not have it because the light of the church in America has become dim. The church here is in perhaps the weakest state it has ever been in. Many have become more engaged politically, which is a good thing, but the government is not called to be the source of light and truth—the church is. We must recover the light and stand boldly for it.

With the exception of a few, the church has succumbed to the spirit of the world more than it has been a light to the world. For too long studies have shown that there is no longer a distinguishable difference between the heathen and those who claim to be the most devout Christians in basic issues such as integrity and morality. The church in America, in general, is in a lukewarm state at best. At worst it has fallen.

The first-century church leaders were bold to stand against the powers of their time, declaring that they would obey God rather than men. The message of most Christian leaders today seems to be that they have decided to obey men rather than God. It seems that many Christian leaders now think they are supposed to be meek and mild rather than bold and courageous like the great lights of Scripture and history.

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A few years ago, I challenged a few senators and congressmen in Washington about the seeming lack of courage there. Their response was that we would see a lot more courage in Washington if they saw any in the church. I could not argue.

There is a bill now being pushed in Congress that seems especially designed to force Christianity from any public engagement. Its designation is HR-5, and is called “the Equality Act.” This could not be a worse mischaracterization, since it brazenly makes one tiny group “more equal than others,” or gives them rights superior to the rest of the citizens of the United States. This bill is the most blatant attack on our Constitution in our history, especially targeting our First Amendment rights of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press.

This attack on our Constitution and our basic rights is coming from “the enemy within,” which is within our own government. Every government office holder took an oath to defend the Constitution from enemies both foreign and domestic, and now as many as half of them are those domestic enemies. Our Constitution has been almost completely nullified as “the supreme law of the land,” which means our Constitutional Republic no longer is, and a terrible tyranny is already taking its place.

What can we do? A lot in the natural and the spiritual. We must fight in both realms because we are citizens in both and have authority in both. As the Scripture says “the natural first, and then the spiritual” (see I Corinthians 15:46), we will look at the natural first.

As long as we still are a Republic, “we the people” are the sovereign. The government exists for the people, not the other way around. Because the federal government is now so dysfunctional that it cannot fix itself, the states and the people must take their authority to save the Republic.

The left that has seized power is now exercising its power far beyond its mandate or constitutional authority. They have proven that they are not going to play by the rules, or even have a semblance of due process or adherence to the Constitution except when it is politically expedient for them to do so. They attacked duly elected President Trump as illegitimate from the day he took office and called it patriotism. They call those who feel the same about Biden “insurrection.” This is

the kind of extreme rhetoric we must expect and resolve not to be intimidated or manipulated by it.

I spent years studying our history to see if America really was ordained by God for a special reason, and I now have no doubt that it was. The American Republic is not just an experiment to see if people can govern themselves, but we are a part of God’s plan to prepare the way for His coming kingdom. We are told in Isaiah 40 that we prepare the way for Him by building a highway, which is to build on God’s higher way. That is our calling.

We have not done this perfectly, and in many things not even very well. We have made tragic mistakes just like every other nation. Even so, the foundations of our government were built upon a divine wisdom that is beyond what any man or group of men could have come up with on their own. They acknowledged it, and we must too. However, we must also see how far we have deviated from that foundation, how costly this has been, and how crucial it is for the foundations to be restored.

America has been the nation that loved God and honored Him perhaps more than any other nation in history. The important thing is that it was done with freedom, not under compulsion. There can be no true worship unless there is the freedom not to worship, which our founders had the wisdom to see. But we loved Him, honored Him, and sought to walk in His ways, as the people not just the government.

During the First Great Awakening as many as 90% of the colonists in what is now the United States had become Christians. For most of our history we have been a nation that loved God and loved His ways. There have also been times of general spiritual malaise, backsliding, and moral degeneration, but revivals have always awakened us out of these. We may have never seen the degree of moral and spiritual depravity that we’re seeing today, but we can also expect to see an Awakening on a new level. Christians and Jews are now being persecuted in America, and it will get worse, but so will the light get brighter that will burn brightly from those who remain faithful.

We must keep in mind that it has always been in the darkest times that the greatest prophets arose and the greatest revivals started. God’s grace has been shed on America, and it

will be His grace that gets us through the present crises. Along with the unprecedented debauchery and evil, there are signs of something even greater than a revival coming upon our land.

Revivals are important, and can do the necessary job of waking up a sleeping church. However, revivals tend to be short-lived, usually lasting only a few months. A few very extraordinary ones such as the recent Brownsville Revival have lasted a few years. Yet Awakenings last for decades and bring about profound change in not just the church, but in society as well. We will see many revivals break out, but they will be the waves upon the great tide of another Awakening.

It was during Britain's worst time of depravity and spiritual darkness that William Wilberforce arose as an extraordinary voice of conscience and truth. He was ridiculed and marginalized, but he would not quit. For over two decades he stood against the darkness without compromise until the land was radically transformed. Not only was slavery abolished without a civil war in the U.K., but the biblical standards of righteousness and justice became so esteemed that the next two generations were known for their remarkable morality as "the Victorian Age."

It has been done before. As we see in Scripture, many times Israel fell into debauchery and apostasy, but would be sent great champions and prophets to draw them back to their God. We must never lose hope for America, but neither can we retreat before the enemies of our God and His truth any further. We must stand.

What are we, *MorningStar*, going to do? We are going to do one of the most offensive and dangerous things you can do in times like these—we're going to call good, "good," and evil, "evil." We're going to honor the honorable and call the dishonorable what it is. We're going to do the best that we can to be the salt and light we're called to be and challenge the great darkness that has arisen in our time.

If you think the media attention I've gotten recently is bad, I expect it to get much worse. If you're taking flak it is because you are over the target. We should not care what the media thinks or says anyway. We live to serve the God of our fathers and mothers, and will only care about what He thinks.

As the Lord said in John 5:44, "**How can you believe,**

when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?" The Greek word translated "glory" here could also be translated "recognition" or "approval." Jesus said "**how can you believe**" when you do this? It was not just a rhetorical question, but trying to please men rather than God is the biggest destroyer of faith. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 1:10, "**If I were still seeking to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.**" We must choose who we are going to please, be accepted by, and acknowledged by, because we cannot please both God and men.

We are setting a course to be even more bold in standing for God's truth, righteousness, and justice, and for confronting the darkness of our time. I'm sharing this with you because your association with MorningStar will likely become far more costly and dangerous. However, there is nothing more costly or dangerous than being cowards in the face of this onslaught as we see that the cowardly are the first to get thrown into the lake of fire in Revelation 21:8. Neither is there any safer place than being in God's will.

What is coming upon our country will separate the true believers from the pretenders. It will start with exposing the false shepherds as the hirelings they are. Then all who are prone to care more about what people think than what the Lord thinks will fall away. In Scripture this is called "the valley of decision."

As we decide what is most important to us, it will be decided whether we love the Lord and His truth more than we love this world. Then we will watch as those who seek to save their lives lose them, but those who lay down their lives for His sake find their life.

The modern patriotism, the true patriotism, the only rational patriotism, is loyalty to the Nation all the time, and loyalty to the Government when it deserves it.

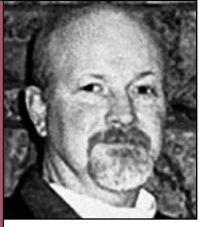
—Mark Twain 🐦

In His Service,



Rick Joyner

I Corinthians 15:58



1984 or 1984: Two Possibilities

BY LLOYD PHILLIPS

In the Spring of 2020 I had a dream, and in the dream I heard a heavenly voice say clearly *1984* or *1984*. You can read the original posting of that dream [here](#).

Any revelation has three parts—the revelation, the interpretation, and the application. The trickiest part is usually the interpretation, and the application can be influenced either for good or for ill based upon the accuracy of the interpretation of a revelation.

I considered the words *1984* or *1984* were about the 2020 Presidential election. Relating back to the election of 1984, Ronald Reagan was then the U.S. President and was running for reelection against a liberal Democrat/socialist, former Vice President who had a woman as a running mate. At the same time, he was fighting a communist threat from abroad, and a rising socialist threat from within.

In 1984 Reagan won reelection decisively. Comparing that to the 2020 election, President Trump also ran against a former Vice President Democrat/socialist with a woman as a running mate (only for the second time in history). Likewise, President Trump also won the election decisively—on election night. But as John 10:10 states, **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”** And so it was in the 2020 election. Below is an excerpt from *God’s Chaos Code* by Lance Wallnau ©2020 pages 70-71:

The children of this age . . . have plans, schemes, and ambitions to conquer the world. In America, the ambitious leftists can almost taste it. They have every ring but

one—the ring of ultimate power. They came so close . . . in 2016. They have manifested like denizens of hell ever since. They must have this ring to complete their conquest, and it is on the hand of Donald Trump. They must have Trump’s executive office. The power of the ring speaks to both sides of the aisle. Democrats want the power, and Washington Republicans want to return to the status quo.

The role Donald Trump seeks for America is that of an independent nation, supporting a global community of independent nations. The election looks increasingly like it will not be decided on November 3, as some rogue states are counting mail—in ballots as long as they are postmarked by midnight on election night. This means it could be a Trump landslide on election day, and then—surprise, surprise—ballots begin to arrive, postmarked November 3, 2020, with time stamps of 9:00p.m., 10:00p.m., or even 11:59 p.m. We could see within days that landslides turn into a margin, then potentially a Trump defeat. That scenario doesn’t even include the normal illegal ballots, ballot harvesting, and voter irregularities. The key indicator is going to be major networks like Fox, AP, and even Facebook not declaring a winner on election night. If that doesn’t happen, the election results will be contested, and the debate could last not just weeks but months.

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I find it disturbing that in all the talk of the election, there has been no mention of the Supreme Court’s 9-0 decision in 1997 *Foster vs. Love*, which ruled that Election Day means Election Day and only ballots received by midnight on Election Day may be counted. This comes from the U.S. Constitution Article Two Section 1 Clause 4. This, of course, was not upheld, nor any accountability for numerous other irregularities and interference.

Now comes the second part of the dream—the Orwellian portion. Since originally posting this dream in the Spring of 2020 I have discovered that many people do not know what the term “Orwellian” or *1984* is referring to. In the past George Orwell’s novel, *1984*, was required reading in American High Schools, as well as his novel *Animal Farm* and Aldous Huxley’s *Brave New World*. Arthur Koestler’s *Darkness at Noon*, and C.S. Lewis’ *That Hideous Strength* are also in the same genre. These books present a dystopian totalitarian view of the world in which people are dehumanized, tracked, controlled, and individualism prohibited. The word “dystopia” is from the Greek for “bad, hard” and “place.”

In Orwell’s *1984* the totalitarian superstate named Oceania is ruled by The Party who employs Thought

Police to persecute individuality and independent thinking. We get the term “Big Brother” from Orwell’s *1984* who was the leader of The Party. The Party slogan was “Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.” And so we have seen since election day 2020 the “Big Brothers” of today, including Big Tech, have extended extreme power to rewrite the narrative that there was no election fraud in the 2020 Presidential election and other related elections which took place then and shortly after. Orwell wrote in *1984*, “The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears.”

Immediately after the electors were accepted on January 6, “Big Brother Tech” went so far as banning the sitting President of the United States from his social media platforms so that he could not communicate, and continued to de-platform him from his email accounts, and beyond that into punishment of him by banks refusing to do business with him or his companies, and similar persecution of other individuals and entities who were deemed by Big Brother to deviate from the approved narrative, just like Orwell’s *1984*. George Orwell wrote, “The further a society drifts from truth, the more it will hate those who speak it.”

Orwell painted a picture where the consequences of totalitarianism were mass surveillance and repressive regimentation of people and their behaviors within society. It included perpetual war, omnipresent surveillance, rewriting history, constant propaganda, and violations of freedom of expression. Terms that we use today that come from Orwell’s book include “Big Brother,” “doublethink,” “thought crime,” “Newspeak,” and “memory hole” to name a few.

He wrote in *1984*, “The heresy of heresies was common sense.”

We have certainly seen an increase of the dystopian and Orwellian totalitarianism since the election, which was presented in my dream.

Interestingly, to my mind anyway, it seems that we find ourselves in a situation where we have both “1984”

scenarios from the dream. We had an election won decisively by a President running for reelection, and also an Orwellian overreach by a good portion of the government and their Big [Brother] Tech allies. What possibilities can this leave?

I can think of a couple of scenarios from the Bible which may be applicable to our current situation—stories of betrayal and redemption.

In II Samuel 15-17 is the story of King David's son Absalom. By long-term planning, deception, and scheming, he was able to usurp the King's throne and David was out of power and in exile while his life was sought by the new power elite. Eventually David was reinstated as the rightful King.

In another situation, in which King David was old and did not have long to live, his son and Absalom's brother, Adonijah, usurped the throne ahead of his father's death and had himself anointed as King (see I Kings 1). Through intervention of the King's wife, Bathsheba, and the Prophet Nathan, this rebellion was put down by the installation of Solomon as King, as David had earlier promised.

Since we currently find ourselves in a situation where we have both "1984" scenarios, it may be possible that we can also pray for a return of the President type scenario that we read about in II Samuel and I Kings. We have a President that was re-elected on election day according to the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. unanimous *Foster vs. Love* Supreme Court decision. He is a President in exile, and therefore we are in a situation that we have never experienced before.

Likewise, as the dream warned, we currently are experiencing the heavy hand of "Big Brother" government and Big Tech in an Orwellian manner which we have never experienced in this nation before, and they may be overplaying their hand. We have an elected commander-in-chief and a usurper commander-in-thief.

We know that God hates an unjust balance (see Proverbs 20:23) and also that He hears the petitions of His people and delivers them from their troubles (see Psalm 34:17). While it may not have happened in our history, it has happened in God's history where He has replaced a usurper with the rightful ruler on more than

one occasion. While it may seem unlikely, that is not the same as impossible. Since it appears we have been granted both scenarios at this time, I will continue to seek the Lord to receive the benefits of the election of 1984 over the judgment of 1984.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;

But when a wicked man rules, the people groan (Proverbs 29:2).

It is alright to groan when being oppressed by evil and to seek the Lord for deliverance. Acts 7:34 confirms this and the Lord is listening and ready to act. George Orwell wrote, "At a time of universal deceit—telling the truth is a revolutionary act." Perhaps in our current situation we should become a revolutionary—Keep speaking the truth and keep seeking the Truth. 🙏

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Where Do We Go from Here?

Part 2 of a 2-Part Series

BY JEFF OLIVER

“**T**he deeper we go in the past, the further we can reach into the future,” says Rick Joyner. In our first article, “How Did We Get Here?” we went back to ancient Rome, to the rise of Christianity, the Renaissance (rebirth of ancient pagan Greco-Roman culture), which gave birth to humanism, the Enlightenment which gave birth to secularism, the Modern Age which gave birth to liberalism, the twentieth century which witnessed the birth of socialism, individualism, and the “Great Reversal” of the church, and the Postmodern Age which replaced truth with relativism.

When we make a wrong turn, we need to go back to the place where we got off course and get back on the right road. Christianity has now come full circle. The early church lived in a pre-Christian society. The Middle Ages and Modern Age were largely Christian. Now we live in a post-Christian society. This doesn't mean there are no more Christians. It simply means, in Western culture, Christianity is no longer the dominant ideology. That means we must radically change how we do church and how we do “Christian.”

In a Christian culture, a “Christian” is someone who gets saved, lives a devoted life, goes to church, and performs an endless array of spiritual activities: worship, prayer, fasting, Bible reading, fellowship, serving, giving. And for the few, proud, and brave, add to that holy living, evangelism, and spiritual gifts. But in a pre-Christian culture, Jesus defined all “Christians” as those who remained faithful to His teachings, loved people, fished for people, preached the gospel, carried His cross daily, made disciples, and produced much fruit that lasts with miraculous signs following. Since pre-Christian and post-Christian cultures are similar, we must start living like the early Christians

did by working overtime to influence our culture or suffer the consequences.

How did the early church influence their culture? Three ways: 1) through faith and fearlessness in the face of persecution, 2) through loving acts of kindness, and 3) through the power and demonstration of the Spirit (see I Corinthians 2:4). In a Christian culture, people show up in church. In a post-Christian culture, we must go and “**compel them to come in**” (see **Luke 14:23**). And when you see Christians being persecuted, that is not the time to run and hide. That is the time to get bold and courageous, shout it from the

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housetops, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, and become salt, light, and a city on a hill.

Throughout human history, spiritual, political, and cultural pendulums have swung back and forth. Movements and revolutions were met with counter-cultural movements and counter-revolutions. The further the pendulum swung in one direction, the greater the pull in the other direction. The greater the undertow pulling us under, the greater the next wave that swept us away. The enemy always overplays his hand. But when the pendulum swings in our direction, we must be careful not to do the same. Such was the lesson of the Puritans. The Puritans in England executed their king, the Puritans in New England executed their own (the Salem Witch Trials) and today, Puritanism is dead.

The Renaissance was met with the Reformation. The Reformation was met with the Counter-Reformation. John Wesley and George Whitefield founded the “Holy Club” at Oxford to combat the teachings of Deism coming out of the Enlightenment. This led to the Methodist-Wesleyan Revivals, America’s First Great Awakening, and the birth of evangelicalism. Timothy Dwight IV, Jonathan Edwards’ son-in-law and president of Yale, warned about the “infidel philosophy” coming out of the French Revolution that threatened to destroy America’s colleges and institutions. This led to the New England campus revivals which sparked America’s Second Great Awakening. More recently, however, French President Emmanuel Macron and other French politicians, intellectuals, academics, and journalists have warned about the “out of control woke leftism and cancel culture” coming out of the United States that threaten to destroy France’s heritage, identity, national security, and society—the pendulum is swinging!

Today, the Renaissance is dead, the Enlightenment is dead, the Modern Age is dead, the twentieth century is over, and very soon the Postmodern Age with all its untruths will have run its course. By the way, if the Postmodern Age came after the Modern Age, what comes after the Postmodern Age? Clearly, they have backed themselves in a

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corner. He who does not learn history’s lessons is doomed to repeat them.

So, where do we go from here? Call it what you will—a second Reformation, a Christian Renaissance, a rebirth of Christianity, a Christian Enlightenment (Awakening), a Christian Revolution, a rebirthing of America, a reverse of the “Great Reversal,” a global wakening, a merging of streams, the Word and the Spirit coming together, the biggest movement of the Spirit the world has ever seen, a missionary thrust to the ends of the earth, a return of the Shekinah glory, a worldwide revival—it’s coming!!!

Unfortunately, before there can be a rebirth or resurrection, there must first be death. God said to Jeremiah, **“See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant” (Jeremiah 1:10 NKJV)**. Notice rooting out, pulling down, destroying, and overthrowing come before building and planting. Revolution precedes rebirthing.

In America’s Revolution, the reasonable men of the Enlightenment found common ground with the revivalists of the Great Awakening. This alliance won America’s independence and gave birth to the United States, its Constitution, and Bill of Rights. Both were united in their fight for freedom. Even outside of Christianity, God places in every human heart an intense longing for love, truth, justice, freedom, and solidarity. That is what brought down the Berlin Wall and the Eastern Communist bloc.

This same spiritual yearning for freedom will again form an alliance with Christianity as the last great hope of the earth. The human spirit will eventually reject any attempt to make inhuman, inhumane automatons.

Every generation looks to the next with fear and trepidation. “What is this world coming to?” It’s coming to Jesus! Because, as people grow older, their ideas change. Hence the oft-repeated and often altered quote from the nineteenth-century French jurist: “If you’re not a liberal by the time you turn thirty, you have no heart. If you’re not a conversative by the time you turn forty, you have no brain.” Time is always in our favor, and according to Revelation, Christianity is on “the right side of history”!

We win because no matter what comes God is hastening His return! If He doesn’t come back yet, we win because more people will be saved. If He comes back, we win! If we get healed, we win. If we get sick and die (to be with Christ is far better) we win! (see Philippians 1:23) If we escape persecution, we win. If we are persecuted (blessed are you when you are persecuted, for great is your reward in heaven we win! (see Matthew 5:11-12) We have this promise from Him, **“Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18)**. Though all the armies of hell break loose upon it to destroy it, they shall not prevail! We win because God wins and God never fails! (see I Corinthians 13:8)

We can also remain joyful so long as we remain in Him. In His presence is fulness of joy, and we can never escape God’s presence. **“Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven you are there; If I make my bed in hell you are there” (Psalm 139:7-8)**. **“In your presence is fullness of joy and at your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11)**.

Finally, be encouraged by what the Holy Spirit is already doing. China is not post-Christian but post-secular. Generations who were raised in a completely secular, atheistic environment are now skeptical, distrusting, and seeking Christianity as an

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alternative. The Chinese underground church, believed to have between 80 and 130 million members, will soon have the largest Christian body and missionary force in the world.

By 2025, Christianity is expected to exceed 2.6 billion people, making it by far the largest faith. That means, one out of three people alive on earth will be Christian. Today, there are an estimated 2.2 billion Christians worldwide. Some have suggested as high as 3.2 out of 7 billion. Of course, these numbers are highly contested by the mainstream media which reports that Islam is currently outpacing Christianity. But Islam generates little growth by conversion, while Christianity continues to enjoy a substantial conversion growth rate, especially in the Global South—Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Our world is becoming increasingly Christian! So much so that Christianity is currently outpacing the worldwide population growth rate. Even in many of the darkest corners of the world, astonishing numbers of people are turning to Christ as followers of Jesus are literally showing up everywhere! 🙌

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Lessons From This Restless Summer

BY SANDY WOODS

Riots. Looting. Fires. Demonstrations and confrontations with police. These images filled the news and social media throughout the summer and fall of 2020. Acts of violence continued into January as protesters stormed the Capitol building in Washington D.C. on the 6th, and mobs vandalized Democratic Headquarters and federal buildings in Portland on the 20th. Some activists called for social justice, others for equality for minorities, still others for defunding the police.

The protesters? I believe they are reformers who see the need for change, but have no clear picture for what this should look like. Their ultimate goal is to replace systems, institutions, and cultural traditions by destroying what is currently in place. The result—orchestrated chaos, destruction of property, a lot of anger, and a misguided message. Proverbs 29:18 tells us that where there is no vision the people cast off restraint. This certainly is the case here. How different would the situation be if the reformers knew the history of our country, appreciated its economic and governmental systems, and understood our shared Judeo-Christian values? Our institutions, especially that of education, has failed them.

The original intent for the American education system was to pass on our shared cultural values and traditions to prepare learners to become good citizens. Currently students are taught academics, but receive a very different education in morality from that of previous generations. Even the story of our nation has been changed from celebrating American exceptionalism



and learning from past mistakes to emphasizing our shortcomings and failures. It's no wonder that while the protesters/reformers recognize that things aren't right, they have no vision for what is right. They have not been taught.

Contrast the current agenda for education with Kingdom Education. Kingdom Education centers on relationship—relationship with God and with others. It takes Jesus’ message about the kingdom and equips children to become His disciples. Kingdom educators take to heart Proverbs 22:6, which could be translated this way—“Train up a child in the way that is his or her own way, the way that is solely their way, and during their lifetime, they will not stray from that path.” Thus, while students are taught the required subjects at each school level, they are also given opportunities to recognize and develop the gifts and special abilities that are unique to them. Students are prepared for the future and know their purpose.

How different would the past summer and fall months be if the protesters/reformers knew their purpose and worked towards viable solutions to transform society? What would our cities look like if those with a gift of mercy, healing, and counsel came to the aid of those who were unjustly treated and worked for systemic change with those whose pathway included law and justice? What change would happen in community relations if those with talents for negotiation and guidance aided leaders in those affected neighborhoods and police to work together to build trust and eliminate fear? How different would impoverished neighborhoods become if those with a call for entrepreneurship mentored and supported young men and women to become successful and sow back into the community?

The Passion Translation puts Proverbs 29:18 like this:

**When there is no clear prophetic vision,
people quickly wander astray.
But when you follow the revelation of the word,
heaven’s bliss fills your soul.**

Knowing your God-given purpose (which comes from clear prophetic vision) makes all the difference. Without it, people wander astray—in other words, they depart from the way that is their unique way. Sadly, they miss the opportunities for meaningful contribution to others and to society. What’s more, they fail to fulfill all that God had prepared for them. However, when people know their purpose and are trained for it (i.e., they follow the revelation of the word), and when they walk in the way that is their unique way, they live a fulfilled life.

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numbers is through education. A sweeping overhaul is needed. Teaching students truth includes instruction in the ways of the Lord and His kingdom. Jesus encouraged His disciples to bring the children to Him and not to let anything hinder that. Relationship with Him is the most important thing that can and should be cultivated in children. Rather than concentrate on readying boys and girls for college within a “one-size-fits-all” suit of academic requirements for graduation, the focus must be on the individual to determine what each student needs to be successful in his or her God-given path. Students need to see God’s hand in our past by studying history taught from a biblical worldview, filling them with hope for our future.

It took many years to get to this critical juncture in our nation, and it will take many more to restore its foundations and transform our culture to what God had intended. Educating students in the ways of the kingdom prepares the next generation to be problem solvers and influencers for the benefit of all. 🌟

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FROM THE DESK OF

DAVE YARNES

This is the second part to the story—I met Richard as I served in Times Square Hell’s Kitchen, witnessing to the homeless in New York City. As we get into Part 2 of this story, I want you to consider what you hold precious in life and what things you find most important to you.

I greeted Richard, and he seemed genuinely happy to see me. We came inside, and I helped him find a seat. I took the seat next to him and talked to him about the length of the service and how to get a meal afterwards. Once he was seated, I went to get him a cup of coffee and came back just in time to hear the evening speaker begin.

It was very hot in that upper room, and I asked Richard if I could take his coat and hang it up. Immediately, I saw the fear flash in his eyes. I realized that his coat and the bag that he was carrying contained all the valuables in his life. When he had agreed to leave his cardboard box to join me, he had to take anything of perceived value with him so that it wouldn’t be stolen during his absence. He took his coat off and set it on the chair between us and kept his hand tight on the plastic bag as he set that between us as well.

The man who started to speak was a former heroin addict from that part of Manhattan who had turned his life around and was telling his story and the keys to his recovery. At different points, he would make reference to a Bible passage. At one point, I noticed Richard looking around at people thumbing through Bibles with an inquisitive look. In response, I opened the Bible that I had to the scripture the speaker was

referring to and began to pass it towards Richard. As I did, my hands brushed over the top of his plastic bag that he held tightly between us. When he noticed me reaching toward him, he wrenched back and pulled the bag toward him tightly. I was shocked. At first I didn’t understand, but then it became clear he saw my movement as a potential threat of theft of his bag. I tried to assure him that wasn’t the case and made another attempt at passing him my Bible. This was too much. He wrenched back again, pulled his possessions to the other side of his body so it was no longer next to me, and he completely shut down any further communication with me. I was stunned. I could see the entire contents through the clear grimy bag. It contained a few empty cans he was going to turn in for deposit money, some very dirty clothes, and what looked like less than a dollar in change.

This situation was so disconcerting for me. I thought to myself, “God, this man is missing an opportunity to radically transform his life. He’s missing the ability for the first time to see a Bible and its contents. He is so distracted that he is also missing any instructions on how to get further help from this organization.” Richard’s eyes were wild and frantic. When there was a break in the meeting, he snatched up his bag and coat and headed for the door.

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I was heartbroken. It felt to me that this may be one of his last chances for change and a better life. He was so close to help, but the contents of his bag, which contained nothing of value that you and I would ever want, was the sole obstacle keeping him from a life of sanity, sobriety, and fulfillment. I pondered this deeply and emotionally. In the next moment, something happened that is still, to this day, very emotional and difficult to explain. In a word, I felt an overwhelming sense of the presence of God. It was surprising and unexpected. The words that I heard were not audible, but profoundly clear.

“Son, in your life you will also have possessions—houses, cars, bank accounts, and many things that will be precious from your perspective. But never think that they are any different or more valuable than those rags in Richard’s bag. If they keep you from hearing and fulfilling My direction for your life, they are worthless.” From that moment on, my view of living a fulfilling life was transformed. I understood with clarity these words of Jesus Christ, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul” (Matthew 16:26).

I was conscious that my possessions, and the self-focus they could bring, could hold me back from a truly fulfilling life. Small-minded, temporal values can distract us from grasping meaningful and fulfilling insights and direction. I have never forgotten that look on Richard’s face when he clutched his bag of belongings and could not leave it behind to find a better life. If I find myself holding my own businesses or profits a little too close, I think back to that moment and I remind myself that my possessions will never hold me back from living a God-directed fulfilling life. 🙏

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The devil will never cease trying to stop us from fulfilling the destiny on our lives. If we don’t know the area of our greatest anointing, we can use hindsight to

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analyze the relentless attacks to discover it.

Hebrews 12:1 says, “let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us.”

However, we are not always aware of the encumbrances that so easily entangle us, yet we clearly see those things that entangle others. The revelation is to use our great powers of observation for the purpose of shedding light on our own blindness to the enemy’s devices against us.

Let’s focus on a few people we know well. We can see how the enemy uses fears, weaknesses, deceptions, obligations, and other things to hinder

their anointing and keep them from moving forward with the Lord. This in turn helps us see those same schemes of the devil against us.

The Lord then gave me further revelation. Another reason to look at the enemy’s strategies against a person is to help them to discover their gifts and anointing. Where has the enemy been attacking them the hardest?

He reminded me of a person who is stubborn and resistant to the Gospel. “Can these bones live?” the Lord asked me. “What do you see?” I see the dry bones. I see an obnoxious, opinionated, argumentative person who rejects the truth. However, I also

began to see these qualities as gifts from the Lord which had been shut down by the enemy. I could now see them being lovable believers, discerning, and powerful in speaking truth effectively. They had been hit the hardest in the area where they were most gifted to prevent them from using their gifts for God.

I believe the Lord is giving us a new tool for our toolbelt. Wherever the enemy’s strategies are revealed, the Lord is showing us how to flip them into effective weapons for the purpose of revealing the hidden treasures inside all of us. 🙏



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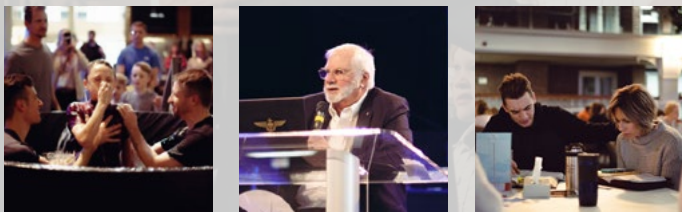


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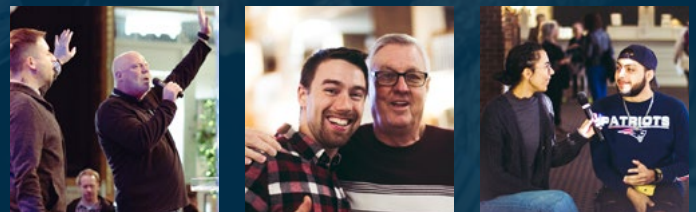
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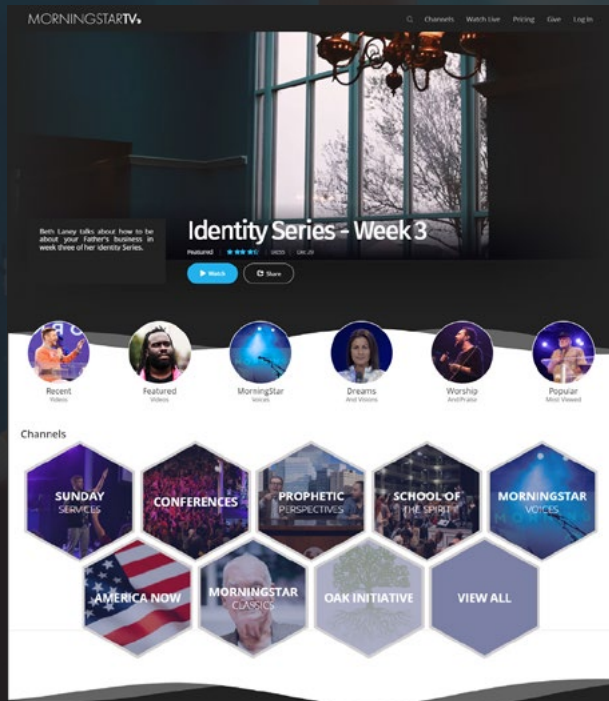


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