

SIGNIFICANT PROPHETIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST 5-MONTHS POINTING TO THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

1) Swift and unprecedented financial changes speeding towards a one-world digital economy to buy & sell	Revelation 13:16-18
2) Swift and unprecedented peace covenants specific to Israel speeding towards prophesied false peace	Daniel 9:27
3) Swift and unprecedented man-made geoengineered weather speeding towards crisis-reaction-solution	Revelation 11:18
4) Swift and unprecedented bioweapons creating fear of an even worse world-wide "so-called" pandemic	Rev. 6, Matt. 24:7
5) Swift and unprecedented deception plunging masses into a strong satanic delusion so they'll buy the lie	2 Thes. 2:9-10
6) Swift and unprecedented advances in AI careening towards transhumanism altering God's human DNA	Daniel 2:42-43
7) Swift and unprecedented alignment of nations geopolitically fulfilling precise prophecy concerning Israel	Ezekiel 38
8) Swift and unprecedented agreements to divide Jerusalem by way of prophesied intoxicating obsession	Zechariah 12:1-3
9) Swift and unprecedented declaration of "peace and security" leading to sudden destruction upon "them"	1 Thessalonians 5:3
10) Swift and unprecedented world-wide wars and threats, (rumors), of wars under the banner of "peace"	Matthew 24:6

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KAPONO: Would you join me as we pray? Lord, we thank You so much, Lord. We thank You, Lord that we have our pastor back. And we look forward, Lord, to hearing, receiving, learning what it is that You have for us, Lord, that You placed upon his heart. So we thank You for this time, Lord.

And it's special for us, Lord, and it's so important. So would You please, Lord, would You just give us a focus that only You can, Lord. Draw our eyes and ears and our hearts to You, Lord. Keep us in tune, Lord.

So thank You, Lord, for this time. Continue, Lord, to watch over and give Pastor JD the strength to stand up and live out Your will in his life, Lord. We praise Your name. We give You all the glory. In Jesus' name, we say.

PASTOR JD: Jesus' name. Amen and Amen. And good morning and welcome.

[Applause]

Oh, I missed you so much. Can you hear me now?

[Applause]

We have to start over now, Mike. Is it on? Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now? I'm not on a cell phone. I missed you all so much. I love you all so much. So glad to be back and glad you're still here. You're stuck with me is basically what I'm trying to say. Go ahead and have a seat while I try to get a grip.

Well, I want to begin by welcoming you and those of you that are here locally and joining us online virtually. And before we jump in, I want to express to all of you how thankful and grateful I am as an understatement in every sense of the word, because you've shown such love to my family and myself, and you've been so patient with me.

You've been so gracious to me, but infinitely more importantly, you've been so faithful in praying for me, as well as my three adult children who are really hurting alongside of me. Would you please, I implore you, as the Lord puts us, them chiefly, on your heart, please pray for my three adult children.

So God has been teaching this teacher many life lessons, one of which is that I am as profoundly privileged as I am, totally spoiled to have the pastors, the staff, the servants, the

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leaders, and you as a church locally and virtually. I'm trying to do something here because I finally — I've been putting it off.

But on Thursday, prior to the Bible study Thursday night, which was a topic of teaching out of *Ezekiel 24*, I had literally hundreds of condolence cards to go through. And I didn't have my wife to help me, so I knew it was, you know, going to take me longer to do that, which I knew I could do in a much shorter period of time if I had my help meet to do it with me.

But I finally just carved out the time that I didn't really have to carve out. And I went through them, and I just — I was overwhelmed. And the thought came to me. In fact, it was more than a thought. It was — I can still hear my wife's voice. You know, you're going out of the house dressed like that? That was before I left.

But I could just hear my wife's voice saying, "Make sure you get all the addresses. We got to send thank you cards out to everybody. I'm like, yeah, no. Uh-uh. That's not going to happen. That would take me till the rapture to do so.

You see what I'm doing here? I'm saying thank you. We'll start over here. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, thank you. So in lieu of a thank you card is that okay? Well, it has to be, because I truly mean that with all my heart. The Lord knows my heart.

All right. This is the first of two Sunday morning services, which, as you know, we devote to Bible prophecy, the End Times by way of our weekly Bible Prophecy Updates. Then Second Service is actually the sermon, which is the verse-by-verse study through the word of God.

And today it's a special day. We're going to finish the final four verses of our verse-by-verse study through the *Book of Revelation*. It only took us five months to get to the last four verses. And you've already heard my reasoning and if you don't like it, I'll come up with more. You can pick which one suits you best. But this is the best wine for last, as we'll see Second Service.

In it, Lord willing, permitting, I'm going to talk openly and candidly about how God's word was my only, key word, lifeline while caring for my wife prior to her death. And in so doing, I hope and pray that everyone will understand and know that the word of God is your only lifeline, only, key word, lifeline. And after inquiring of the Lord, I got the green light, as it

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were, to teach the text, these last four verses, which, by the way, we're all prone to read past and fast, like, you know, the beginning: You know, grace and peace, yeah, yeah, yeah. Not so fast. There's a lot there.

So the Lord gave me the green light to teach it by posing three questions from the text that all of us, myself included, would do well to ask of ourselves and answer for ourselves. For those of you online, this will be livestreamed at 11:00. Well, this worship starts at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

And if you go to the JDFarag.org website, you can, you know, watch the — and enjoy and worship along with us. We can't put that on social media because there are demon-possessed people who report us, and we get strikes and censors, and, you know, terminated, you know. Anyway, so that's 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. That's Second Service.

Now, today's Update: Good news. You'll be happy to know that it's not going to be 12 hours long, as I had humorously, previously quipped back in November. It's only going to be eleven and a half hours long. No, actually, you might be surprised.

I sensed from the Lord that my first time back in resuming the Prophecy Updates that I was to simply walk into it and not run into it. And if you could just grant me the grace of being patient with me in this regard, I would be most appreciative. It's because of this actually, in today's Update and the nature of today's Update, the topic of today's Update, that we're not going to end the livestream.

Good news for those of you watching online. You know, I just abruptly cut you off. You know, say — you know, because the censorship, sensitive material is — and that we have to end the live stream. I'm not going to do that today. So just for you. Just for you. So today's Update will be streamed in its entirety across all of our social media platforms and apps. And I don't even know where we're — you know, people take the teachings, they put them on their stuff. And then they don't get strikes and censored or... What's up with that?

All right. Let's get to it. I want to talk with you today about how it is and why it is that all the mocking and arguing verifies Bible prophecy and not nullifies Bible prophecy. Now, I know it might seem strange that the Lord would lead me to this, to do this after my five-month

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absence from this. But I trust that the Lord, by the Spirit, will allow all of us to see why as we go through this, why I was led to this.

First — and I have five. So watch this. Five months. I have five reasons And I did Thursday night too. Why five? Because. Thank you. See? You guys... Five is the number of grace. So where's the grace, man? (Chuckling)

First, the five reasons. The last five months have been among the most, if not the most confounding and astounding times, specific to the swift and unprecedented developments of prophetic significance happening as we speak. And I know I picked the worst possible time to not be in the pulpit during a time when Bible prophecy is so rapidly beginning to come to pass. But you have to forgive me. Grace. Remember? Okay. That's number 1.

Number 2, and I know I run the risk of sounding self-serving when I say this, but God in His grace, mercy, and love actually protected me over the last five months. How so? Well, He protected me from the things that had been happening and are even worsening. Let me explain. The vicious and venomous attacks by Christians against Christians surrounding Bible prophecy. It's the likes of which I have never before seen in my life, in my 44-year walk with and service to Jesus.

You know, there's an explanation for this. We saw it in Revelation very explicit and detailed. Satan knows he has but a short time. Would to God that more Christians knew that we have but a short time. So he's got to rev things up, ramp things up. He's not all-knowing. He doesn't know the time. He just knows that the time is short.

And he also knows this. The Devil knows the Bible better than you and I ever could or would Here's something else he knows. He doesn't want you to know. And if you do know, he wants you to forget it. The gates of hell cannot prevail against us from without. Period. You can try. Which is why he launches spiritual attacks using weapons of mass confusion and accusation and lie. You lie. So he can't do it from without.

Ask Balaam about that — *Numbers, Chapter 22* — how that worked out for him. It didn't. Spoiler alert. He couldn't pronounce a curse from without because they were in the formation, *Numbers 6*, in the shape of a cross with the tabernacle at the center.

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John, Chapter 1, "The Word [Christ] became flesh and tabernacle amongst us." "And there is therefore now [Romans 8:1] no condemnation [No curse, no guilt, no nothing] for those that are in Christ Jesus."

So what does Balaam do? You remember how this goes down? This greedy guy, probably rivaling the greed of Balak who hired him and offered to pay him big bucks to curse the Israelites because they were growing in numbers and posing a formidable threat to the Moabites.

So I guess after he got fired, he regrouped, Balaam, and comes back to Balak, says, "Wait a minute. Plan B. I can't curse them from without." I mean, the most beautiful blessing that — he would try to (Stumbling over speech) coo... coo... And all he could do was bless you. And the blessings are just magnificent.

So he regroups and revisits and re-approaches Balak, and says, "Hey, I know what we can do. We can't do it from without. We got to do it from within. So here's what you got to do. You got to get your Moabite women, you know — you know the women I'm talking about — you need to get them all dressed up with makeup and have them seduce the Israelite men."

Because this is another thing that Satan knows about us, that we should know about ourselves. In that particular sphere, the sexual sphere, once that is allowed in, it completely disables the part of the brain that says, "Run! Wrong!"

I liken it to an anti-virus software. These viruses are so sophisticated that the first thing they do is they disable the anti-virus software to detect the virus. And then once that part is disabled, like that part of our brain, game over. And that's exactly what happens.

So the Moabite women — I don't even want to know — don't — this is one time where I'm just going to kindly ask that you not use your imagination. So they were successful in seducing the Israelite men. And that wasn't the end game. The end game was to get the Israelites to bring a curse upon themselves.

How did they do that? Well, it's in the New Testament referred to, I think there's five. The Error of Balaam, the Way of Balaam, the Doctrine of Balaam. Okay. This is where you have

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to show me grace, because this grief — there's a thing called grief brain fog. That's a real thing. And I'm going to use that a lot. And that's my story, and I'm sticking with it.

So I think there might even be more. Way of Balaam, Error of Balaam, Doctrine of Balaam. What was it specifically? Oh, once the part of the brain was shut down, now that they've been seduced and committed sexual immorality with the Moabite women, they started worshiping the Moabite gods, with a little g. And now God's going to have to judge them. That's how you do it.

Balak's like, wow, I'm going to give you a bonus on top of your commission because it worked. This is not a teaching on *Numbers 22* or the *Book of Numbers* for that matter. But I wanted to sort of introduce that because of this third reason of five: The increasing mocking and arguing seeming to be targeted against one sound doctrine, specifically.

You know which doctrine that is, that sound doctrine? The sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture. Why? Because it signals just how close we are to the pre-Tribulation rapture. I heard many years ago that you'll know the pre-Tribulation rapture is close by how vicious the attacks against the sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture increase. Are you with me? Let me say it this way. It's evidence. Evidence. That's a strong word. Exhibit A. Proving not beyond any reasonable doubt, no, beyond any doubt whatsoever that our redemption draws near and may already be here.

Fourth of five. And this one I want to be as gracious as I can. You know, in my younger days, I was not gracious. I was militant. Some of you are looking at me like you're still militant. Okay. But in Jesus' name, in a gracious way.

This is for those questioning not having Prophecy Updates for a five-month period during this profound, prophetic time. I'm just going to humbly remind you we've covered this for no less than 20 years leading up to this profound, prophetic time. I went back through my notes. I'm like ho! Let's see; can I do the same Update? Just maybe tweak the title? You know, kind of like wear the same shirt two weeks in a row?

Which you won't know. I don't remember what I wore last week. And, you know, I think if I wear the same thing again this week, they're going to know that I wore that last week. No,

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you're not. If I don't remember what I wore last week, you're going to remember what I wore last week? I'll just let the Holy Spirit take it from there on that one.

Fifth and finally, and this is important. Hear my heart. Like the Apostle Paul in Acts 20 and the watchmen in *Ezekiel 33*, I personally won't have the blood of anyone on my hands. And here's why. I didn't shun teaching the whole counsel of God, nor the warning of the coming judgment from God. My hands are clean.

And it's for these reasons and the others with them that I stand before you today, as is my privilege to, blameless and pleasing and right in the sight of the Lord in my decision to be with and care for my dying wife five months, till death did we part.

So let's start with the prophecy in *2 Peter, Chapter 3*. I'm going to only focus in on two verses, *verses 3 and 4*, but I would encourage you in your own time, in God's word, the whole chapter, the whole book, the whole Bible, but in the interest of time, let's just — let's just focus on *verses 3 and 4* of *2 Peter 3*, because it speaks, with specificity, to how the closer we get, the worse all the prophesied mocking and arguing will get.

Well, I'm going to get ahead of myself. Let's just — would you join me in *2 Peter, Chapter 3*, if you're not there already? Beginning in *verse 3*, first word, *verse 3*, **“First...”**

Stop. Really, Pastor? How long — it is going to be an eleven-and-a-half-hour Update? No, it's not. I want to first talk about the first word, “first.” Why? Because. What the Apostle Peter, by the Holy Spirit, is saying, first and foremost, above all, at the top of the list, first on the list.

“First of all [He even gets kind of stronger here.] [He says] you must [Not “you would” or “it'd be a good idea if you did” or you know.] [No] ...you must [Mandatory] understand [Understand what?] that in the last days, [Scoffers are coming] scoffers will come.”

Allow me the, you know, grace to kind of paraphrase a bit, because, you know, in our English translations, we lose, and even are robbed of the meaning, rich, deep meaning in the original language. Notice that Peter, by the Spirit, doesn't say “in the last days scoffers might come.” There's a good chance that they will come. No. He says no, they're coming. They're coming. They're already here. Don't look at anybody.

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And notice what he says, again, by the Spirit, after. They're scoffing and following their own evil desires. Oh, really? Huh? How am I going to know? Oh, you'll know.

“They [Verse 4] will say, [Let me have this, emphasis added.] ‘Where is this coming He promised? [Scoff, mock, ridicule, laugh.] [Ha!] Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.’”

I mean, my grandfather's, grandfather's, grandfather's, grandfather's dog thought that the rapture would be in their lifetime. Good. So did the Apostle Paul. So this is a — well, let me get to *Jude, Chapter 1, verses 17 through 19*.

Pastor, Jude only has one chapter. I know, but I'm one of those guys that just has to put the 1 there. It's not for you; it's for me. It messes me up. *Jude, 17 through 19*. Wait. Which chapter? So if you ever have a pastor say, “Turn to *Jude, Chapter 2*,” don't fall for it. So just let me have my 1.

But let's look at *verses 17 through 19*, because what Jude's going to do here is echo, not just the Apostle Peter, but all the apostles who in unison warned about scoffing and mocking, increasing the closer we get to His promised coming.

When Jesus said to His disciples, John, 14, “I'm coming. I promise. If it were not so, I would not have promised you. I have to go. And by the way, you want Me to go because I know you've had Me for three-plus years with you. But you want Me to go. Because unless and until I go, I cannot send you the Holy Spirit. So you'll have Me not just with you, but in you.”

Oh! Because you got to know the disciples were freaking out when Jesus said, “Hey, I'm going to be handed over to the son of man and crucified and buried, and I'm going to rise again from the dead.”

And here, and just let me have this one, too. Here's Peter. No, you can't go. Jesus. No, you want Me to go because I have to go to prepare a place for you, speaking as a bridegroom to his bride. I have to go to prepare a place for you in My Father's house where there are many bridal chambers, dwelling places, mansions. I like the word “mansions.” I think you do too.

And then He says, “**If it were not so, I would not have told you**” or promised you. And He's telling them this and promising them this in *John 14*. Why? Because He wants them to

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know: I'm going, but I'm coming back. Yeah, but my neighbor's been mocking me for years about You coming back. Okay. You're going to listen to your neighbor, or are you going to listen to the Savior? No. I will come back for you and take you to that place I prepared.

Wow. 2000 years in our sphere of time. For those of you builders, you've been working on building a mansion for 2000 years. Ho! That's going to be nice, huh? Can't wait. Well, it won't be long.

So I'm going to come back as a thief in the night at an hour you expect not. And I'm going to take you out as My bride to that bridal chamber, that place I prepared for you in My Father's house, so that where I am, there you will be also as My bride by My side. Is that chicken skin? I'm sorry. Goose bumps, for the mainland. I had to learn that from my wife. It's not flip flops. Slippers. Slippers. Okay. I just had to get that off my chest.

We're going to consummate and celebrate our marriage and our wedding, as was the custom in that day in the Galilean region for seven, the number of completion days/years. I like how one said it. While we're celebrating, the world is tribulating. Is that — is that bad? And then the bride emerges from that bridal chamber for — you know what?

You know what it is? The wedding feast of the Lamb. Yeah. Two things. There's going to be food. That alone. But we're going to be at the table with our bridegroom as His bride by His side. You know, every time we partake of communion — it's so lost in the Western culture. But in the Middle Eastern culture, it means — I was going to say “something.” It actually means a lot. Common union.

Growing up as a kid, I'd watch my dad with my uncles and the family, the Arab family. And they'd take the bread and dip it in the hummus and then give the same bread to the guy next to him. And he would double dip into the hummus. And that was just the beginning. They would drink from the same cup. I know I'm ruining communion for a lot of people and you have that painting, you know, of the Last Supper. Throw it away. They were lying down, not seated at.

Why do I bring that up? Because common union: the same bread that's in you is the same bread that's in me. One. The same cup that you drink from is the same cup I drink from. It doesn't matter because we're one in this union.

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Okay, so we're almost — Pastor, can you just get through the text? Yes, I will. Don't pressure me.

So not only are we going to know, like with Peter, how to identify these mockers — I mean, they're not hard to miss. But he says, **“Remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you ‘In the last times, there will be scoffers who will [Listen] follow their own ungodly desires.’”**

He's echoing the Apostle Peter. They're not following the Lord. They're following their flesh, their own evil desires. And then *verse 19* is so telling, and I don't want you to miss it because this is happening, worsening. **“These are the men who divide you.”**

Hang on to that word **“divide.”** These scoffers, you know, sometimes they're covert. It's a covert operation, a black ops. But God will give you spiritual discernment, the gift of discerning of spirit, testing the spirits. And you put it to the test, and it doesn't pass the test, the smell test, as we say, because something doesn't smell quite right. Why? Because everywhere they go, they divide people. They cause division.

Why do they cause division? Because they follow mere natural, not supernatural, instinct. And this is — I use mic drop too much. You guys know what I mean by mic drop? If you don't, you need to get out more. That's how I learned about it. I got out more. Mic drop is just like “enough said.” Case closed.

They do not have the Holy Spirit. Oh, they have a spirit. It just ain't the Holy Spirit. And we know what the fruit, not gifts, fruit, singular, of the Holy Spirit is. Love. They will know that you are My disciples, have My Holy Spirit, by your love, one for another, Jesus said. So maybe before I move on, and some of you are saying, “Please move on,” I would maybe do well to just exhort, encourage, implore you to not be so naively gullible.

Don't be low-hanging fruit, because if you are, you're a dead duck with a capital D and a capital duck too. Okay, takeaway from both Peter and Jude, along with the others like them, is that this increasing, mocking, and arguing is one of the first on the list, first and foremost, prophetic indicators that the end isn't just near but likely the end is already here.

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This is the gauge. This is the barometer that you can gauge the — am I using too many synonymous metaphors here? Well, just pick one you like and then go with that. It's the measuring rod. It's the plumb line. Whatever you want. If I could be so bold — I'm trying to be gracious in the way I frame things, because, you know, I don't have a problem — in the area of boldness, I have victory in that area. I'm not ashamed of the Gospel. There's a holy boldness, a sanctified strength.

These aforementioned Bible prophecies are [*Listen very carefully*] to the church about the church over Bible prophecy, which irony of ironies is in and of itself Bible prophecy. Did you catch that? Okay, let me try this since that didn't seem to work so well. It was fabulous in my notes, but...

[Laughter]

Example. Okay? I don't mean this to, you know, offend or be derogatory or condescending to anybody, but just to — because I'm tasked — tasked — grief affects speech too — I'm charged. That's a better, easier word to use. I'm charged with the task of equipping you as the saints. And when you — we — get there, whether by rapture or rupture, as one said, and if you're asked — you won't be. But just hypothetically, if you're asked, “Hey, what church did you go to?” “Calvary Kaneohe.” “Oh, enter in!”

Or the other direction. “Wait, wait. You went to Calvary Kaneohe and sat under that teacher who would go on and on and on and on for an hour, sometimes two. You have treasures in heaven. I want you to know.”

And you don't know that this is Bible prophecy about mocking Bible prophecy? You know, when I was younger in the Lord, and somebody would, you know, come up to me, and I know this; I could write the next line for him. Where's the — this coming of — this promise of His coming?

Oh, yeah. I'm glad you asked. Bring it. You know why? You're -- ha! You're fulfilling Bible prophecy by mocking Bible prophecy, which means I'm out of here. See ya. Wouldn't want to be ya. Okay. Don't do that. I'm — I — God has been — I'm not finished, you know. I'm not a finished work. I'm a work in progress. So are you. But faithful is He who began that work to complete it.

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But before I move on, do you understand that even when you read passages and prophecies like that of *2 Timothy, Chapter 3*, where the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, grocery lists, for lack of a better way of saying it, 19 characteristics of the last days, and oh, my goodness, we've gone through them painstakingly. And to a characteristic you don't have to look very far. You just have to go home. Disobedient to parents. That's a prophecy in the last days. Get over here, boy. You're fulfilling Bible prophecy, number 1.

Number 2, you're disrespecting my authority over you, God's ordained authority as your father, who art on earth. I had to stop using that with my daughter. She's said, "Just please stop with you being my father who art on earth."

Because she has two fathers, you know. She has her earthly father and her heavenly Father. And I thank God for our heavenly Father, because He knows everything about her: where she goes, what she does. And I tell her that. I just say, "You know, I may not know. Your heavenly Father does."

The fear of God. You put the fear of God, which, by the way, is misunderstood in some way, because the fear of God is really the beginning of wisdom, the Proverbs says, and the fear of God is to hate evil. What does that mean to fear God? Oh no! No, it's not that. You fear doing anything that would hurt the heart of God, that would grieve the heart of God. You fear doing anything that would hurt.

Pastor Ken, who is here with his wonderful wife, Jamie, today. This is a first. So if I'm a little bit nervous, that's why. And I'm so glad they're sitting in the back, not right in the front. When he, Saturday, at my wife's celebration of life, said — that was the Holy Spirit, man. He said, "You want to know why, one of the reasons why JD was the love of Kellie's life? Because she knew he would never hurt her."

My son, Levi, is sitting next to me, and I just — he's comforting me. We're both bawling like babies. I mean, it just was so — it was not just a word fitly spoken, it was a word truly spoken. Because I've never spoken one unkind word to my wife in our almost 40 years together.

I would even ask her, can you recall one time? And listen; she's got a good memory — had a good memory. I still talk about her in the present tense. If there was one, she'd find it and

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remind me of it. Don't elbow your husbands, wives, or vice versa. And she would think sometimes too long. Got me a little bit worried. Like she's, you know, pulling up archives from the hard drive of her memory in her brain. And finally she says, "You know, I can't think of even one time." All right! I hope that's not coming off wrong. I don't intend it to. I only intend it to bring to light what the fear of the Lord is. I fear doing anything that would hurt the love of my life.

Okay. We're moving on. Dare I say this is Satan's play. It's textbook. Right out of his playbook. You want to know what the chapter is titled? Divide and conquer. And it's evidenced by how the enemy has been met in large measure with smashing success by Christians throwing Christians under the bus, as we say, or if you prefer, over the cliff, stealing hope, killing joy, and destroying faith.

You want to know how I get there? You and I need look no further than to the Savior himself for warning us about how the enemy comes, key word again, only, only to steal, kill, and destroy — in that order. We've talked about this, but I've got to repeat it again. I think it's worthy of repeating it again. What does Satan come only to do? First, steal. What's he going to steal? Your credit card? What's he going to do with your credit card?

No. He wants to steal your hope. See, his strategy shifts. Before you come to Christ and a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, he will do everything and stop at nothing to keep you from coming to Christ. But then you go and get saved. Regroup. Emergency demon meeting. We need a new strategy. They got saved. Argh! Is that too much? Was that too much? This has been five months. It's pent up.

[Laughter]

So we've got to now — we couldn't keep them from coming to Christ, so we've got to come up with a new strategy. I love the King James. This preaches. The wiles of the Devil. You've got to put the growl in that. The strategies, the vices, the ways in which — in fact, the Apostle Paul says, "**Don't be ignorant of them.**"

So he can't keep us from coming to Christ. And then once we do come to Christ, what does he do? He changes his approach to now distance us from Christ after coming to Christ. So

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how's he gonna do that? Well, Jesus told us. He comes only to steal, first, our hope; second, kill. What does he want to kill? Joy. He's a killjoy.

“The joy of the Lord is my strength,” *Nehemiah 8:11. Psalm 16:11*, I think, **“In His presence is found fullness of joy.”**

Yeah, but you don't know what's going on in my life. I mean, everything is falling apart.

“Rejoice [James says] when you encounter various trials.” I mean hardships, difficulties, pain, suffering, and they come in many forms. **“Consider it pure joy...”**

As a young believer, I thought it was a poor translation because I would consider it pure hell, not pure joy. But then I just needed to read a little bit further because he explains why you and I can consider it pure joy. **“Knowing.”**

Not hoping, wishing. Knowing where God's going with that trial that He's allowed in whatever way it has come into your life. He's doing something that He could not otherwise do absent that trial, that furnace of affliction.

So Satan knows joy, the joy of the Lord is our strength. He wants to weaken us. So what's he going to do? He needs to kill joy. And then if he gets to step three, he's got us. Now, we're still saved. But we're hopeless, joyless, and faithless.

Why? Because he steals our hope, kills our joy, and it's for the intended end of destroying our faith. Because without faith it is impossible to please God, which means with faith it is possible to please God.

I like to see it and say it this way. When we have faith, even if it's microscopic in size like that of a mustard seed, God finds it irresistible. Wait. He's trusting in Me? You guys, get down there. Let's go!

Jesus stopped everything and pointed out either A, someone's faith, or B, someone's lack of faith. Think about that. Multitudes of people. Stop. What is it, intermission? No, I want you to notice something. I've never seen faith like this in all of Israel. Wow!

And again, the Savior himself is forewarning us about how the enemy comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. And He does so in concert with another warning, forewarning, that a house

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divided cannot stand. That's a principle you don't break. It breaks you when you go up against it.

It's that analogy — I won't do it in the interest of time. Ooh, look at the time. Don't look at the time. The lighthouse and the ship. “Hey, change course. I'm Captain So-and-so, blah, blah, blah.”

“No, you change course.”

“Oh, you don't know who I am?”

To which I would say, “Does anybody know who this guy is?”

And then the voice comes back on the microphone in the speakers and says, “No, you're going to change course because I'm a lighthouse.”

“Change course!”

That's what God's word is. You try to go up against it, and Jesus said as much, He's the rock. You're either going to be crushed by it or stand strong on it. Your choice. Your choice.

Some 25 years ago, I heard an illustration that I think is so apropos as it relates to this very prophecy. You may have heard different versions of it, but I revised it, stole it, and tailored it to better fit it in with the context of today's prophetic topic.

I actually heard this from Dave Hunt, who's now with the Lord, of the Berean Call. He read me the extended version. I thought, man, that's good stuff. Will you email that to me? And he did, and I stole it. So basically, it goes like this. The revised JDV, the JD version. Is that okay?

All right. I was walking across a bridge recently and saw this guy who looked like he was ready to jump off. So I thought, you know, I'll try to talk him out of it. I mean, you would do the same. “Don't jump,” I said.

“Why not?”

He said, “Nobody loves me.”

“God loves you,” I said. “You believe in God, don't you?”

“Yes, I believe in God,” he said.

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“Me too,” I said. “Are you a Christian or a Muslim?”

“Christian,” he said.

“Me too,” I said. “Protestant or Catholic?”

“Protestant,” he said.

“Me too! Are you Episcopalian or a Baptist?”

[This is not a —] [I don't want to get into the whole denominational thing.]

“Baptist,” he said.

“Me too,” I said. “Are you Baptist Church of God or Baptist Church of the Lord?”

[I didn't even know there was a...]

“Baptist Church of God,” he said.

“Me too! Are you Original Baptist Church of God or are you Reform Baptist Church of God?”

“Reform Baptist Church of God.”

[This is getting intense.]

“Me too! Are you Reform Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1879, or Reformed Baptist Church of Reformation of 1915?”

He said, “Reformed Baptist Church of God, Reformation of 1879.”

I said, “Whoa! Me too!”

[Here comes the zinger.]

“Are you pre-Trib or mid-Trib?”

He said, “I'm pre-Trib.”

So he pushed him over the edge.

[Laughter]

I know we chuckle hearing this. That's okay. But here's what's sad in this, the last days. We're seeing this. We're seeing this. Christians throwing other Christians over the bridge,

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over the cliff, under the bus, whatever one you want. I mean, we — well, I'm getting ahead of myself.

In fact, Second Service, I want to expound on that. So now you have to come to Second Service too, or stay for it, or join us live for it.

Okay, I know what you're thinking because I can read minds, right? So something's coming in right now. I won't look at anybody. Just oh, wow! Lord... Okay. I know what you're thinking. Where's the beef? Or perhaps better asked, where's the Prophecy Update on all that has happened in the last five months?

Answer: I'm going to provide you an at-a-glance list. Oh, no, not another list. Don't lose hope yet. (Chuckling)

I hope that no one will start mocking or arguing about this and throw fellow Christians over the bridge or under the bus because of this. What do you mean? Well, when it comes to Bible prophecy, there's a great proclivity, propensity to arrogantly refuse to disagree, agree to disagree agreeably. Let me try that again. I botched it.

One called it the highest mark of spiritual maturity, agreeing to disagree agreeably, which again is ironically, Bible prophecy. Okay. We'll get to the list. But before we do, I think it's incumbent upon me to highlight the paramount importance of how the list points to the pre-Tribulation rapture.

Reason? The sound doctrine, not theory. Please, I beg of you. It's not a theory. Sound doctrine. The sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture is the bull's eye in the middle of the prophetic target concerning the aforementioned mocking and arguing.

Have you noticed nobody's mocking pre-wrath, mid-Trib, post-Trib. I don't know how — someone referred to it humorously as a post-toasty. Oh, then there's pan-Trib. It's all going to pan out. No, that's not sound doctrine. I don't know what Bible you're reading. You see, for the born-again Christian who knows the word of God and the God of the word, it should have the much-needed effect of validating it as the truth.

Who is the truth? Jesus. THE way, not a way, THE truth, and THE life. And there's no way to the Father except through Him. You're such a narrow-minded — You're so narrow-minded.

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Well, let's see. I read the words of Jesus. **“Wide is the gate, and many go thereof, that leads to destruction. But narrow is the gate that leads to life, and only a few go thereof.”**

Okay, so what's the truth? Well, you'll know the truth. And when you know THE truth, THE truth will set you free. **“And whom the Son has set free is free indeed.”**

So here's how I get there. The false, counterfeit, authenticates and validates the true, genuine. That's how you know it's the truth. Example: No one counterfeits a 70-dollar bill. Why? Because there's no such thing as a 70-dollar bill.

No, the counterfeit, the false, the accusations, the attacks, the mocking, the ridiculing is always validating that which is the genuine article.

Let me take it a bit further by asking you a rhetorical question. Have you ever heard, read, or said anything about an anti-Muhammad or an anti-Buddha? I'm still waiting for somebody, when they smash their thumb with the hammer, to go, “Oh, Muhammad!” Why is it Jesus? Because that's the name above all names. And they've, in using the name of my Savior, the name of Jesus, they are, in effect, unknowingly validating that Jesus is God.

One more thing. Have I said, “one more thing” yet? Okay. And this is extremely important. Antichrist doesn't just mean against Christ. It also means in place of Christ. That changes the complexion a little bit, doesn't it? So the counterfeit is in place of the genuine, and Satan is the master counterfeiter.

Why is this important? As I was preparing for the Update today, I just, you know, praying and preparing and inquiring of the Lord, it just — He shed light on something that really hit. And this is a passage in *Matthew 24* that you're very familiar with because I teach on it about every other week. Do you know what is first on His list? See, that's where I got the list thing, because I want to be like Jesus. He has a list.

Matthew 24: Disciples ask Him what are going to be the signs of — it's actually a twofold question. I think almost threefold. What are going to be the signs of Your coming, the end of the age? Because they just got done boasting about the Temple there on the Mount of Olives, when the sun is just glistening and gleaming off the gold. And they took pride in it, which we saw in *Ezekiel 24*. Nothing new under the sun.

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And so Jesus answers the disciples. This is how you'll know that it's the end of the age. This is what will mark the Last Days, be characteristic of the End Times. You would think the first thing on His list would be something other than what the first thing on His list is. You know what the first thing on His list is? You better know by now if you've been coming to this church for any length or period of time. First on His list is false, counterfeit Christs, perfectly positioning it and prophetically prefacing it with deception, saying, **“Let no one deceive you,”** implying that we let it happen.

We let ourselves be deceived. Jesus didn't have to say what He said in the way He said it. He could have just said, **“Don't be deceived.”** No. Don't let anyone deceive you. In other words, it's on you. Don't let him get away with it. The key word is “let.” We let ourselves be deceived by the counterfeit, the false.

Okay, Pastor, why are you getting your blood pressure up? Because over the years, I've vacillated, related to the main prophetic sign being mocking and arguing or confusing and deceiving. I was trying to weigh them in the balance, you know, because man, you know, what's the number 1?

Well, I need look no further than to the first one on the list of the Savior himself. And it thankfully resolved it, reconciled it by way of having the common denominator of both mocking and arguing packaged and positioned together with confusing and deceiving. Did you — did I do that too fast? Because I'm feeling a little bit rushed right now. I'm kind of feeling like you're rushing me. (Chuckling) Don't rush me.

In other words, it's a package deal. The deception: we let ourselves be deceived by the confusion from the author of confusion. You know, he's a prolific author, the Devil, except all of his books have the same title. Confusion. He's the father of many children. The problem is they all have the same name. Liar. You lie. But it just kind of — as only God can, He just settled me and settled this.

So enter the list. It's an aerial view. Take heart. 30,000 feet. I'm going to paint the prophetic canvas with a broad brush because of the last 20 years, five of which, the most recent of which were detailed, deep dives done extensively, meticulously, which is why — this is my excuse — they were so lengthy. Can I use that today? So what follows is the list of

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these swift and unprecedented, significant, prophetic developments within just the last five months.

That again, please, without a doubt, any doubt, point to the nearness of the pre-Tribulation rapture. Now, when I show you the list don't — don't have a meltdown please. You did last time. There's only ten. Two fives. Double grace. Okay. I'll go through — I'll go them quickly. Ha! Famous last words.

Number 1: Swift and unprecedented financial changes speeding towards a one-world digital economy in order to buy or sell, Revelation 13. You can look up the — and by the way, I know a lot of you — and that's okay. I'm quite honored that you would take a picture of it on the screen. But this will be made available on our website in a PDF format. Or those of you online, take a screenshot. Enjoy.

Number 2: [See how fast we're moving?] Swift [And oh, by the way, all of them start with the same “swift and unprecedented”.] [Why? Because it's swift and unprecedented.] Swift and unprecedented peace [Watch this word.] [Not just agreements] covenants specific to Israel, revving up the prophesied false peace of *Daniel 9:27* and the other prophecies with it.

Number 3: Swift and unprecedented man-made, geo-engineered weather careening towards the completion of what's known as the Hegelian dialectic . Crisis/Reaction/Solution. What's the crisis? Climate change! What's the reaction? Reduce emissions. What's the — and I'm using this deliberately — final solution, to quote one — oh, I can't do that because this is on social media. The final solution. Just you can connect those dots, right? Carbon credit score. Do you know what's behind all of this? Satan has sought not only the worship that is due the most High God alone, but he's sought to destroy the creation of God. God created the heavens, the earth, the sea and all that in them is.

There's a prophecy in *Revelation 11:18* — you might remember — that God will destroy those who destroy the earth He created. I can't wait. I want a front row seat for that. Is that bad? Pray for me if it is. But it gets even worse, and we'll get into it here in a moment. The Earth wasn't created in His image. Man was. That's why Satan seeks to steal, kill, and destroy man who was made in the image of God.

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This is number 4: Swift and unprecedented bioweapons [Bioweapons] biological weaponry, creating fear of an even worse worldwide so-called pandemic. I'll expound just briefly in the interest of time. And we're almost done. So there's hope. They've already got a name for it, a placeholder. Have you heard this? Disease X. Oh, no! You know, fear spreads faster around the world so fast that love doesn't even have time to tie its shoelaces. Think about that. And the Devil knows that.

Hey, just real quick. This might be for somebody here today or watching online. If you make a decision based on fear and not faith, it's not God. It's not God because God does not give us the Holy Spirit of fear, but of love and of power and of a — better translated and understood — disciplined mind, like you discipline your children. You need to discipline — you need to discipline your mind already.

We're so careful about what we let into our bodies. We'll just let anybody in or any thought come into our mind. Come on in. You want coffee? No. We're to take it. Wait. Don't! Don't try to get your foot in the door. Catch it. Take it captive to the obedience of the word of God, Christ, the words of Christ.

Hey, wait, wait! Not so fast. What did you just say? Wait. Hold it. Don't come in. Wait. Wait. I know it's cold. Wait. Oh, that doesn't work in Hawaii. I know it's hot. That's better. Let me see if what you're saying is... Stop right there. Stop it. I'm catching it right now. Let me see if it's compatible with the Word. Nope! Get out of here, and don't come back. In fact, I'll give you an address. No, don't do that.

Number 5: Swift and unprecedented mocking and deceiving, plunging the masses into the prophesied strong, satanic delusion, misleading — I'm using this word intentionally — humankind to buy THE lie. Jesus is THE truth. Notice in *2 Thessalonians 2* it's THE lie. Hmm. Not a lie. THE Lie.

Number 6: Swift and unprecedented advances in AI or ASI, comporting with transhumanism. Why? To alter God's human DNA. Do you realize that the tetragrammaton YHWH is on our human DNA? There are four letters for the human DNA, and it is God's — we're made in His image — We have God's DNA. Did I mess you up? Did I lose you on that one? That's when we cut the livestream, usually. But we won't today. I just refer you to Daniel, *Chapter 2*.

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Number 7: [We're getting there.] Swift and unprecedented alignment of nations geopolitically, fulfilling precise prophecy — it's not ambiguous — concerning Israel, first and foremost, and the entire world, all the nations of the earth. So that when you get to the end of *Ezekiel 38*, so that all the nations of the earth will know that I am the Lord God.

Number 8: Swift and unprecedented — I'm going to use the word "agreements" — they're going to morph into covenants — to divide Jerusalem by way of the world's prophesied, intoxicating obsession to do so.

This, of course, is Zachariah 12, which we'll get to, Lord willing, in three weeks. This Thursday, Zachariah 10, we're going verse-by-verse. I can't wait for Zachariah 12. Maybe that'll be 12 hours. I don't know. We'll see. The whole world is intoxicated, obsessed. They have an obsession. What's their obsession? To divide Jerusalem. Why not New York? Just saying.

Oh, I'll tell you why. Because the name of God. Talk about the name of God being on human DNA. We talked about this, and I have graphics and scriptures, irrefutable. The name of God is literally on Jerusalem. The Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6 — we know it well. We quote it often. It's a blessing. **"The Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. [But we stop at the end and we leave out] and I will put My name on them."**

Now, in the Middle East, the name is the nature. That's huge! In fact, they wouldn't even name their babies until they knew what their nature was, unless they had like Isaac, you know, laughter literally in Arabic, Yitzhak; Hebrew, Yitzhak. Laughable. A 90-year-old woman conceives and gives birth to a son. And Abraham's 100 years old. Okay, we'll name him that. Imagine the school roll call. Ha! Present.

[Laughter]

My two boys, Elias and Levi. If I would have waited, I wouldn't have named them Elias and Levi. I would have named them — in their younger years — search and destroy. Yeah.

Number 9. Let's move on. Stop, because you're holding me up. Number 9: Swift and unprecedented — here's that word again — covenants under the banner of [Two specific

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words] peace and security. Oh, my goodness. *1 Thessalonians 5:3*. You know how it ends? Sudden destruction comes down upon them. But we who are alive and remain will escape.

I love it when somebody says, “You pre-Tribbers just want to escape.” I’m like, “Yeah. You don’t?” I — just one more thing on this. What are you going to say? No, you can’t have one more thing on this. No. That’s why I came up with the — I’ve got to be careful because every time I come up with these phrases, people put them on T-shirts and hats and coffee cups. And thank you, by the way. But I’m running out of room. “Be a we.” “Be a we.” “Be a we”? That’s what you learned at church today? Yeah. What church do you go to again? What do you mean “Be a we”? Oh, don’t be a “they.” Because when sudden destruction comes down upon them, they will not escape. But we [“Be a we.”] will, who are alive and remain. We’ll escape by being caught up, raptured.

Number 10: [Take a deep breath.] Swift and unprecedented worldwide wars and threats — better understood than rumors, as some of our translations render it — threats of wars. And here’s the thing. Satan is so cunning. It’s under the guise of peace when there’s no peace. It’s a false peace from the false Christ and the false prophet and the unholy trinity with Satan, the Dragon.

Okay. But God. This is where you can really take a sigh of relief. But God has foretold us in His word what’s going to happen before it happens, so when it happens, those who aren’t believers will believe, and those who are believers will look up, Let’s start with John 13:19, the words of Jesus. **“I am telling you now before it happens, so that when [Not if] it does happen, you will believe that I am who I am.”** I think of Moses. “Who shall I say, sent me?” “I AM.” I am what? I AM. The great “I AM.” He repeats it. It’s recorded in John 14:29, a chapter later, but he says a little bit differently. **“I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.”** Listen, how many people have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ because they asked the question of you because you’re the one that has the hope in you. If they’re not asking you, maybe they don’t see hope in you. That was convicting. I better move on.

Christians are asking — non-Christians are asking questions like, “Hey, isn’t there something about that in the Bible?” “I’m glad you asked.” You need to be at the ready, prepared to give

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an answer to anyone of that hope that you have. And this hope — by the way, it's not “I sure hope. It's I wish. I'm convinced. No. It's a done deal. It is finished, period. It's assurance, eternal life assurance. Was that too much? And the earnest money deposit of the Holy Spirit to seal the deal has already been put down.

Now, this is for believers. Luke 21:28, **“Now, when these things [Key word] begin to happen...”** [Begin] I think they're already happening. Well, what do you do? You look up. And do it on a on a curb, at an intersection. Watch what happens. You know how everybody's going, “What are you looking at?” “Well, I'm looking for my redemption because it draws near. “Oh, you're one of those? **“Look up and lift up your heads [Why?] because your redemption draws nigh.”** Oh, my! We are so nigh.

Okay, let's end. Some of you are saying, “Praise Jesus!” We're going to end the way we began by reiterating that the closer it gets, the worser it gets. And don't look at me like that. Because spell check didn't catch that. Translated: Worser is a worser word. And it verifies, not nullifies, Bible prophecy. And that should — that should be a great encouragement to all of us, shouldn't it? Why? Because as we talked about, the counterfeit authenticates and validates the genuine, which is — what is the genuine? Our blessed assurance, *Titus 2:13*. Ho! (Singing) Soon and very soon we are going to see the Lord. Right now, Lord, would be great. Spare these people, because I'm not quite done.

Here's the bottom line. If there was ever a time, a time-driven urgency to get Jesus to people and people to Jesus, that time is right now. Right now.

Oh, yeah. You know, I should be moving faster when my slides move faster. (Chuckling) I lost my place. Oh, okay. We're good. You good? Not really.

How? Where's the “how”? You're telling us “what.” But I need the “how” to do the “what.” Well, if you're saved in Jesus, know you're kept safe and sane because of Jesus, also means that you know it is high time because the time is so short in getting people to Jesus. There should be a fire burning so hot within every single one of us to get Jesus to people, people to Jesus.

Give me just two minutes. Don't time me. I'll explain just how childlike simple the Gospel really is for those to get saved and those who are saved to get those who are not saved:

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saved. It's kind of a two-for-one deal. If you're not saved, this is how to get saved. If you are saved, this is how to get — share of the Gospel.

We're afraid. We're ashamed. What's worst thing that can happen? They're going to unfriend you, not like you. Well, that's between you and God. But I'm with the Apostle Paul — not comparing myself to him, obviously. But I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power to save people and people need to be saved. People need Jesus now like never before in human history.

Okay, you still haven't really — you just yelled at me again. Where's the “how”? Well, I'm going to — the “how” is in the ABCs of salvation, where the A is the obstacle. The B is central and essential. And the C is evidential. I thought you said this was simple. It is.

The A is for admit or acknowledge that you're a sinner in need of the savior. And this is the obstacle because the average person will say, “Well, I'm a good person, I've never murdered anybody.” Well, you might be a good person, but you'll never be good enough. And *Romans 3:10* tells us why. **“There is no one good.”** What, you're the only one? No, there's only one. His name is Jesus. **“There's no one good [Or righteous], not even one.”** Not even you or me. Roman 3:23 tells us why. It's because **“All [All] [That means all.] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

Okay, if this is true, and absolutely is, then wouldn't it stand to reason that there must be a penalty for our sin? And there most certainly is. *Romans 6:23*. You ready? Wait for it. The sentencing: Death. We're all sentenced to death. The death penalty. **“For the wages of sin is death.”**

That is really bad news. I did not come to church today to hear bad news. I want to go to a church where they only talk about smooth things. God loves you. Yeah. He loves you enough to tell you the truth. That you're a sinner in need of a savior.

Now, *Romans 6:23*, beautifully starts off with the bad news first, because now you've got my attention. Here I am in the courtroom of eternity with the Judge of the universe, and I've just been sentenced to death. That's kind of bad. That's not kind of bad. That's really bad. Very bad. Where's the good news? Which is what the word “gospel” means. By the way, good news. You're debt's been paid. You're free to go. That is good news.

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Well, wait a minute. So this is the bad news. Yeah, but we're going to overcome the obstacle with the good news. What's the good news? The gift. Notice the contrast. **"The wages of sin is death."** **"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord."** He paid for it. He paid for our gift of eternal life. And you can't re-gift it. He paid. It cost Him everything. Which brings us to the B, which is for believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I don't know if it's possible to overstate how important this is in being both central and essential. In fact, the A is the catalyst for the B. *Romans 10:9* says, **"if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."** Not might, could.

Well, one says, "I believe in God." Well, *James 2:19* says, **"Even the demons believe and tremble."** So I think we can safely conclude that this means that's not what "believe" means. Okay. That's as helpful, Pastor, as a sign that — in Honolulu saying, "This is not the way to Kaneohe." Okay, if that's what believe does not mean, then what does believe mean? I'm glad you asked. I'm just going to stick with my notes. Hang in there with me.

To truly believe means that you change your mind and way of thinking, which is the Greek word *metanoia*, translated repentance, which has been completely turned into penance. That's not what repentance is. It's a changing of one's mind. Turning to Jesus, fully persuaded about Jesus, completely trusting in Jesus, totally relying upon Jesus, having absolute confidence that Jesus, in the imputation of the perfect righteousness of Jesus and expiation of my own filthy self-righteousness by Jesus was paid in full from my gift of eternal life with Jesus.

The C, confess or call upon the name of the Lord. And this is actually the result of believing after overcoming the obstacle of acknowledging. Once the A obstacle has been overcome, leading to the B, which is central and essential, there will be the evidential, as Jesus said in both *Matthew 12:34* and *Luke 6:45*. **"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."**

You want to know what's in somebody's heart? Listen to what's coming out of their mouth. Huh. If I got Jesus in my heart, what's coming out of my mouth? Jesus. *Romans 10:9* says, **"Also, if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God**

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raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” And then *Romans 10:13* just seals the deal. It's the icing on the cake. Okay. Just whatever metaphor you want, again. **“All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

So I actually expanded it. “Be a we” and an “All who call.” It doesn't fit on a hat. Don't try. Well, so that's the evidence right? By their fruits you shall know them. What comes out of their mouth. The fruit exposes the root. Jesus said a good tree cannot bear bad fruit. A bad tree cannot bear good fruit. So you know, somebody says they're a mango tree. I'm looking at the fruit and going, where the mangoes? You lie. I know what's really in your heart because of what's coming out of your mouth.

I implore you; before we end with the “But God” testimony, as we always do, please, I implore you, this is not a matter of life and death. This is a matter of eternal life and eternal death for all eternity. That's what's at stake here.

All right. Today's “But God” testimony. It comes from JD Farag in Hawaii. Yours truly. No. (Chuckling) Okay. This is another one I had the green light on. I thought, “Lord, this is... no.” He said, “Yeah.” I said, “No way.” He said, “Way.”

By the way, please continue sending in — you locally — you virtually — your “But God” testimonies. You have no idea how much of a blessing and how edifying it is to the body of Christ. I'm going to share with you mine.

I have numerous and voluminous “But God” testimonies. But I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to share this one in particular with respect to the home going of my wife of 37 years, about a month and a half ago, on December 29, the day after our daughter, Noelle's, birth on December 28th of 2005, who also went home to be with Lord back in 2006.

I love what Pastor Ken said on Saturday at my wife's celebration of life and eternal life. Death for the Christian is not just a relocation, it's a reunion. Oh, what a glorious reunion that will be. And my wife beat me to that reunion. Okay. Out of the abundance of the heart, right?

As many of you know, my wife battled a rapidly spreading form of cancer for well-nigh three years. But God, in His unending love, prompted her towards the end to say to me what I

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really needed her to say to me. “You courted me into marriage, and now you're courting me into eternity.” I tell you; husbands, that's not on the level of hearing the words “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy that's prepared for you.” But it's pretty close. To have your wife say that to you, I just broke down. And it wasn't Levi. It was my daughter who overheard it, and she came in, “It's okay, Baba. You know, it's okay.” And she's comforting me. And I'm like, man, I'm just a mess.

And if I could be so open and candid — why stop now? This has been, still is, and will continue to be the deepest, unimaginable pain my three adult children and myself could have ever anticipated, which is why at the beginning, I asked specifically to pray for my three adult children, pray for me too. But pray for them, especially.

We knew well in advance that it was just a matter of when, not if, she would be absent from her cancer-riddled body and present with the Lord. Again, “But God,” as only He can, is comforting of us with the Holy Spirit as the Comforter in us. And here's another one. The Lord had been preparing of Kellie for that which the Lord had been preparing for Kellie, namely that of her healing ultimately upon her entering glory. Because I prayed, I did with our daughter, Noelle. I prayed for her healing, and God answered the prayer, just not the way I thought He would.

I made a vow to honor one of Kellie's main dying wishes, of which, by the way, I have that list. There's more than ten on it. But her dying wish, and this was in our time that we had together, which thank you, by the way, again. I know I thanked you on Thursday night, but thank you for allowing me to have those five months together with my wife. You have no idea. You have no idea.

One of her dying wishes at the top of her massive list was that I would get back in the pulpit as soon as possible and as soon as I was able. I was like, “Well, thanks a lot. You want to get rid of me?” No. It's because of her spiritual discernment. See, she knew me better than anyone ever did or could or would, and she knew that my doing so would be instrumental in my grieving and healing. As one so aptly put it, you have to feel it to heal it.

While there were days, and again, I'm just being open — I know it makes people uncomfortable, but I couldn't sleep, eat, or even get out of bed. Three days. I couldn't — I

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was velcroed to the bed. But God, He lifted me up in my brokenness, my weakness strengthened me, enabling me, and empowering me in His supernatural strength via the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to be there for our children and to keep my marriage vows, in sickness and in health till death did we part, temporarily. I say this this way because of the more sure word of Bible prophecy. In other words, by the looks of things, the temporary is really temporary, and we're not too far behind, (Looking up) emphasis added.

I won't unnecessarily prolong this since Second Service starts in a minute. If you're here you're visiting, I'm so sorry. You have to stay for Second Service, and I would love to, after Second Service, meet you. You forgive me, right? You have to.

Okay. I won't unnecessarily prolong this, so I'll end this with Kellie's handwriting, which was like calligraphy, except towards the end, because of the cancer spreading to the spine and affecting her nerves. She couldn't even eat with chopsticks. She's a local girl, you know, and she'd have to use a fork in between these two fingers. And her handwriting deteriorated. But it was still beautiful. And she even told me, "I'm going to write you an anniversary card, but I'll do my best with the handwriting." I said, "Baby, your handwriting is more beautiful than it's ever been. Because we both knew it would be her last anniversary card to me back on November 18th. It's pictured here. It is still pretty good. It's still better handwriting than mine. Here's what she wrote, and I quote,

"My love, 37 years!! [Two exclamation points] You have and you are making our lives together such a blessed one. You are really living out your vow to love and care for me in sickness. Thank you. I hope you'll have many pockets of joyful memories. Thank you for courting me into eternity, for being my best friend to the end, for being a wonderful father, and provider. Happy anniversary, my love. Me." And then she had her characteristic smiley face.

I had to, you know, we were competitive. I had to one-up her, so I drew a stick man of me, but I gave myself more hair. I had to add the levity.

Kapono, why don't you come up? Please stand up. I'm so sorry. Second Service started 5 minutes ago. So see how I did that? I got you to stay for Second Service. The worship is going to start. Would you pray with me, please?

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Father, we're — thank You, first of all, for the graciousness, the patience, the long-suffering of this Your church, both locally and virtually. Thank You for their love, genuine love. I just pinch myself that I get to be the pastor of this amazing church, which is Your church. What a profound privilege is mine, and I do so, Lord, in the power of Your might, because it's not by my strength; I have none. It's not by my willpower that I muster up; I have none. But it's by Your Spirit, You say, Lord.

So will You take this lengthy — at least it wasn't 12-hours Update — and take it from here, by the Holy Spirit, and fine tune it to each individual heart? Because I'm only seeing the outward appearance. But You see and know the heart. Bless it to our hearts, God, that we might apply it to our lives and be numbered amongst those of whom it is said they're not merely hearers of Your word, but doers.

And lastly, Lord, please come quickly. Maranatha! Thank You, Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.