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KAPONO: Lord, thank You so much. Thank You that we have a place where we can come and hear a Prophecy Update, Lord, that we can hear Your word because Your word is being taught, Lord, that we may be encouraged through Your word. So as we get into Your word, Lord, would You just calm our spirits, Lord? Draw our attention to You and speak to us, Lord. We give You all the praise and all the glory. We ask these things in Your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASTOR JD: Jesus' name. Amen and amen. And good morning and welcome. You can be seated. Oh, I got — look at this. I'm so spoiled. Don't stop spoiling me though. (Receiving a lei) Wow! It's my color. I'm a summer. Okay, autumn? How's that work? Spring? Okay. Thank you so much. All right. Let's just close in prayer.

[Laughter]

Well good morning and welcome. We're glad you're here. And those of you joining us online, we're also very glad that you are. Before we get started, I just want to take a moment to wish all the dads a happy and more importantly, a blessed Father's Day. Even more importantly is that of blessing and honoring our Heavenly Father on this day that we celebrate and commemorate as Father's Day. So happy Father's Day! Hope your Father's Day is blessed.

As many of you know, we have two services on Sunday morning, the first of which is devoted to the Bible Prophecy Updates that we've been doing weekly for a number of years. Second Service, which will be livestreamed at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time, is the sermon.

It's actually a verse-by-verse study through God's word, and we're currently in the *Book of Revelation*, as many of you know, again, on Sunday mornings. And on Thursday nights we're in the Book of Daniel. You haven't lived until you've taught and studied through the Book of Daniel and the *Book of Revelation* simultaneously. So we're doing that.

God is so good, and we're so blessed because of that. We are going to see this Thursday, Lord willing, and if we're still here — you need more caffeine? Too early? This Thursday, we're going to be in *Daniel Chapter 7*. We turn a major corner in this very prophetic and amazing book, and it's going to actually comport with the *Book of Revelation*. So we want to encourage you to come Thursday night, 7:00 p.m., for our midweek Bible study verse-by-verse through the Bible, and we're in the Book of Daniel.

Now, today, for Second Service, we're going to start with the first church. We did an overview of the seven churches last week. We're going to start with the first church, the first letter to the first church concerning them leaving, not losing, their first love, and in so doing, what we're going to look at are practical ways that we can return to Jesus as our first love. So that'll be Second Service, again, 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time.

And those of you that are watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we would really encourage you to go directly to the website for the uncensored and uninterrupted entirety of today's Update. And with that, let's get to it.

I want to answer a question that arises from a peculiar passage as to why it is that Jesus would tell us to "Remember Lot's wife" in the last days. And by "peculiar," I mean Jesus curiously inserts a simple three-word sentence into His answer to a prophecy question that He's asked by none other than the Pharisees of all people. They're asking Jesus a Bible prophecy question, and in that answer, you'll find tucked in their three words: "Remember Lot's wife."

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Why? That's what we're going to talk about today. So would you join me in *Luke's Gospel, Chapter 17*? I want to start by reading it so as to then expound on how Jesus explains it in order that we might all, myself included, personally apply it.

I'm going to pick it up at verse 20, Luke 17. Now, this was very common. In the Gospels, you'll see that these Pharisees and Sadducees, the teachers of the law, the scribes, they were always trying to catch Jesus off guard — like you're going to do that — and ask Him a question for which the answer may dissuade all of His growing followers from following Him.

And such was the case here, beginning in *verse 20*, where we're told that, **“Now when He [Speaking of Jesus] was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, [You can either hear it in the tone of their voice] [I'm trying to replicate it for you and dramatize it for you] [Yeah, that was a failed attempt at doing so] He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation...”**

Interesting word. It carries with it the idea of hostile examination or combative confrontation. In other words, they came in hot asking Him this question. I'm sure it was snarky too. It's not just what they asked Him, it was the way they asked Him. And it's evidenced by what Jesus is going to do in response to their question.

We see that now in *verse 21*. **“The kingdom of God does not come with observation; [Verse 21] nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” [In front of you, in your midst, within your midst, among you]**

You want to know about the kingdom of God? You're looking at Him. And now this — this is really interesting because *verse 22* — can you use your imagination with me on this one? It was the Pharisees that asked Him the question. He gives them a quick answer that is commensurate with the way they asked the question of Him. Because they're not looking for an answer, they're looking for an argument. And like Jesus doesn't know that.

So how do I know that? Because of what happens in *verse 22*. Watch this. The Pharisees asked Him the question. He answers, and **“...then He said to the disciples...”**

Wait. What? In other words, the Pharisees are still there, going, hmm. Hmm. Hmm. And then He just turns away from them, turns towards the disciples who were also there, and now He's going to answer the same question asked by the Pharisees, only the answer is going to be given, not to the Pharisees, but to the disciples. And we're going to see why.

“Then He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And [Verse 23] they will say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after them or follow them. For [Verse 24] as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.”

Stop right there. Translated: You're not going to be wondering, well, was that the coming of the Son of Man? No, there's gonna be no question marks. It's, everybody's gonna know. Every eye will see. Every knee will bow too, by the way, and every tongue will confess too, by the way. So in other words, there's going to be no mistaking. There's going to be no uncertainty. There's going to be no ambiguity.

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Now, He kind of turns a little bit of a corner here, and it sort of gels into a familiar portion of scripture. He says, *verse 25*, **“But first He [Speaking of Himself] must suffer many things [Speaking of the crucifixion and all the horrific torture prior to it] and be rejected by this generation.**

[And then He says this, verse 26] **And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.**

Likewise [Verse 28] as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. *[He's still answering the question that the Pharisees asked, but He's answering it for the disciples]*

[Listen to what He says, verse 31] **“In that day, [Speaking of Israel] he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not [Keywords] turn back.”**

Verse 32, three words. And I wonder how Jesus said it. Did He say it like this: “Remember Lot's wife.” (Like a statement)

Remember Lot's wife? (Like a question)

Remember what happened to Lot's wife who did turn back? And then *verse 33*, and we'll end with *verse 33*. I think you'll see why here in a moment because this is in direct reference to what basically Lot's wife did and why it is that the Savior wants us now, like them then, to remember Lot's wife.

He says, **“Remember Lot's wife. [Why?] [Because] Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”**

Okay, it's important to note that Jesus telling them to remember Lot's wife would have resonated with them, and it would have been very disturbing to them. And here's why. All of them were well-versed, some even taking great pride in their knowledge of the Old Testament scripture. And, of course, Jesus knew this, which is why He spoke to this. It's for this reason that He would answer their prophecy question about when the kingdom of God would come in the last days, in the way that He does.

To better understand why Jesus says what He says, I think we'd do well to quickly revisit the account of Lot's wife. It's found in Genesis 19. If you could turn there, please. Now we're going to pick it up at *verse 12*. But let me give you the backstory. Judgment day has come. Judgment is coming. The end is here, not near, here.

Fire and brimstone is about to rain down on Sodom and Gomorrah and completely destroy it because of the wickedness. But there's only one problem. Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his family lived there, and God has promised that He would never destroy the righteous with the wicked. So He can't destroy Sodom and Gomorrah until He takes out the righteous. Who are the righteous? Lot and his family. You know where that's going, right? Just hang on to that. Don't get ahead of me.

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So what is God going to do? Well, He's going to send two angels in the form of men to Sodom to take Lot out first before that first fire and brimstone falls down on that city. It cannot come down until Lot is taken out.

So this is where we pick it up in *verse 12*. **“Then the men [These angels] said to Lot, [I want you to notice the urgency] “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city— take them out of this place! [Here's why, verse 13] For we will destroy this place because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it.”**

Wow! I wonder how great is the outcry before the face of the Lord concerning the world today, which resembles, even rivals, what the world was like in Lot's day, so much so that I would suggest that the evil of this world today, like in Lot's day, would almost make Sodom and Gomorrah blush. Was that too much? Is it still too early?

And notice the detail, again, that we're provided, that this outcry — in other words, a crying out. People are pleading with God to do something about this wickedness, this evil that has grown great before the face of the Lord. And the Lord took note of it. And the (Clap) time had come. That's it. Judgment day is coming, and that day is now. We need to get out of here.

Verse 14. **“So Lot went out [This is sad] and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.”**

Oh, there he goes again. I mean, he's taking this to a whole 'nother level in his Prophecy Updates. He's almost like setting a date, like we need to get out now, today, today's the day, and this is the hour. Please know that I know because I, like you, am on the receiving end of this, when you start talking about the judgment of God coming upon a Christ-rejecting world, and you're laughed at, you're a joke to them, and they mock you, and they ridicule you, you take heart and you be encouraged.

In fact, actually, if you want — but be gracious in how you do it — you might want to take it a step further and just show them, you know, in Peter where, wow, dude, did you know that you laughing at me and mocking me and thinking I'm a joke and ridiculing me, you're actually fulfilling Bible prophecy? So keep mocking me because that means that Jesus is coming sooner. Because in the last days, right before judgment comes, there's going to be these mockers that think, what a joke, what a joke, ha! — ridiculing you, mocking you, demeaning you, being condescending toward you.

This is not to excuse it but to explain it. No wonder pastors don't dare talk about Bible prophecy. Again, I'm not excusing it. I'm explaining it. I get it. I totally understand. Because you've got to count the cost knowing what's coming when you speak the truth that doesn't want to be heard or heeded. Judgment's coming? Are you kidding? Have you looked around lately, Lot? These are his sons-in-law, married to his daughters. How heartbreaking do you think this was to Lot?

Well, *verse 15*. **“When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry...”**

I wish that part of *verse 15* wasn't in our Bibles because it implies that Lot needed to be urged to hurry up, the inference being that he was dilly-dallying around. Do they still use that phrase? That's an old-school one. Stop dilly-dallying around. I have no idea what a dilly or a dally is, but I know what it means. So hurry up, Lot! And they say, **“Arise, take your wife and your two daughters...”**

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Interesting. They don't mention the sons-in-law. We heard what they said. Nah, we'll take care of that. Don't get them. Just get your daughters from them “...**who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.**”

And *[Again, I wish this part of verse 16 wasn't in our Bibles because we're told]* **while he** *[Speaking of Lot]* **lingered...** *[Now he's lingering]*

First, he's dilly-dallying around, now he's lingering, you know, kind of hanging out. Let's just wait. There's no hurry. No worry. No. He was lingering. He was hesitating, so much so, we're told “...**the men took hold of his hand, [They had to grab him] [They had to grab] his wife's hand, and [They had to grab] the hands of his two daughters, [And we're told why] [It's because] the Lord [Was] being merciful to him, and they brought him out [Notice the detail “out”] and set him outside the city.**”

So it came to pass, [Verse 17] when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, [You're going to go up, be taken up] lest you be destroyed.”

Now when we pick it up in *verse 22*, it gets really ugly. We see what happens next. The angels again say, *verse 22*, “**Hurry, escape there. [And notice this] For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.**” **I can't destroy this city until you're out of here and arrive there to your destination. Therefore, the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun had risen up upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.**

[Verse 24] **Then [Keyword] the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But [And here it is] his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”**

That's an interesting detail in and of itself. Does it mean that Lot was behind his wife to make sure that she didn't look back? So she had to look back behind him because he was behind her? Or does it mean that Lot was in front of her, and she was behind him when she looked back, which would imply that she was not in any hurry and disobeyed God's command and looked back on that city she once resided in, that city for which she had so much love for?

Now, one thing I want to point out here, just picture in your mind using your God-given imagination, Lot's wife looking back wasn't just a glance like out of the corner of your eye. Now in the original, it has this idea of a, as one aptly said, a lingering look of love. She turned back, looking at that which she did not want to leave behind.

Simply put, Lot's wife had dug down the roots of her love too deep into the temporal soil of Sodom, which is why her heart was still in Sodom, which is also why she would look back at Sodom. She may have left Sodom with Lot and their daughters physically, but her treasure and her heart were still in Sodom spiritually.

You know this passage well. It's a most stunning sermon that's preached by the Savior himself, recorded in the *Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6*. I want to draw your attention to *verses 19 through 21* because here, Jesus is going to provide us with an explanation as to why it is that Lot's wife did what she did.

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Jesus speaking, teaching, *verse 19*, **“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. [And here's why, *verse 21*] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

Notice it's not the other way around: Where your heart is that's where your treasure will be also. No, where's your heart? Just find out where the treasure is, and that's where my heart's going to be. This was Lot's wife. And this brings me to the paramount importance of all of us personalizing it and applying it to our own lives by allowing the Holy Spirit unfettered access into that deep recess in our hearts.

How so? Please stay with . By allowing the Holy Spirit to search my heart to see if there be anything at all, deep down inside that's still keeping me tethered to this world because of what I still treasure in this world. I've laid up my treasures down here on earth, and so my heart is where my treasure is. And if my heart is here and my investment is here, then it's because my treasure is here. Well, so how can I know what my treasure is?

How do I — how can I know if there is something — and the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth and reveal all to you. It's there for the asking. You have not because you ask not. Just ask. This is a prayer God will answer like ASAP. God reveal to me; what is it in me? Search my heart, O Lord, and see if there be anything at all that is keeping me from hearing You, knowing You, loving You wholeheartedly, not half-heartedly because apparently, You want me to remember Lot's wife.

And her heart was still in — isn't there a song, like, I left my heart in...? Oh, sorry, I didn't want to give you that. Because now it's going to get stuck in your mind. By the way, here's what works for me. When you get a song you don't want stuck in your mind, just replace it with another song that you do want stuck in your mind. No, for real. Try this at home.

So how can I know? I mean, there's got to be a way to know if there's something that I'm still tied to in this world that's still got my heart, caught my heart, captured my heart if you prefer. Well, here's the answer. I can know by asking myself the question of what is the master passion of my life, as evidenced by that which I invest the most time and energy on in my life. That's your treasure, the master passion of your life.

What do you invest the most of your time in? What do you think about the most? How much — what's that which you devote the most energy to, that you're devoted to the most? That's where your treasure is. And if that's what and where your treasure is, then you can be assured that so too will your heart be there also, like it was with Lot's wife.

So we now have the Savior's explanation. I think we're ready for the personal application, the personal application of Lot's wife. Why are we to remember Lot's wife? Because Lot's wife represents many believers today who, truth be made known, still treasure and love their lives in the Sodom and Gomorrah of this world.

Doesn't stand to reason that right after Jesus would say, **“...remember Lot's wife...”** that this would be the reason when He says you try to save your life; you're gonna lose it. You lose your life; you're gonna keep it, preserve it? I mean, He subsequently, emphatically, and even paradoxically says if you're like Lot's wife, [*Remember Lot's wife*] and you're gonna try to keep your life in this world, preserve it because your treasure is still there and your heart's still there, you're gonna lose it. And conversely, if you lose it, you're going to keep it.

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It's the paradox of the Christian faith. And the sooner we as Christians come to that realization and embrace the reality of the paradox, the better. The way up is down. You exalt yourself; you'll be humbled. You humble yourself; you'll be exalted. It's the paradox. Another word for it is oxymoron, you know, like jumbo shrimp. That's an oxymoron. How about this one? I love this one. I heard it. Totally stole it. Oxymoron: Microsoft works.

[Laughter]

I'll give you a moment because I know it's deeply profound. So it's the paradox of I'm trying to save your life, and you're — by getting you out of Sodom — and you're trying to save your life by looking back at Sodom. What's there?

Lot's wife sought to keep, or, if you prefer, preserve her life in Sodom because her heart — and I want you to listen very carefully — was divided. She had a divided heart between the Lord and Sodom because her life and treasure and heart were in Sodom, perhaps better said. Lot's wife had a divided heart tearing her apart by virtue of her treasure being in Sodom, which is why her heart and love was still for Sodom.

You probably already know where I'm going, so I'll just get to the point. This is where the last days church is today. Thankfully, God, as only He can — I could have never timed this — but He timed our verse-by-verse study through Revelation on this day to where we would start in *Chapter 2*, where we find the first letter to the first of seven churches, *Chapters 2 and 3*, and every single one of those letters is applicable to us today in the last days church. And you know what's going to be really interesting?

And again, I could have never timed this. If you think I'm clever enough to time something like this, ha-ha!

[Laughter]

Nuff said. We're actually going to be in the first letter to the first church in Ephesus, who had left their first love because their heart was divided. Isn't that another song? I'm sorry. That's another song: ♪ Torn between two (Lovers) ♪

I'll let you that stick in your mind for a while, I guess. I think I just lost some of you. So sorry.

But they did love the Lord. They're believers. They follow Jesus. They believe in Jesus. But not like it was at first. And they had left it. Why? Because something else wooed their heart away from the Lord. Did you know that this is the same Apostle John who not only wrote the Revelation as it was given to him, but he was also the same Apostle John who some believe even pastored that very same church in Ephesus for a season?

But also while there, it's also believed that he may have written his first — or pardon me — his second and third epistles from Ephesus. So now 35 years has passed, and in John's first epistle he writes in *Chapter 2*, beginning in *verse 15*, **“Do not love the world or the things in the world. [And he takes it further] If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [That's strong]**

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, it needs to have that sanctified strength. In other words, he's echoing what James said. James says it even stronger. He says, you love the world, do you? You're friends with the world, are you? You're married to the world? You adulterers! And he said it just like that because he was the half-brother of Jesus, the Savior of the world, God incarnate, born to Mary and

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Joseph. And if I grew up with the Savior of the world, who was perfect, sinless, you know, and always kept His room clean, I'd have a chip on my shoulder, too. So that's why James is who he is.

Can't wait to meet the guy. I mean, James is one of those books thank God we survived. We should have T-shirts. We went verse-by-verse through James. We should get T-shirts. We did a verse-by-verse study through James, and we lived to tell about it. It's not one of those books that you read or study or even teach and walk away from going, "wow." It's more like, "whoa, whoa."

He even goes further and explains in *verse 16*, **"For all that is in the world— the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life— is not of the Father but is of the world. [And here's the thing, you guys] [I'm sort of paraphrasing a little bit] [The world's dying] The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."**

So here we're given — because God is a merciful God and because He loves us enough to speak the truth to us — don't invest in this world because it's a very bad investment. Don't invest and lay up treasures on earth for a number of reasons, not the least of which is your heart will be where your treasure is, and you're now tethered to this world, being wooed by this world, in love with this world. And I'm going to destroy it.

It's like renting a house and investing a lot of money to remodel it, and you have a month-to-month lease. That was actually a pretty good illustration, if I do say so myself. What in the world are you thinking? This is crazy. You're not going to be here that long. No, but I love this house. That's the problem. If you didn't love it, you wouldn't invest money to remodel it like you're gonna be here for a while.

Oh, hmm, I wonder; could that explain why it is that a lot of truly born-again Christians are investing in this world, the things of this world because they think that we're going to be here for a while? I'm kind of getting ahead of myself. We'll come back to that.

This is the personal application of today's Update to our lives personally vis-a-vis the sanctified strength of the aforementioned scriptures prophetically. Let me explain. These scriptures, listen, are in the context of the last days and the soon return of Jesus Christ. That's kind of a game changer.

I mean, if it was a theological question non-related to the end of the world, and the judgment of God upon this world, and the rapture of the church, and the Second Coming of Christ, and the kingdom of God, I mean, that kind of puts some bite and fight into it; doesn't it?

I mean, that changes the complexion of it a little bit, doesn't it? I mean, if it's just your run-of-the-mill — I don't mean just — I hope you don't misunderstand me. It's not your run-of-the-mill generic theological question. No, we're talking this is a Bible prophecy question. Right out of the chute this thing's got teeth on it. I'll think of a different metaphor next time.

And by teeth, I mean it — it's got a bite to it. It packs a powerful punch when you understand that Jesus is providing us with yet another sign of what it will be like at the time of the end when He returns. And did you catch the bonus answer to the question?

They asked about the kingdom of God, and Jesus over-answers the question, and says, you know what? I'm going to — I'm going to take a step further, and I'm going to fill in some blanks and connect some dots. Not only am I going to tell you what it's going to be like when the kingdom of God comes, I'm also going to tell you what the world's going to look like before the kingdom of God

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comes. So that way you've got a — you've got a — a list. You know, we say, check off the boxes. Here's some boxes to check off. This is what it's going to be like right before Jesus comes.

I ask you — and the Lord knows my heart — with all sincerity and humility — I'm trying to figure out how to ask this in all sincerity and humility now that I said I would. I'll just ask it. Is this world today not like it was in Lot's and Noah's day? Are you kidding me? I think it's even worse.

[Congregant says, "Yeah."]

And wait, and Jesus said, "**Remember Lot's wife.**" Well, I can't forget her now. Well, she looked back because she longed to be back where her heart was because that's where her treasure was because she still loved Sodom. Is that you? I know it's not biblically feasible practically, even, but (Exasperated sigh) they had to grab him out.

Believe you me when I say you will not have to grab me. I'll be grabbing the Lord. Get me outta here! Hesitating, lingering, dilly-dallying. (Exasperated sigh) I was so out of this world so long ago. You know, we use phrases like, "I have no love lost." "There is nothing here for me anymore." "I've long overstayed my welcome in this world, not my home."

I've not only not tightened my grip, I have let go completely of any grip on anything or even anyone that would tie me to this world because this is not my final destination. And I would be so stupid — can I just say stupid? I just did. It's in the Bible — *Romans 12:1* — for those of you out there that are not very happy with me right now, but it just — it feels good too, to say it. Just — I'm speaking of myself, not you. I would be so stupid to tie myself to this world when I know that that trumpet could sound at any time.

And I'm going to be — well, no wonder they had to grab him — he said, wait, I can't leave. Let me — let me — it's going to be destroyed. Let me take this. Don't take anything with you. You won't need it. You're going to get all new stuff that rust will not destroy, and thief can't get to, break into. What? What do you want to take with you? You take nothing with you.

It just reminds me — can I just insert this quirky humor? This guy shows up in heaven at the rapture. And for whatever reason, he managed to get his bars of gold. And he brought them with him. And he's raptured. And the Lord's looking at him, going, Dude...

[Laughter]

Maybe not like that, but you get the point. Dude, what are you thinking? What? What? Why did you bring asphalt up here?

[Laughter]

Because the streets are made of that stuff up here. Okay. That worked up better than I thought it would. So if we're talking about remembering Lot's wife in the context of the end of the world, doesn't that kind of put it on a whole new level?

Understand that Jesus is talking about His Second Coming at the end of the 7-year tribulation, when every eye will see lightning flashing across the sky, coming in the clouds, and there's going to be nobody going, I wonder if that's the Lord's Second Coming. Ya think?

So he's speaking about the Second Coming at the end of the 7-year tribulation. We should take it up even to a higher level for us because subsequent to the rapture which has to happen prior to the 7-

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year tribulation, which happens prior to the Second Coming — you're with me, right? I know I botched it. Just humor me.

In other words, if he's talking about that, and we know what happens before that, how close are we to that? In other words, we're already seeing this world become like, even worse in our day, as it was in the days of Noah, the wickedness unspeakable. They were inventing new ways to do evil. They would get up in the morning. They'd set their alarm clocks early, get up in the morning, and try to come up with something more evil than they did yesterday. And the days of Lot: the wickedness.

Now, we know from our study in Ezekiel, that, I mean, I don't need to get into the detail. It's the word Sodom. Of course, in the modern-day usage of that word, I mean, homosexuality was rampant. I mean, you know, and I don't want to get into the details. It's unnecessary. But it was so bad that these men, who were angels sent by God to destroy the city, the men of Sodom wanted to have sex with them. I'm going to leave it at that. I mean, I don't want to...

What we're seeing now is an exceedingly powerful pull from the world and a growing love for the world, which is a prophetic sign pointing to the end of the world. And that's why it changes the whole complexion of the question that is asked of the Savior. Now we have a problem, and I want to resolve it quickly. And it's that of this disconnect.

What do you mean? Well, we're all prone — I'll include myself — to kind of disenfranchise ourselves from Lot's wife. And here's — because I can read your minds — I know what you're thinking. Here's how we think. Oh, I would never do that. You know, when you're in the Proverbs, I call them “the teens,” Chapters 13, 14 on — in the teens. They're what I affectionately refer to as the “contrasting proverbs” where Solomon writes, by the Holy Spirit, the righteous do this... but the wicked do that!

And here I am in my pompous, pious pride: Those wicked people! Because, of course, I'm the — I'm shedding myself in the most favorable of lights. The righteous do this. Thank you very much But the wicked do that!

No, you're the wicked. Nathan the prophet to Daniel the king, “You are the one.” So there's this, like, default we go to where we disconnect from, a teaching like this about remembering Lot's wife. I think it shows up when we're in the Old Testament, and we read repeatedly — I mean, come on — the Israelites murmuring and complaining before the Lord like every — on schedule. They had a schedule. They had a complaining schedule.

Okay, your turn. You're on duty. Let's complain. The Red Sea just got parted. We walked on dry ground. He drowned the Egyptians. And now you're singing. Oh, now you're praising God. You weren't praising God before. You were blaming God. Weren't there enough graves in Egypt? They had to bring us all the way out here to kill us!

[Laughter]

I mean, so they're just — I don't know how many hours have passed since they just crossed on dry ground, witnessing an absolute miracle by the grace and mercy and love of God. And here they are. And now I'm thirsty.

[Laughter]

And then what do we do? We're like, I would never do that. Oh, yes, you would. You'd be right in the front of the line. I'm thirsty. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang. Yang.

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[Laughter]

Okay, I might have taken a little bit too far, but whatever. Here's what I'm trying to say. So I'll just say it. How about that for a change? Just saying it. We might want to rethink this because we are Lot's wife. We're all prone, like Lot's wife, in remembering Lot's wife, to do what Lot's wife did. We all possess this proclivity to, like Lot's wife, longingly and lovingly seek to keep our lives, preserve our lives in this world.

Think about — not right now — because I'm still preaching. But take some time in your time with the Lord and just allow, again, the Holy Spirit unfettered access to your heart, to search your heart and just meditate on those passages of Scripture, as convicting as they are, for your own good — for my own good — that speak to how it is that we — we allocate an enormous amount of time to ensuring that our lives are comfortable.

These time-saving devices? I'm sorry. It takes more time to assemble that time-saving device than it's going to save me, and then even when I finally figure it out and there's parts left over, which you wonder: what did I miss? — And then the thing breaks. And I've actually spent more time on a time-saving device to save time. So basically, I've done the very thing Jesus said, don't try it. Don't — just don't bother. You're not going to preserve it. Just let it go.

I know of a brother in the Lord — this is many years ago on the mainland — that actually walked through his house and prayed, and in his mind and in his heart, he just let go of all of his possessions, of which he had many, by the way. The cars in the garage, “S” plural, I mean, he just signed over the title deed to the Lord. Just let go. I am the owner of nothing, the steward of everything because everything that I have belongs to You. You're the one who gave it to me in the first place.

So one more thing, and I'll try to bring it in. I want you to think this through with me. Doesn't it make sense that the closer we get to the end of the world, the more difficult it will be not to acquiesce to the world? In other words, is not the world's pull getting stronger as we get closer? Sadly, the reality is that it seems, like Lot's wife, the world is winning over many, and one need look no further than to how the love of many is growing cold.

Listen to what Jesus said in Matthew 24:12. **“And [Because of lawlessness] because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”**

He's speaking about the last days. Dare I say that many today have a divided heart and a heart that's growing cold? And by the way, a divided heart eventually becomes a hardened heart. It starts off as a divided heart, and it starts growing cold because of the world's pull. What do you mean? Worldly issues, specifically, politically, racially, environmentally, and culturally, just to mention a few.

And here's the thing — listen, please. Satan knows this, which is why Satan fuels this, especially within the Christian church, as he employs his textbook play right out of his playbook. You know what the play is called? Divide and conquer. Satan knows the Bible better than you and I ever will. And this is why Jesus, in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, would clearly warn us in no uncertain terms about a divided house, a divided heart. You've heard the expression, “united we stand, divided we fall.”

Can I ask you again, sincerely and humbly: Is not the church of Jesus Christ today divided more than it ever has been before, nor will it ever be again? What about the world? Is the world not divided today? This is the play: Divide, and it falls. If it's united, it'll stand.

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This is what Jesus wrote in *Mark 3:22-26*. **“And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, [Here's another one of those times] “He [Speaking of Jesus] is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons, He is driving out demons.” So... [Verse 23, I love this] [Oh, I would have loved to have been there to see this] So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables.”**

I wonder how that went down. Hey, you guys. I cast out demons by Beelzebul? Come here. I have a question. I love it when Jesus answers questions with questions. There's one account — you know it — where He says — He's asked a question — He says well, I have a question for you. And if you can answer my question, I'll answer your question.

Well, they couldn't answer His question. And guess what? He didn't answer theirs. How about that? Have a nice afternoon. I have question, you guys. **“How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand, [Cannot] If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his [Listen very carefully] end has come.”**

The fall. The time has come.

If you'll kindly allow me to, I want to expound on something that I hope will be of some help and encouragement, especially to any who are really hurting and struggling right now. But in order to do that, we'll go ahead at this time and end the livestream on YouTube and Facebook. I want to start with a few questions, and please know that I ask them of myself, and I do so with a purpose in mind, which I think you'll see here shortly.

Here's the main question from which the others will come. Here's the main question. With how evil the Sodom and Gomorrah of this world is becoming, what is it that still has its grip on my heart? Is it the upcoming election here in America [Better said, selection here in America] there's still has some holding out hope?

Well, if so, then it's going to have the effect of dividing your heart toward the Lord. Love the Lord with all your heart. All your heart, not half your heart. Well, I can't love the Lord with all my heart because part of my heart is over here. It's been spoken for. Because I love my country, God and country.

Wait, what? That's not in the Bible. In fact, if you search the scriptures, as did the Bereans, more noble than the Thessalonians, what you might find is the opposite. Is it that, that's still kind of got a hold on me? Does that got part of my heart?

Here's another one. Is it the recent admission by some pushing the death shot that they were wrong? Which is in and of itself suspicious to me. Have you noticed this? It's all of a sudden now people are coming out that were promoting this, calling people who didn't take this death shot — I got to use it one more time because it's a direct quote — not me — are stupid

[Laughter]

are now all of a sudden, doing a 180. What's up with that? Hmm. Things that make you go hmm.

Well, my question is, is that sudden turn-around, giving you hope that the fight for freedom can be won? Yeah, but the angel of the Lord is here warning me. The word of God is warning me that

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judgment has come, and I'm going to be taken out. And... You're telling me no, stay. Fight, fight, fight.

Well, no, Jesus, when He was arrested and queried about His kingdom, being a king — I hear you're a king — you don't look like a king. He said, well, My kingdom isn't of this world. That's why I don't look like a king.

[Congregant says, "Amen."]

And besides, if My kingdom were of this world, My disciples would be fighting. And they're not fighting for Me because My kingdom is not of this world.

So I wonder. Am I trying to fight to save America? I wonder — I'm going to ask it again — it's not in my notes. Just let me have this one, please. It comes from the heart concerning a divided heart. I wonder if all the energy, all the money, all the time that is invested into a political campaign in a selection year.

What if all of that were not laid up here on earth for that but instead were laid up in heaven? Because you can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead. I wonder first, what would change in your life if you made that kind of a transfer? And instead of investing all of your time and energy because all you're doing is demonstrating that this is what is your priority, this is what you treasure.

You know how we say, well, I just don't have time. No, if it were really a treasure to you and important to you and a priority for you, you'll make time for it. You'll make time for it. No, you have time. You just won't make time because you don't value it as warranting the taking of that time.

Here's another one. I'm almost done. I'll be quick. Is it the hope that somehow the — and this is another very curious and suspicious thing — the plandemic, as they call it — we call Covid-19 — it's over. Have you noticed? It's just kind of, you know, you don't hear much anymore.

No, not much. So maybe it's over. So now I can preserve my life, keep my life, and turn back, turn back to the life I had before. Am I holding out hope for that? If I am, it's dividing my heart. Is it that the so-called vaccine — which is not a vaccine — was actually much to do about nothing and was just another one of those conspiracy theories that was promoted by guys like that guy on the windward side of Oahu — does that still have you kind of conflicted and divided between the science god and the true God of science? Because all of a sudden now, there's been a shift. The narrative has changed. And so, oh, maybe, maybe we can go back to Sodom now.

May I just humbly say, as Jesus said, **"Remember Lot's wife."** Is it too strong of me to suggest that many believers today still hold out hope for the Sodom and Gomorrah of this world? I mean, that's the only explanation I can come up with for why Christians today are doing what Christians are doing today. I mean, if you knew — if two men, two angels — unaware — visited you, and said, hey, JD, this is it — you're out of here — I would grab them! Let's go! Let's go! Do you have anybody else? No. Let's go. Let's just go right now. Just take me — no...

[Laughter]

I would — of course, I wouldn't do that.

[Laughter]

Wow, you're really quick to laugh on that one. I'm just trying to make sure you're still with me.

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What would you do differently? Would you be like, no, not yet? Remember, before you got married? It's like, oh, Lord, you know, You come quickly, but wait. Don't let the rapture happen until after we get married. Not, come on. And then after you get married, oh, Lord, come quickly. Please, Jesus.

[Laughter]

One last thing. And we're almost done. Did I say we're almost done? Now, we're really almost done. I know I'm going long. Don't look at your watches. I just — this could be my last Prophecy Update. How's that? That's my story, and I'm sticking with it. So I'm going to preach my heart out, my undivided heart, by the way.

You know, we liken the prophetic parallels, of which there are many, to the days of Lot, to the days of Noah. But we're too quick, I think, to connect the dots to sexual immorality, debauchery, wickedness, evil, all the above. But what I don't think we connect the dots to in Lot's day, in particular, is that of **“Remember Lot's wife.”**

In other words, yes, it's going to be like it was in the days of Lot, but so too will it be like that in terms of the “Lot's wife” at the end of time. They're not ready to — which again doesn't excuse but explains why it is that nobody wants to talk about the rapture. Is it because they're too tethered to this world?

And one last parallel, and it's to me, the most profound — I'm going to call it a proof text, which I know is strong — for the pre-tribulation rapture. The destruction could not come down until Lot was taken out. The tribulation, the wrath of God poured out on this world cannot happen until the church is taken out. That alone, stand alone.

Now we have one more issue — I'm gonna call it issue — that we need to deal with before we close. I'm keenly aware that there are those who question whether or not the world today is really like it was in Lot's day. I'm also keenly aware that there are those who are somewhat conflicted and divided as to whether or not we still have many years ahead.

And the reason I say that is because you hear that. What kind of world are we leaving for the next generation? We're the final chosen generation. We're the generation that's going to see the Coming of the Son of Man. The next generation? Yeah. You know for our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. What? Wait... You... Ye... (Chuckling)

Easy for me to say. Okay. Well, then what's your point? My point is this. Anyone should be hard pressed with a working knowledge of God's word to come up with any reason why we've got years and years ahead of us with everything that is happening in our day, which is like it was in Lot's day and Noah's day. I can't get there.

Okay, Pastor, you said that this was supposed to somehow help me and encourage me. Yes. And here's how. To the battle weary, I want to say to you, be encouraged. (Chuckling) It's now. It's now. And I'm going to simultaneously flip that around and say to the skeptic: Be warned. It's now. It's now. Remember Lot's wife? Hmm. The end is no longer near.

You hear me say the end is now here. I wonder if that's why they were caught off guard and had to be grabbed by the arms and yanked out of Sodom. It came at a time that they did not expect. Yeah, I've been hearing that judgment's coming for years. And then it comes. (Exasperated sigh)

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What makes today any different? Well, it's got to come sometime. And Jesus doesn't want us to be ignorant about what that's going to look like when that time comes. So this is not just blind faith. This is an intelligent faith based on the word and the promises of God. I hope that this does not sound sensational or persuasive in the way I'm wording this, as Paul addressed in 1 Corinthians *Chapter 2:3-5*.

But what I do wish for is to give the Holy Spirit the elbow room, so to speak, So that He can speak in that still, small voice. And when He does, He'll be met with ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church And also to open up the eyes of the blind to see, to open up the hearts that are divided and even hardened to receive, and to open up the ears to hear.

Hear what? Today is exactly like it was in Lot's day. I probably could have said that in half the time it took me to say that, but it's a gift. I'm almost done. I want to share with you quickly seven headlines, just the headlines. I know they're propaganda, but the reason I want to do it is because Satan insidiously and cleverly buries the lie, as the father of lies, under the layer of half-truths. It's been said that a half-truth is a whole lie.

So I'll quickly grow — grow through them — go through them. But as I do, I would implore you to view these through the lens of remembering Lot's wife. It was inconceivable to her. It's kind of one of those — did that just happen? What just happened completely blindsided her, and it didn't need to. She should have known.

So what follows are just seven headlines, all of which are from just the last 30 days. And if you knew how many I had to edit out in the interest of time, which, believe it or not, I actually am sensitive to, except for today.

First one: 'Next pandemic 'inevitable': Top British scientist warns, 'we are not ready' Well, I'm not ready for that. I'm ready for that. (Pointing up)

'Global pandemic treaty to be concluded by 2025, WHO says'

Who says?

[Laughter]

It's too late for that. I think you're over it.

'The Brutalization of Israel Is Well Underway. If We Do Not Act, Its Collapse Is Only a Matter of Time'

How about this one? 'There's No Disaster-Proofing the 2024 Election'

'The World is Going Cashless. Get Over It,'

'Iran issues chilling new nuclear weapons warning that could spark World War 3'

'World War 3 fears explode as NATO ally mulls directly engaging Russian forces over Ukraine'

You realize we're on the cusp of exactly what the Bible said would happen. It's happening. And this last one — this was the Lord being gracious and merciful to me because I'm searching, and oh, man, I hate looking through some of this stuff. But this one just popped up, and I thought, thank you, Lord. I'm going to have to use this one, the last one. You're ready for it? I saved the worst for last.

"For Pride Month, a Look Back [*Look back?*] [*Oh, that remind me of Lot's wife*]"

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Oh, did you know? Did you forget June? Pride month. Yeah. 2017: we're in New York. My daughter was singing the anthem at the U.S. Open. And we rode on the New York subway from downtown to uptown. And my girl is ten years old. And I caught a glimpse of what it must have been like on an average day in Sodom and Gomorrah with those people because they had just had their big parade, that got on that subway. And I do not share that with a righteous indignation. I share it with a broken heart. Because these are people for whom Jesus died, and these are people that need Jesus to be saved.

Again, please know that this is just a very small sampling of what's happening in our world today, which again, I truly believe one would be hard pressed to argue that: No, it doesn't necessarily resemble Lot's day. I don't know how anybody could argue that case.

I'll ask one last question in remembering Lot's wife. What is it exactly that I would want to even look back on or even look forward to in this world? I'm looking forward to the rapture. I have nothing left here. I have nothing here that is keeping me here. When my mom and dad died, there was nothing keeping us in Spokane, Washington, which is why we ended up here. Because I said, Hawaii? Here, my Lord, send me.

[Laughter]

Of course I married a Kailua girl, too. That helps. But there was nothing tying me to that location anymore. There was nothing there for me anymore.

Is there something here for you still? I know that I run the risk of sounding too cliché, but I'll quote what someone had to say, which I think is really good. "When the outlook is really bad, try the up look. It's really good."

For the born-again Christian, there should remain no thing that would ever cause us to tighten our grip on with the hope of preserving our lives in this world. Let it go because we're about to go. And don't bring any gold with you. It didn't work out well for the last guy.

How, Pastor? Well, this might be an oversimplification, but the way to the question of how to let go of this world is — and look back at this world — is simply Jesus. When you're so in love with Jesus, pshht. That's a deep theological word, pshht. When you're so full of the Holy Spirit, you don't have an appetite for the world. When you're so in love with Jesus, you're not going to love anything or anyone else because you love Him with your whole heart, soul, mind, body, strength.

Give me a couple minutes. I'll end with the Gospel of salvation and what's simply known as the ABCs of salvation. I'll start with the Gospel. Then we'll go through the simplicity of the Gospel and how to know, as John said, that you can have eternal life, not might, not could, not pretty good chance. No, you can know that you have eternal life.

I use the ABCs only because it's just one way, a simple way to explain how to be saved. It starts with acknowledging — that's the A — or admitting that you've sinned. Because unless and until you acknowledge you're a sinner, then why in the world would you be interested in the Savior?

So I have to come to that place where in *Romans 3:10* I realize that "**There is [No one good] no one righteous, not even one.**" I might be a good person, but I'll never be good enough. Yeah, but I've never murdered anybody. It doesn't matter. Well, I've kept 9 out of 10 of the Commandments.

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Okay, well, that's like having a chain you're hanging on to for life that has 10 links, but 1 of them's broken. How's that going to end for you? If you broke one, you've broken the entire law.

Romans 3:23 explains why. It's because **"All [All] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** We were all born sinners, which is why we must be born-again spiritually, Jesus said, to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 6:23 is the Gospel, which simply means good news. Your debt has been paid. You're free to go. But in order for the good news to be good news, there must first be bad news.

What's the bad news? You've been sentenced to death "for the wages of sin is death." That's the bad news. And the badder the bad news is the gooder the good news will be. I know that's not proper English. So that's pretty bad. I've been sentenced to death.

Not so fast. Good news. **"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,"** who has carried out your death sentence in your stead with His blood shed. He died for you instead of you, and He paid in full your debt. He carried out in full your death sentence. And He purchased you. You're not your own. You're bought with a price. How much did it cost Him? Everything. And He offers the gift that He purchased to you. And it's the gift of eternal life.

Here's the B, very central. It's for believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Romans 10:9* says, **"If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."** And then the C is for call upon the name of the Lord or confess with your mouth because **"...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."** So if I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is Lord, what's going to come out of my mouth? Jesus Christ is Lord.

Romans 10:9 also says, **"If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."** And *Romans 10:13*, lastly, seals the deal. **"All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."** He will in no way cast out anyone who calls on Him, believing in Him.

I implore you today in this last day, as it was in Lot's day, to be the day of your salvation. I chose today's "But God" testimony — this is going to be worth the wait — and I think you'll see why here in a moment. She refers to that Sunday a while back where we had a demonic spirit manifested in a woman who was sitting in the front row. And she came to Christ because of it.

And I want to share — yeah —

[Applause]

So can I just...? What are you gonna say? No? After I did that with an intro like that? So can I just read you her testimony that she sent us? Check this out.

It comes from Lia who writes, "Dear Mr. Farag, *[Now this is interesting]* *[She says]* Please forgive me for my rudeness to you and your ministry in a scathing comment I made a couple of years ago. Thank you for your prayers though. I think it was because of those prayers that God graced me with salvation. Or it could be, as you have said many times, "but God."

Recently, there was that demonic visitor at one of your services. I'm incredibly grateful for that service because a day or so later I saw the edited version. I was casually listening and watching your service when you gave the ABCs of salvation. *[This is after]*

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I'd heard the ABCs countless times, but God this time spoke through you and touched my heart. Suddenly, everything changed inside, and I finally understood what it means to be saved. The reality of being on a bullet train headed to hell because of lack of faith welled up inside of me.

Suddenly, I knew that I knew that I knew. In an instant, I became part of the family. That interruption was meant to bring clickbait, *[Which it did]*, and chaos *[Which it did]*, and confusion *[Which it did]*, and division and anxiety and fear. But God used that demonic manifestation to adopt me and bring me into His family. I am forever grateful for that day because now, no matter what may happen in the remaining time we have left on God's footstool, *[I like that]* I'm on my way home. *[This is a yeah — you can — yeah] [Praise the Lord]*

[Applause]

It gets better. *[It gets better] [Listen to this]* This is a joyous thing which has me *[Listen]* longing for the kingdom of Heaven and despising the things of this earth. *[How did she know that was my Prophecy Update?]*

Thank you once again for your prayers and your faithfulness to God. May God continue to richly bless you, your loved ones, and your ministry. Lia. P.S. Thank you, it was not until this experience that I realized how incredibly powerful prayer is. Prayer saved me from an eternity in Hell.”

Praise the Lord. Come on up, Kapono. Why don't you stand up?

[Applause]

Thank you so much for your patience. I know I went — oh, man, just to think — if I would have left in some of the stuff I had, Second Service would already be here. I think they're already here anyway. Kapono's going to close us in song. I'll close us in prayer.

Father in heaven, thank You that the things of this earth grow strangely dim when our hearts are fully devoted to You, wholeheartedly in love with You. In comparison to what awaits, this world has nothing. And so, Lord, as Kapono closes with a timeless and timely hymn about deciding to follow You, Jesus, and not turning back, I pray that will all take this to heart. That we would never be numbered amongst those of whom it is said like Lot's wife, they have a divided heart. And lastly, Lord Jesus, Maranatha. Come quickly. In Jesus name, Amen.