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KAPONO: Amen. Praise the Lord. Great are You, Lord. Would you join me in a word of prayer? Lord, thank You so much! Wow, what a day that we can wake up, Lord, that You have given us the breath of life, Lord, yet again, that we can come here and praise Your name for everything and with everything that we got, Lord.

Would You bless the teaching this morning, Lord? And would You take down whatever barriers it is that we may have in our hearts, or even on our mind, Lord, that may just take up space that would allow us not to hear what You have.

So thank You once again for this beautiful place that You have blessed us with, Lord. May You be glorified today. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and Amen. And good morning and welcome. So glad you're here. You can be seated. We're glad that you came. Those of you online, we're so glad that you're joining with us as well.

Let me begin by first thanking all of you for your understanding, your grace, and your overwhelming love for my family and I during the month of May, which the Lord blessed in every possible way. It was actually the first time in 26 years that my family ever — we had never done anything like this before. It was the first time we ever, as a family, went anywhere together.

When we flew to Cal — and that's on me, by the way — we flew to California for my second born son's college graduation. Now, I don't share this to solicit sympathy or pity, rather to praise God and to thank you for allowing me, as your pastor, my family, us, to experience this amazing time together, which only God could have provided for and did.

As many of you know, we actually celebrated two graduations. First, my son, and then my daughter, who graduated one year early as a junior from Kalāheo High School. So there were two graduations, and two birthdays were included, no extra charge.

[Laughter]

The first one was from my wife, for whom we are most grateful to the many who've been praying concerning her battle with breast cancer, ongoing battle, I should say. We also celebrated a very special 26th birthday for our firstborn son, which this year and particularly

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was very important for us to do as a family. So I'm glad to be back. I'm a little exhausted, but ha!

[Applause]

Thank you. I missed you. Did you miss me?

[Congregation says, "Yeah."]

You're just saying that I really missed the profound privilege that is mine, as I hope you know, to be your pastor and the teacher of God's word, which is what we're going to do right now.

This is our Prophecy Update. First Service we dedicate to the teaching of the End Times. We have for many years done these weekly Bible Prophecy Updates. And now Second Service has become the verse-by-verse teaching, the sermon, as we're going through the word of God. We're currently in the amazing Book of Revelation.

We're actually today going to do some just a little bit different and do an overview of sorts in a sermon I've titled, 'Jesus Wrote a Personal Letter to Me.' You have to do that emphasis. And here's why. We're going to look at three reasons the seven letters to the seven churches, which were written by Jesus via the Apostle John, were not just for the churches and Christians then — they were — but also as a personal letter to us now.

So that'll be livestreamed for those of you online at 11:15 a.m. That's Hawaii time. And if you're watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we'd encourage you to go directly to the website JDFarag.org. And there you will find the uncensored and uninterrupted entirety of today's Update, as only the first part is streamed on those platforms for censorship reasons.

Let's get to it. I hope and pray that the Update today will be an encouragement to you, especially to those who are hurting, of which I know there are many. You know we continue to receive testimonies from people all over the world who share with us about their trials and struggles and how that these Prophecy Updates have become a lifeline for them as a reminder to them of the Lord's soon return.

You know we need to be reminded of that. Man, it's getting — it's getting bad. It's getting hard. But the Lord's coming.

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[Applause]

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[Applause]

And it just has this much-needed effect of changing the whole complexion of whatever that trial is that you're going through, knowing that that trumpet could sound, and we're out of here — we're so out of here. You can tell I've been gone too long.

Well, during my time out of the pulpit, I was afforded the time just to be with Jesus, and it was time that I would not have otherwise had, which enabled me to catch my breath and kind of take a step back, so to speak. And in so doing, I was able to just get alone with Jesus and kind of get out of the pressure cooker I put Mac and Leitu into, the pressure cooker of preparing three to four teachings per week.

Again, I'm not complaining. I'm just explaining that God, in His grace — and He knew that I needed this — He granted me this time to just go to the altar and there find fresh fire on the altar of His call on my life.

You know, I think about Jesus in the Gospels. You'll find that He left many needs unmet by the multitudes, and He would just go off to be alone with the Father. That's my story, and I'm sticking with it. So....

Well, God, as only He can, during that time — and I'm so grateful to Him for it — opened the eyes of my understanding to specific details in a specific prophecy that fits precisely and exactly with where we're at right now in the world today. And it's for this reason that after inquiring of the Lord, I chose the title Today's Update, 'It's Not Just Possible It's Now Most Probable'.

And by “most probable,” I mean now more than ever, the pre-tribulation rapture of the church draws closer as our redemption draws nearer with each passing day. The prophecy that God just opened my eyes up to in a fresh way is found in *Romans 13*, if you want to join me there.

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Beginning in *verse 11*, we'll go through to *verse 14*, which is actually the end of the chapter. I know we've covered this in many prior Updates, but I want to draw your attention to these aforementioned details in this one specific passage in prophecy here in God's word.

Now, the Apostle Paul is writing to the church in Rome, and he says, *verse 11*, **“And do this, [Here's what you need to do] knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; [And here's why] for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”**

Stop right there, Pastor. This was written some well-nigh 2000 years ago, and our salvation at that time was drawing nearer then? Here we are; fast forward almost 2000 years later. Well, it's 2000 years nearer. And that's what he's trying to communicate to these Christians in the church there in Rome.

“The night is far spent, [Verse 12] the day is at hand. Therefore let us [I want you to notice the contrast] cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light. Let us [Verse 13] walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

Okay, there are no less than seven words in just these four verses that I think we'd be grossly remiss where we not to have a better understanding of them. And the seven words are as follows in order:

#1: Time.

#2: Now. Which kind of connects with high time, now time.

#3: Works.

#4: Darkness.

#5: *[Interesting]* Properly.

#6: Strife. And

#7: Provision. So what follows is a quick explanation of the meaning of these seven words within the context that the Apostle Paul writes, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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We'll start with the first one: Time. In the original language of the Greek New Testament, "time" and "high time," "is about time" carry with it the idea of first, the right, fixed, appointed, and favorable time.

Secondly, and actually more in-depth in its meaning, it carries with it the idea of a period of time and season, as the lateness of the hour draws ever so close, pointing to a time consisting of occasions for particular time set events. In other words, the events that have already been set. The time for them has already been appointed. It's already a set time. It's already in place, and it's now that time.

The word "now," which again kind of is, connected to "high time," it has the idea of a point of time prior to another point of time. Duh. Wait. With the implication of completion now. Stay with me. It's now time, high time, it's that point of time, that time pointed to the appointed time. And that time is now. It's high time in the sense that the time has come to an end.

And there's even more. It has the meaning of being awakened and ready for that which has been set in advance to happen, which ensues with an anticipation that results from one's hope and believe in what's now coming at this time of the end.

Let's move on. You okay so far? You know, I kind have taken every word, but I wouldn't do that to you. I can, but I didn't.

This is an interesting word in the original. It's the Greek word "ergon," from which we get our English word "energy." Energy that displays itself in activity of any kind, deed, or action. But in this context, this energy is involving and directed mainly to that which is worldly, such that the energy is being used in a carnal way, carnality.

Well, what specifically? Oh, being accusatory, combative, and argumentative when one is in disagreement with another. Darkness: This is a firm grasp of the obvious, but there's something here I want to point out. It's that which represents a condition resulting from the partial or complete absence and/or nonexistence of any and all light sources, rendering it void of light and even life as God is both light and light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. We're almost done.

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Properly: I chose this word for a reason. I think you'll see why in a moment. In the context within which Paul writes, it has this idea of appropriate behavior fitting of one who lives in a manner of decency, with honesty and integrity, interacting politely and honorably, especially towards those with whom they disagree.

Strife: Conflict and fighting resulting from rivalry and discord producing contention, dissension, division between two opposing parties with whom one possesses a strong intolerance towards.

How am I doing?

Provision: Thinking about, again, within its context and providing for something ahead of time, whether good or evil, which, again, in this context is the latter, as the context relates to one giving their undivided attention beforehand to think about ways and plans in advance to satisfy fleshly and worldly desires and pursuits.

Now, that's seven. And it's with this deep dive into the meanings of these specific words in the original language that I would, if you don't mind, like to now expound and expand on with the following paraphrase. So here goes. You ready?

Verse 11 through 14, Romans 13. For those who truly understand just how late the hour is for the pre-tribulation rapture, which can happen now, that it's the appointed time, high time, and desire to know what to do now that the appointed time and hour has come, by virtue of how our salvation is nearer now than it has ever been before, must first and foremost, be awake, be aware, and be ready for that which Scripture has prophesied in advance will absolutely happen. If one would but take heed, they will be filled with the joy and anticipation that results from our blessed hope and belief by faith in God's Word and God's promises.

Example: You know how it is when you're excited about something? It's hard to — remember as a kid, Christmas Eve? Did you sleep Christmas Eve? I didn't. Of course, my sister and I snuck downstairs to see what was in the wrapping paper. But you were so excited because you knew what was coming.

So you were very aware. You were not sleeping. You were very awake. In fact, you got up super early, or at least feigned that you got up super early because you'd been up all night.

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And then you're, of course, waking up mom and dad. Hey, Mom, Dad, time to wake up. And Mom and Dad are like, no-o-o-o! I want to sleep in.

No, but there's an excitement and anticipation. And this is what Paul is referring to. However, if instead of that, one continues to invest all their energy in works, deeds, activities that are focused on what the world is focused on, namely that of accusatory, combative, and argumentative disagreements, rather than behaving properly, treating those with whom they disagree decently and honestly, politely and honorably, with integrity, then their lives will be characterized by strife, conflict, and fighting resulting from a rivalry that's rife with discord and riddled with contention, dissension, division, and opposition.

This will ultimately lead to the possessing of a strong intolerance towards others. Even worse, they will plunge themselves into the depths of darkness via their deeds of darkness by way of the absence of God, who is light and light.

Now, in this state of godless darkness, they will then make provision for and think ahead of time about ways and plans to satisfy fleshly and worldly desires and pursuits. In other words, they're going to create an environment in their lives that's conducive to those worldly pursuits. They're going to give their attention to it. They're going to put their energy into it.

But God by the Holy Spirit can empower anyone and everyone, no matter what they've done, or who they are, or who they think they are, to lay aside the drunken parties, lusts of the flesh, and worldly sexual immorality, replacing it with the *[Notice the contrast again]* putting on, lay aside, put off that, take that off, get that off, get that out, put this on instead.

What am I to put on instead? The spiritual armor of light. Why? For both the protection from and victory over the devil, the flesh, and the world's *[Listen]* ever-growing and powerful pull away from Jesus in this, the last hour. It is the likes of which I personally have never seen before in my life, the powerful pull on the part of the world.

Let me say it like this. Everything, and I mean everything, is geared towards pulling you away from Jesus. In fact, that is a litmus test that has served me well over the years. And it's, in the broad sense, across the board, in every arena of life.

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Here's the test. Ask yourself this question. Does that form of entertainment, does that hobby, does that relationship, does that — you fill in the blank — does that draw me nearer to Jesus, or does that compete and take me away from Jesus? That's the litmus test.

And this is what Paul is saying here. There's no more time. We're out of time. Playtime's over. There's no more time to play church. There's no more time to play Christianity. It's high time to awake out of your spiritual slumber. You're sleepy.

Now this is where it gets really interesting. And you're just going to have to indulge me on this. And I'm going to give you some homework. And you need to be tested on this next week, so listen very carefully. This is ironic too because when I taught through Romans, for some inexplicable reason, *Romans 13* did not get recorded.

We get emailed all the time. How can — where'd *Romans 13* go? And all we can say is, I'm just going to have to re-teach it now because there's just no recording for it. So this is Part 1.

But do you realize what *Romans 13* is about? What if I told you that right before Paul writes this, he first writes, with a sanctified strength I might add, how Christians should relate to government authorities, elected officials.

Wait. It gets better. So that's how he starts off *Romans 13*. And then after he gets done talking about the Christian's relationship to the government, he then goes on to talk, ironically and curiously, about how Christians should relate to others by owning no one, no thing, with the exception of loving one another. Let me see if I can connect a couple of dots here. Some of you already have.

We just got done reading just *verses 11 through 14*, but it's in the context of the Christian's relationship with the government and the Christian's relationship with their fellow Christian. And then he ends it and ties a bow on it by saying, here's what you need to do about it, knowing that our salvation draws nearer. It changes everything. This is a game-changer.

So again, as I'm spending time with the Lord, I'm just, just drinking deeply from the cup of His word and the Bread of Life. And it just hit me. You know how when the light bulb goes off? And happens to me a lot, which means the lights are out a lot, but the light bulb just started going on. It's like, wait a minute, that's us now.

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So think about it. It's an election year: *Romans 13*, the first part. Social media — right now, I'm not even going on any social media platform. I want to keep my sanctification and lower my blood pressure. Because they go on social media right now — and we're talking Christians, by the way — that's the second part of *Romans 13*.

So what's the answer? The last part of *Romans 13* that I just went to great detail to explain. There's no time to get into arguments about Right or Left, Conservative or Liberal, Republican or Democrat, Red or Blue. I'm fond of yellow myself.

Well, what are you talking about, Pastor? Well, I'm glad you asked. You asked, right? The reason is because this is at the top of the list. Oh. You made another list, didn't you? Yes, I did.

And I want to briefly go over it, if you don't mind. And the reason is it's high time. It's about time that we as Christians, myself included, realize that it is now time to wake up and rise out of our spiritual slumber. You know what's sad? Many have been lulled into a deep, spiritual sleep concerning the things of God. Yet, conversely, they instead are wide awake to the things of the world.

The things of God? (Snoring)

The things of the world? Hey! What's Season 2. When's that coming out?

May I just humbly ask that we consider this list related to how the things of this world have, in large measure, distracted at best and diverted at worst, our time and energy away from Jesus at a time that is most unforgiving of doing so?

For lack of a better title for this list, I'm calling it the 'Instead Of' list. Do you like that? It's weird.

The 'Instead Of' list?

Yeah, 'Instead Of' list, such that many lay aside Jesus and put on the world, instead of laying aside the world and putting on Jesus. Please hear my heart. I'm not trying to beat up on anybody. If anything, I'm beating up on myself. I'm just as prone to this as anyone is. And it's so diabolical.

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And I chose that word deliberately because in the Bible, the word “diablos” is the word “devil.” Diabolical. It's backwards. Evil: E-V-I-L is L-I-V-E backwards. Lived is double backwards. It's so diabolical. It diabolically opposes the word of God and the God of the word specific to this specific prophecy here in *Romans Chapter 13*.

So that's my introduction to the list. I'll go through it quickly. You ready? Here's the list.

#1: Instead of getting Jesus to people and people to Jesus, professing Christians are getting the vote to the people and people to vote.

Wait a minute, Pastor. What are you talking about?

It's all political theater. It's all geared to get you away from Jesus and get you fighting with other people about Jesus. I'm getting ahead of myself.

So now all of a sudden, we've inferred, implied, really, the message that we're sending when we do that, when we're so focused on and invest tremendous amounts of energy on an election year, that is time and energy that could have been put on or into bringing people to Jesus. I've made the comment before.

I'll say the same thing again in a different way. But I just wonder what would our world, what would this nation — we could just say this nation — what would it look like if Christians, instead of, put all that time and all that energy into sharing the Gospel and prayer and time and God's Word, what would change? I promise you, on the authority of God's word, everything would change!

I better keep moving. That was just one.

#2, [*See, I already got ahead of myself*] But instead of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, professing Christians have diverted time and energy to arguing with each other about Jesus Christ. Can you imagine how that grieves the Lord, how that grieves the heart of God when on social media, you've got Christian battling Christian saying sometimes the most vile of things.

And we're trying to win the world to Christ. And they're reading the letter of our lives. Like Paul said, we're a living epistle. They're reading the letter of our lives. They're reading every single post we post. And they're looking at our profile going, wait a minute, that dude that

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invited me to his church last week, and he's posting that. That was kind of convicting a little bit, maybe.

#3: *[It's a biggie; they're all biggies, but...]* Instead of having time to pursue righteousness, professing Christians seemingly have plenty of time to pursue unrighteousness. It's been said that if it's important enough, you'll make time for it. You know how we say, "Well, I just don't have time."

Oh, no, you have time.

"Well, I don't do it because I just don't have time." No, you don't do it because it's not a priority. Because if it were a priority, you would carve out the necessary time to do that which you deemed important and prioritized. Now I'm very convicted on that one.

#4: Instead of possessing energy to wake up from sleepy Christianity, professing Christians possess the energy for anything and everything else but Christianity. And this kind of ties into #5. Instead of desiring to sit under the teaching of God's word for even one hour, which, by the way, you can't even really find that.

Here, you'll find — you get your money's worth here.

[Laughter]

But I mean, no way that — churches — an hour. Well, we can't keep — we gotta keep it fast-moving. We can't — we can't hold their attention for an hour. You are absolutely correct, sir. It's not your job to anyway. It's the Holy Spirit. And I thank God for that, that it's just not on me to get your attention and hold your attention, come out here with skinny jeans and a latte, and keep it moving and hip and cool and relevant.

I'm sorry about that picture, but (Chuckling) that ship sailed a long time ago, in fact, so long, the dock has sunk that that ship was on.

[Laughter]

So instead of and I'm saying "professing Christians" for a reason. I hope you know why. But instead of desiring to sit under the teaching of God's word for even one hour, professing Christians will be entertained and/or engaged in some worldly pursuit for hours upon hours.

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#6: Instead of knowing and understanding that now is the time, professing Christians somehow think there's no hurry and no worry. We have plenty time. Let me try that one again. That wasn't very good Plenty time. Was that better? Plenty time. Plenty. I'm going to just stop trying.

And #7, lastly: Instead of discerning and understanding the hour in which we're living, professing Christians buy that lie of the devil's narrative about the dark and fallen world in which we're living. Did you catch that?

Paul starts out, right out of the chute, in *verse 11*, you need to do this because you know what time it is. That's why you need to do this. Discern and understand the hour in which we are living. You know, when you're asleep, you're not aware of your surroundings, especially if you're a deep sleeper.

If you're a deep sleeper, you better thank God every morning when you wake up that you get good, deep sleep. There's a verse in the Bible that said, God loves those — to those whom God loves He grants them sleep. To which I respond, I don't think God loves me very much because I don't get very much sleep.

Deep sleep is a gift from God. That's the way you clean your mind. In fact, all the waste — the cleaning crew comes in at night, the rest of your system — except the brain — the way it gets rid of the waste — but not the brain. The brain needs sleep. You know, your brain's working harder when you're sleeping than when you're awake.

Some of you are going, well with that person, I can see it. Don't think of it like that. The brain brings in the cleaning crew at night and it cleans up and gets everything ready for the morning. That's why when you wake up, you feel refreshed and clean and renewed if you get a good, restorative night's sleep.

Because all that gook — that's why you have those weird dreams of being chased by a marshmallow to school in your pajamas. And it's recurring, and you wake up in your pajamas, and the marshmallow is your pillow. That's your — God has granted you the ability with those weird dreams to just kind of reboot your brain from the stuff of the day, the stresses of life. I didn't mean to get into that.

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Now, I hope you know that this list is in no way exhaustive, and that really, I only intended to paint the prophetic canvas with a broad brush. However. It is incumbent upon me to get into more detail on this seventh one on the "Instead Of" list, and I want to take the remainder of our time together today to do so. But we'll go ahead at this time in order to do that and end the livestream on YouTube and Facebook.

I want to draw your attention to an interesting Old Testament scripture in *1 Chronicles Chapter 12:32* that comports with *Romans 13:11-14*. It's a listing, really, a chronology of the tribes of Israel. And when — it just lists them by name, tribe, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom.

And then when they get to the men of Issachar, they say something, and it's recorded very differently and very specifically because we're told that the men of Issachar, from the tribe of Issachar, were not only the ones who both understood and discerned the times that they were living in, but they also knew what Israel should do.

In other words, when Paul says, "**do this, knowing...**" what time it is, the time you're living in, and that's the prerequisite, isn't it? You have to first know and discern how late the hour is and then secondly, and subsequently, what am I going to do about it? And the men of Issachar, of all of the tribes of Israel, were the only ones who knew that and did that.

If you were to ask me what I thought was the most dangerous and even deadliest of lies from the father of lies, the Devil himself, believing the world's propaganda — instead of believing the word of God would have to be it.

People believe the world, but they don't believe the Word. What's up with that? I have to confess that — I'll just be open — I am baffled as I am flabbergasted by how professing Christians are so gullible and naive as to believe the world's propaganda. You understand what propaganda is? It's un-truth. Is that a word? Well, let's just say it's a word.

What do you mean specifically? Well, specifically, the latest propaganda. Have you heard? Oh, see, your ears perked up. No, what? Well, the bird flu is coming. (Gasping) No-o-o-o-o! And many professing Christians believe the bird flu is coming. the bird flu is coming instead of Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming.

[Applause]

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Bird flu schmo.

[Laughter]

Shame on you.

[Laughter]

Should I go any further with that? Probably not. Better quit while I'm ahead.

Example: Here's a quote from a recent CBS propaganda piece — that's kind of a misnomer, a redundancy of sorts — because any CBS piece is a propaganda piece. I hope it will open some eyes to just how near our salvation is now. The headline: You see it there on the screen.

'U.S. to make millions of bird flu vaccine doses this summer, as cases grow.' Oh no! Quick quote. I'm quoting. "Some 4.8 million doses of flu vaccine are now being prepared for use in response to *[Listen]* the growing U.S. outbreak of the highly pathogenic avian influenza, or H5N1 The order for the doses to be filled in the vials comes as the CDC..."

Sorry. I have a different acronym for what CDC stands for, but it's not appropriate. And I just got done reading about behaving properly. So I'll try to behave properly.

"This is as the CDC is investigating *[And I want you to listen to the wording, the way they word this]* a growing number of human cases linked to the unprecedented outbreak of the virus in dairy cattle this year."

What are we going to do? Kill the cows. Where's the beef? Wait. Bird flu or cow flu? What is this?

[Laughter]

So on Monday — I had an interesting week this week. Every week is interesting. I happened upon this post. You can see it there on the screen bearing the title, "Japanese Leader Apologizes to the Unvaccinated: 'You Were Right, Vaccines Are Killing Millions of Our Loved Ones.'"

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Now I see posts like this. I come upon them. I mean, they're numerous and voluminous and mostly, usually have the propensity to lack any validity. So I started the arduous process of vetting its accuracy, if for no other reason, out of curiosity. Because if this is true, this is big.

So first, I went online. I don't know why I keep doing that. You'd think I'd learn after the 23rd thousand time. Because when you do that, all you're met with are these so-called fact checkers, and the algorithms are set to put those at the top of the results, attempting to debunk it. And they do that immediately until such a time as they're able to completely scrub it from the internet. So you can go back a couple of days later. It's just gone anyway, period.

So I remembered my friend JB in Japan. Some of you have met her. We've had her on a couple of times. She heads up our Japanese translation ministry team there. And so I emailed her. I said, "JB, is this true? So can you just look into it for me?"

Here's her response concerning the authenticity of this stunning admission by — I hope I'm pronouncing his name correctly — Kazuhiro Haraguchi, the former Japanese Minister for Internal Affairs.

This is JB's response. "Aloha JD, This article is correct. This member of the House of Representatives named Mr. Haraguchi had shots, and got cancer, and lost all his hair, and was facing death. I saw a video of a huge demonstration parade with 40,000 people in Tokyo. Japan is a nation where marches do not happen, so this is very rare and of course, it's never reported in the media.

The article cannot be found in news or media but only on social media. Here is the brief translation from what he proclaimed at the most recent demonstration-march. *[This is quoting this former official]*

"I express my sincere condolences to the many people who died as a result of this injection. Lives were lost that should not have been lost. As a member of Parliament, I would like to apologize to you all. *[Man, that's humility]*

When I go around to different parts of the country, *[Speaking of Japan]* people can't stand up or walk, even though they were so healthy. They can't go to school. They can't go to work.

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When you [*Speaking to the crowd*] marched in April, the media ignored you. But with your help, that demonstration spread to the world, the whole world. This time last year, I had no hair, no eyebrows because of the two of my three doses of vaccines that were death injections. I got malignant lymphoma, which is a fast-growing cancer.

Then I thought I would never see spring of this year. I could see it clearly. [*Listen to this*] That God gave me an unbearable malignant lymphoma. But he also gave me a mission. It is said that parliamentarians are not vaccinated, but they are. Some have become ill and ravaged. And they have consulted me. However, they don't speak up." [*Because they can't*] JB goes on to say that she also saw a parliamentary debate in which he strongly opposed the ways of the World Health Organization. He is adamantly opposed to the new shot named "Replicon" [*Sounds reptilian*] Replicon for this autumn.

Actually, she sent me an update on this. And Lord willing, I will share it if and when the Lord presents the opportunity in a future Update. But she concludes by saying, "This is terrible Pharmakeia, which now only Japan has approved."

I think the last time I shared some of her data that I asked her for, Japan was one of the most vaccinated so-called nations in all of the world, and so too is Japan the highest in terms of the number of deaths.

Well, what about the U.S.? We're not far behind Japan. Look at this New York Post report, right on time, right on schedule, just Thursday, May 30th about how, and I quote, and listen again to the — I'm sorry I'm chuckling — it's a sanctified chuckle, okay. But listen to the wording. "Scientists say... "

Stop right there. Scientists say? Well, well, if scientists say it, then it must be true. Scientists schmi-entists. What does God say? Okay, I don't feel any better, I thought I would.

"Scientists say an apocalyptic bird flu could wipe out half of humanity. 48 hours ago on Friday... "

I just want to put it into perspective in terms of how fast everything is moving. Dr. Chris Dubuque, who, by the way, Thursday the 27th, this month, June 27th, we're going to have a

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discussion. Dr. Chris Dubuque, he's a medical doctor. I hope he doesn't mind. We talked about this. But he's had two injections, and God has been merciful to him. And so we've been — I've been getting to know him and his bride over the last 4 or 5 years since they started coming. And he's just got — he's a wealth of information. So I just want to sit down with him. And I think we've got a plan for Thursday night, the 27th.

So he texted me this Honolulu Star Advertiser front-page article (Chuckling) about how, quote, Hospitalizations and emergency room visits are quickly rising in Hawaii due to Covid.

You know, I've been spending a lot of time in hospitals lately to be there with my wife and for my wife. I don't see a lot of people there. I have no trouble finding parking, Unlike Costco, Iwilei. This is propaganda. This to spread the virus of fear because fear is a just an insidious motivator.

He sent me a second screenshot that shows this section on how to avoid catching Covid. So don't care if I share with you some, just some excerpts from this?

“Stay up to date on Covid-19 vaccines.”

Quick, just real quick let me just insert this parenthetically. So I'm in the store. I forget why. I'm sure, being the godly husband that I am, I was sent there by my wife to get something for her because I'm such a godly husband. And so I went to the store for her. You know the speakers in the store? Have you noticed — by the way — is it just me or is that music getting louder? I don't think it's an age thing. I think if it was an age thing, it wouldn't be as loud because you lose your hearing. You'd think, you know, turn it up. Man, they play it really loud. I think there's subliminal messages in there. Get vaccinated. (Said in menacing voice)

[Laughter]

And then Michael Jackson starts back up. So they break into the music that's playing loudly. And they've got this voice. I don't know where they get these people. It's probably AI anyway. And it's a very soothing and calming voice.

And did you know (Said in calming voice) that — I don't want to use names — we have available over 40 vaccines for your family.

[Laughter]

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I'm like, 40? You have 40 vaccines? No, as a matter of fact, I did not know that. And I did not want to know that. And I don't want you to tell me about that. Forty vaccines?

Can I just say, again parenthetically, that for those of you that are relatively close in age to my age, 62, when we were kids, we would get maybe, maybe five. You know what it is now? The dosages are spread out over 72 injections. I forget what age it is.

By the time a child today reaches the age of — we'll just use 11 for purposes of discussion. They've had 20- 30-plus vaccinations, so-called. That's just the first one.

There's a couple more here, just for those of you taking notes, and you don't want to get Covid. “Wear a mask when indoors with other people to help protect you and those around you.”

I got to be careful. Does anybody — if you're wearing a mask, we love you.

[Laughter]

God loves you. You know our posture has always been: If you want to wear a mask, wear a mask. But we're not wearing masks. Yeah, but you're required to. No. You're not even supposed to be singing, apparently, according to the mandates. Remember that? Excuse me. Wait, wait. We're a church.

No, no, you can't even meet.

No, no, no. We're a church. We assemble together as a body of Christ, and we worship the Lord. And that requires us to sing. And we're not going to wear a mask, and we're not going to put the worship team, which we don't have anyway, six feet apart. And I'm not going to put plexiglass up here either, by the way, just so you know.

I can't wear a mask. I have asthma. I'd go into respiratory distress. Seriously, when I was wearing a mask, trying to be, you know — nevermind — I don't know what I was trying to be. I was stupid, that's what I was.

[Laughter]

When I took that thing off, I'm like, (Gasping) wheezing.

That's only two. I got a couple more. I need to get through this, so stop doing that.

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“Take a Covid-19 test if you have symptoms and might need treatment. Antiviral treatments for Covid-19 can prevent hospitalization and death. Treatments work best when taken as soon as possible after symptoms begin.”

I know this might be shocking, but you know what? The common cold is still a thing. No. For real. You remember in 2020? I don't know if you're anything like me, and I suspect that you are, I would just, you know, like, sniff and everybody's looking at you like...

[Laughter]

What? What? And then God forbid, here I have asthma, and I cough, and it's like, (Making sign of the cross) you know.

[Laughter]

Slap a scarlet letter on my arm and a star of David. It's funny, but it's not if you think about it. Okay. You know what? I don't have time to — I'll take the time when the Lord presents the time.

But this is only one thing that we're focusing in on. There's no time to talk about the demonic deception of everything happening in, to — and hear me out — even within Israel right now. Right now. In fact, you know what? Just open up your Bible. If you have a working knowledge of the word of God, you're going to — just wow, just like — that happened yesterday. Man, this is — turn the page — that's happening tomorrow. The time is now.

I also don't have time to talk about the demonic deception of climate change. You know what climate change is, right? It's man changing the climate, manipulating the weather, creating the crisis, controlling the reaction and opposition, and offering the final solution, which is you die.

Time doesn't permit me to mention the demonic deception within the church of the Last Days. However, thankfully we're going to cover that in the Book of Revelation starting today in Chapters 2 and 3. One more, I think.

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Time doesn't permit me to talk about the demonic deception of the world's collapsing economy. Do you know that? We've addressed this and the many other prophetic developments of profound significance.

But just think about this. This, stand alone, should be enough. What do you mean? You're going to wake up one morning, you're going to go to bed one night thinking you've got X number of dollars. Of course, you got your cash. I don't know, do you hide it in between the mattresses? I won't tell anybody.

But you've got your cash at home. You wake up in the morning, and you're going to hear that you've got until such and such a date to convert that cash into digital currency, or it's going to become worthless. And I'm not talking about something off in the distant future. That's now, now, now, now, now, now, now.

This controlled demolition of the world's economy has been in play so as to usher in these CBDCs, which will be linked to one's health or vaccination status, if you prefer, all of which speaks to just how near we now are. Because if you don't have a good score, well, you can't buy from this store.

Okay, Pastor, you said this was going to be encouraging. I'm very depressed right now.

Well, to the question of how is all of this supposed to encourage me, here's how. If you're a born-again believer, our salvation draws even nearer. Just keep holding on. Not much longer.

Yeah, but I'm barely hanging on.

You don't think the Lord knows that? Has He got you this far? He's going to abandon you now? He's going to leave you or forsake you now.

Yeah, but it's getting really bad.

You don't think the Lord knows that? Just — just wait. Just hang on. Just keep hanging on. He is coming. And that should encourage every single one of us.

To the question of what makes this now most probable instead of, before, when? Well, it was just possible. Answer. It is now highly improbable that humanity, flesh and blood, could survive very much longer.

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Matthew 24:22, **“And unless those days were shortened [Jesus speaking] no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake [Speaking of Israel during the 7-year tribulation] those days will be shortened.”**

Translated: It's going to get so bad at the time of the end that if God did not intervene and put an end to it and shorten those days, there would be no human being that would be able to survive the onslaught. The — just even the air we're breathing, the food we're eating — don't even get me started on that.

Okay. Is what I've shared with you been troubling to you? I know it's kind of a rhetorical question, but if so, then the only answer and your only hope is Jesus Christ and the Gospel of salvation. That's your only hope. And if you'll indulge me just a couple minutes, I'll end with the Gospel and what's simply known as the ABCs of salvation.

And I'll start with what the Gospel is then walk you through the simplicity, the childlike simplicity of the Gospel and how to be saved, how to have the assurance of eternal life. I'm not talking about life insurance here. I'm talking about eternal life assurance. John said you can know and be assured that you have eternal life.

The ABCs are just a simple way to share should God ever present you with the profound privilege of having somebody cross your path or in your life that needs Jesus, and He's appointed that time, that divine appointment, and you know it.

He's brought them into your path. That might come by way of a phone call, might come by way of a chance meeting. You know the meetings with people you know that you could have never planned? And even if you had tried, you would have had to reschedule like five times. Then finally, you give up.

And then there you are at Costco, Iwilei because you found a parking spot, and they're there. And then you're talking story for an hour and a half. That's the Lord. Because they're going through a really difficult time, and they want what you have. And they're asking two questions about your life: Is it real? And does it work?

And they want it to be real, and they want it to work in your life because if it's real and it works, then there's hope for them. And they're hopeless, and they're looking for hope, and

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we're to be at the ready to give to everyone an answer of that hope that lies within us when they ask.

Well, the problem is they're not asking. The question should be, why aren't they asking you about the hope that you have within you? Could it be that they don't see the hope in you? Why would you ask someone about something they do not possess?

And conversely, you would absolutely ask somebody about — you're so different. I'm not talking about, you know, you look different. You're weird. We are a peculiar people, peculiar looking, some of us.

But you're different than everybody else. I mean, everybody's freaking out right now, and you're just like, come quickly, Lord Jesus. I want what you got. I'll have what he's having. What, what — what is it that you have? I have Jesus.

And it starts off with the acknowledging of, the admission that you sinned. Because unless and until you acknowledge and admit that you're a sinner, why would you have any interest in asking anybody about the Savior?

Romans 3:10 says, **“There is no one righteous, [Or good] not even one.”** You might think you're a good person. You'll never be good enough. And *Romans 3:23* tells us why. It's because **“All [Keyword, all, not most] all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

We were all born sinners, which is why we must be born-again in order to enter the kingdom of heaven. You know this word, sin? Interesting word. It's an archery term. The archer shoots the arrow, and he misses the bullseye. And they would say, you fell short. You sinned. We've all fallen short of God's perfect bullseye standard of righteousness.

Well, I hit the bullseye a couple times. It doesn't matter. It only takes one time to miss the mark.

Okay, so now I admit I'm a sinner. I'm taken to court. I got to enter my plea. How does the defendant plead? Guilty as charged. Here's the judge. Okay. We're going to enter the sentencing phase.

What's my sentence? The death sentence. Wait, what? Yeah. **“For the wages of sin is death. But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

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Again, notice the contrast. Wages: you earn. Gift: you receive. You don't pay for that gift. You don't purchase it; otherwise, it's no longer a gift. It's a purchase.

No, He purchased you. You are not your own. You were purchased with a price, the shed blood of Christ. He paid in full for you and purchased this gift of eternal life. And He offers it to you. Paid for. It's already paid for. And He just offers you this gift that He paid for. It cost Him his life, cost Him everything.

That's the A. Here's the B, and it's so central and actually so simple. Believe in your heart. And this is not just a "well, I believe in God." No, this is a believing in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead.

This is *Romans 10:9*. **"If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."**

And by the way, please, I implore you, can we stop being generic and safe and just say "God"? Because the question is: which god? Have you noticed that the whole atmosphere changes when you pronounce and speak **"the only name given among men whereby we must be saved,"** the name of Jesus?

Oh! People — Oh! (Gasping) (Gasping)

And you know when the best time to do it is? This is — Is when they take the name of your Jesus and my Jesus in vain. Ask them. Excuse me, I just want to know something. Why don't — why aren't you an equal opportunity blasphemer! Have you — do you — do you say, "Oh, Mohammed." "Oh, Buddha."

No!

Why is it Jesus? Because He's God. He's God. You've taken the name of God, God the son. It's — (Frustrated sigh)

When you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead, what you're saying is, I'm putting my trust in Him. I believe in Him. By faith, I'm saved, by grace through faith. **"It's the gift of God [Again] not of works lest anyone should boast."**

And lastly, the C is for call upon the name of the Lord. Or as *Romans 10:9* also says, **"If you confess with your mouth..."**

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Here's how it works. **“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks,”** right. So it's like a bucket. It's full of whatever it's full of. If it gets bumped, whatever it's full of is coming out of it. Duh. I know it's a firm grasp. These are deeply profound illustrations. So **“out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”**

So if your heart is full of love, and you get bumped, what comes out? Love. If your heart is full of anger, and somebody cuts you off like I shared very openly on Thursday night. This was years ago on the mainland. What's in my heart? Anger. How dare you? **“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”**

Oh, wait a minute. If I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is Lord, then what's going to come out of my mouth? Jesus Christ is Lord. And I'm going to confess it. He is Lord of lords, King of kings. My knee is going to bow, and my mouth is going to confess. And there's coming a day where every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

There's only one problem, and it's an eternally serious problem. See, when every knee bows, and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, it will be too late. It's unto damnation. But now when you confess Jesus Christ with your mouth, it's for salvation, right?

And this is *Romans 10:13*. **“All who call upon the name of the Lord [And I love this word] will be saved.”**

Not might, not could, not should, not pretty good chance, we'll see. Jury's out. No, verdict's in! Jesus said, “It is finished,” period.

Aren't you glad there's not a comma there, or a semicolon, or an internal organ called the colon, or something like that?

[Laughter]

I'm just trying to keep your attention a little bit longer, which isn't my job anyway, so why am I trying?

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No, it is finished, period. It's already been done. You will be saved. The verdict's in. You pled guilty. But Jesus carried out your death sentence in your stead with His blood shed. And that's the Gospel.

The word "Gospel" means good "news." Your debt has been carried out. Your sentence is carried out. It's been paid in full. You're free to go, man. Good news. That's what the word "Gospel" is.

I implore you; if you're here today, maybe in this service or watching online, I mean, I don't know how else to say it. I hope this is not callous to say it this way. But what in the world are you waiting for? Why in the world, with everything that's happening in the world, would you delay the most important decision of your life for eternal life with everything that's going on in this life? Our salvation is now nearer than it has ever been before.

Today's "But God testimony" comes from Margie Lester, who writes, "Dear...and I mean...Dear JD.

[By the way, I just got to forewarn you] [This is, this is a pretty emotional one]

You have just given me a gift that will last my entire lifetime. I just watched your April 2024 video "Peoples Strange Sudden Change." Now I understand.

I was married to my husband for 42 years. He got Covid for the second time in January 2023. He received three shots prior to his second Covid infection. He passed away 23 days after. He was in the hospital for 20 days and home for three days prior to passing.

The entire 23 days he was a complete stranger to me. He would not emote any emotions. He was not on pain pills. He would not express any, any emotions, nor discuss with me anything regarding our 42 years of marriage, our shared experiences. I mean, he said nothing of substance. He behaved like a zombie. When he was dying only eight hours prior to death, he would not even let me hold his hand or touch him. He would cast off any physical contact that I tried to give him.

JD, I suffered emotionally since his passing on January 13th, 2023, due to not understanding how he could have been so distant and so unloving. That is, until tonight. I could not

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understand how a man I lived with for 42 years as his wife would be so distant and so disinterested in saying goodbye, so zombie-like to me.

He was able to speak. He was not in a coma at all, but so bizarre in his lack of human connection. But God... and you. I now understand and truly believe that He was affected by the injections.

JD, my spirit is convinced by the power of the Holy Spirit that you have spoken the truth. I can now heal emotionally because I understand. And my stomach issues due to this bizarre parting will be greatly eased and healed, I believe. JD, thank you for your unwavering commitment to shepherding us. I will always be grateful to you for your fearless determination to bring Jesus to us and us to Jesus. Until we meet in the sky, *[And I love how she ends this]* carry on."

(Chuckling) I have every intention to. Kapono, come on up. Why don't you all stand up? Thanks for your patience, again, and your grace.

Oh, Lord. Wow, just wow, Lord. Terrifying times, but exciting times for sure. It's a paradox of sorts, really, Lord. I mean, on the one hand, we're witnessing firsthand exactly what You said the world would be like at the time of the end. And it's happening exactly as You said it would before it would happen, so that when it would happen, we would believe, and believers would look up and lift up their heads, knowing their redemption draws nigh.

Well, Lord, we're looking at this world and everything that is happening, how fast it's happening, how evil it is. And there's no other conclusion or explanation other than this. This is it. You're coming. This is how it ends. This is when it ends.

So Lord, again, I pray for anyone who might be watching or here that has never called upon You, believed in You, put their trust in You, confessing their sins to You, getting right with You. Oh Lord, I pray that today they'll call upon You, and that today would be the day of their salvation.

And lastly, and I want to — I find myself always praying this at the end it seems like every week now and maybe for good reason because I know many people are really, really hurting. Lord, would You just lift them up and encourage them and remind them: not much longer. Not much longer. Hold on, hold on. I'm coming. Yeah, it's hard. It's painful. It's getting

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worse. But You, O Lord, will never leave us or forsake us. You are with us until the ends of the earth, until the end of days on earth.

So Lord, thank You. You're the lifter of our head. Would You lift up that one who is discouraged and giving way to despair? Lord, there might even be someone, maybe more than one, that right now is thinking about taking their life. It's that bad. I pray that right now, as only You can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that You will reveal Yourself to them as The way, The truth, and The life, that they would not take their life and give them new life, new hope. Encourage and strengthen them, not because the circumstances have changed or something has changed in their lives, no. Because of You.

So please, Lord, would You do that for whoever that is that You just put on my heart just now to pray for, and again, maybe more than one. Thank You Lord! We love You so much. Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus, we pray. In Jesus' name, Amen.