

Bible Prophecy Update – August 31, 2025

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KAPONO: Will you join me as we pray? Lord, it's not scripture, Lord. It's not Your word. It's a song. But we thank You so much, Lord, for a time of worship. Would we remember these things, Lord? That the joy, that the peace, that the love, and that this life that we have is from You? And nobody can take that away, Lord. You gave it to us, Lord.

So we praise Your name, Lord. We thank You so much for this time and this place that You've blessed us with for such a time as this Lord, with such a loving pastor, but a pastor that tells the truth, that speaks Your word, that teaches us Your word, Lord.

Continue to give Pastor JD the strength and courage, Lord, as he fights his battles, Lord. Do Your will. Give him the strength and lift him up, Lord. We praise Your name. Give us understanding in this Bible Prophecy Update, we pray. All glory to You, Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. And good morning and welcome. So glad you're here. You can be seated. And those of you online, we want to welcome you as well. Before we get started, I wanted to mention that this Tuesday is our prayer meeting. September 2nd. Can you believe it's September already? Where did this year go? Now, especially for those of you online, but locally here as well, the start time is 7:00 p.m., not 7:30. So we'll get started right at 7:00.

And as I mentioned on Thursday, Lord willing, I'll be doing a teaching titled, 'Praying In and Through Pain and Suffering,' which was birthed over the last month and a half or so. As many of you know by now, my wife, Kellie, has been battling a very aggressively spreading form of cancer for the last two years now. And we've had several people requesting an update. But we were waiting on the Lord for the right time to provide that update. And that time is now.

Kellie and I knew and decided it was time to not only update you but also express our profound gratitude to you for all of your overwhelming love, it has been overwhelming, and support and more importantly, your prayer. After numerous trips to the hospital over the last month and a half, we learned and knew that the cancer had and still is swiftly spreading, so much so that we also learned and now know that it has spread throughout her brain. So she's in stage 4 cancer, which the medical community deems incurable and terminal.

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So absent an unmistakable, unquestionable, and supernatural miracle from our God and Great Physician as the God who heals, which we, by the way, continue by faith in belief to petition the throne for, but absent that, it does seem that she's probably going to be home with the Lord soon.

As such, we've opted for in-home, end-of-life comfort care as we continue in prayer, mainly for relief from her excruciating pain. Please know that we are not seeking pity. We're seeking prayer. I have to mention this, and I didn't mention this on Thursday.

For those who have been so thoughtful in sending us valuable information about alternative treatments and protocols, please know that we've not only known about them, but have been and still are following them and utilizing them, and then some, doing everything and anything we can. However, for reasons known only to our all-knowing and unconditional loving God, all we've done by way of those treatments and protocols has heretofore been to no avail, which I, Lord willing and permitting, hope to briefly expound on this Tuesday.

Also, for those who know Kellie, you know she's a very private person and has become probably even more so because the Lord has seemingly made me such a public figure, which I never sought to be nor wanted to be. But she's now at the point where she's physically unable to have any visitors. And we are so very thankful to you for respecting our privacy, especially now during this very difficult time of grief and sorrow for our family. I did better Thursday. Just watch the video from Thursday.

As for me taking time off to have as much time with Kellie and our adult children, after much in the way of praying and fasting and also, and this is important, with me having my wife's blessing, I'm remaining in the pulpit, Lord willing, at least for now, as long as I can, until the Lord makes it clear that the time has come for me as my first ministry, to be with my wife as long as I can, while I still can. And that time may come sooner than we had originally anticipated given that Kellie's condition has rapidly deteriorated.

Pastor Leitu and Pastor Mac, both of whom are truly a god-sent gift, are at the ready to fill in for me as long as is needed until such a time as I'm able to return, which at this time we simply don't know. But God does know, as the only One who numbers our days and has the

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numbers of the days of my wife's life, and knows the day of her death. And we know, according to Scripture, that her very life and her every breath are in His hands.

Lastly, you have been most — I still have an Update to do — but we'll get through it. You guys have been so gracious and understanding to my family and myself over the years when I've taken time off to be with my family, and for that, I simply cannot thank you enough.

As your pastor, which is my profound privilege and honor to be, it is such an encouraging blessing knowing that you'll be continuing in your understanding at a time when our family needs it the most. So I truly thank you all so very much, and I hope you know that I truly love you all so very much. So thank you.

Okay. I made it. Wow. Let's get to the Update. This is the first of two services on Sunday mornings that we devote to the teaching of the End Times by way of our weekly Bible Prophecy Updates. Then Second Service is the sermon, which is a verse-by-verse teaching through the Bible and will be livestreamed for those of you online at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii Time. For those of you here, the worship starts at 10:45 a.m.

We're nearing the end of *Revelation*. I'm trying to savor the flavors, so we're not going to finish the book today. Don't rush me. In fact, we're only going to start in *verse 16* and make it all the way through to *verse 17 of Chapter 22*. That's our text today. And I've titled the sermon, as you see on the screen, 'Only One Thing Matters To Me In The End.'

And what we're going to do is see two factual biblical truths. And please don't misunderstand me when I say this. I'm not trying to be dramatic or sensational, but these are factual, biblical truths so important that it can change our lives by virtue of it being the only thing that will matter at the end of our lives, which I happen to know a thing or two about right now. So that'll be 11:15 again, Hawaii Time for those of you online. And those of you watching by way of YouTube and Facebook, we would really encourage you to go to the website JDFarag.org, the app, or the other platforms like Roku, etc.

Okay. What I want to talk with you about today is how in these very last of days, God will keep us safe and sane in an unsafe and insane world. Would you agree with me that this world, not our home, is becoming less safe and more insane, seemingly with each passing day?

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Well, what I hope to accomplish today, by the grace of God and of course, by the power of the Holy Spirit, which I hope you know is the only way I'm even standing up here, is to provide much-needed reminding and encouraging vis-à-vis the prophecies and promises in the word of God.

First, I want to draw your attention to just three Bible prophecies. There are so many more like them, but I handpicked these three in which God warns us in advance. Why? To ready us and steady us. And this, by way of God's word, specific to identifying and discerning the times in order that we would and could know the characteristics that would mark, no pun intended, the time of the end, the markers, the characteristics.

Because one thing is abundantly clear in the Scripture. And that is that God does not want us to be ignorant. He wants us to know, so those with eyes to see and ears to hear would reach no other conclusion other than this is the very last hour. And it's evidenced by what's happening in this world today.

So I want to start with this first one, a familiar one. But I picked it because there's something here that I want to highlight and emphasize. This is now Paul's last letter. And he knows it. He knows his days are numbered. He's about to go home to be with the Lord. And so he writes this second and final letter to Pastor Timothy, his kind of protege, for lack of a better word.

And it's recorded in *Chapter 3*. And I'm going to read *verses 1 through 5*. And you can follow along. But what I want to — us to see here and hear here is that these are identifiers, markers, characteristics that we can use to know, in other words, superimpose the template of these markers over the world in which we live today to see does it line up, does it match up? And I assure you, it most certainly does.

So he starts off, *verse 1*, **“But mark this...”**

This is the marker. And by the way, let me just say parenthetically before we get into this, this is written to the church. As we go through this, please view this that way. Because if you think about it, why would the Apostle Paul write this to the church about the world? I mean, do we expect the world to behave as though they're regenerated by the Holy Spirit? No. This will be what will mark the last days' church. That's sobering, isn't it?

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[So] “mark this: There will be terrible [Some of your translations render it perilous.] [In the original It carries with it the idea of violent, dangerous] times in the last days.”

And then he goes on to list 19 markers, or, if you prefer, characteristics by which to gauge the time of the end. And every single one of these are in full force today, in the church today.

[Verse 2] “People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive...”

I mean, we haven't even got halfway through this thing. And this is social media, isn't it? Can I just ask a favor? I'm just — this is broadly — I'm not looking at anybody. This is not for you, of course. Because you're spiritual people. But can you please just stop posting pictures of what you have for lunch? No. For real, because... What in the world? And these selfies! What's that? The 31st one you did today and posted today? Get over yourself. No, you're a lover of self.

“Lovers of money, boastful...”

Just let me have this. Social media posts, which, by the way, I don't go on social media. We have a firm that takes care of our social media platforms, but boy, I tell you; I feel so much better. I sleep so much better since I — you know, I have to confess, there was a time when, you know, I would just like (Growling/typing) you know, in response. And that just made it worse.

And the Lord, in a very gentle way, convicted me with His heavy hand upon me. And I, of course, I couched it as righteous anger. That didn't work very long or very well. But isn't it true that the posts on social media are people boasting about this or that? And interesting that what's next to, on this list, boastful is people will be “proud.”

You know that's the route, by the way. Pride is at the root. Boasting is the fruit from the root. You'll know them by their fruit. Jesus said that a bad tree is not going to bear good fruit, and a good tree is not going to bear bad fruit. So you want to know what's at the root? Look at the fruit. That's a mango tree right there.

How do you know? Oh, because there's mangoes on it. That's the fruit.

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[And this one] **“abusive.”** Abusive. Can this mean physically abusive? Absolutely. How about verbally abusive? How about psychologically abusive?

Now, this one's a tough one. **“Disobedient to their parents.”** You just want to grab those kids by the... *2 Timothy, Chapter 3.* Memorize this. Disobedient to their parents, disrespectful of their parents. The only commandment in the Ten Commandments, the fifth, by the way, and Paul in Ephesians references it. The only commandment that promises a blessing.

“Honor thy father and thy mother, so that the days upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee may be long. *[Meaning blessed, full, rich.]*

My parents made me memorize that (Chuckling) in King James, and I did. It was actually my mom. But there's something to that, you know. Some believe the first four are, you know, vertical, relating to our relationship with God. And the second six are horizontal, relating to our relationship with others. I get how they get there, but I think it's five and five. And I'll explain.

There's a direct correlation in that fifth commandment to how we honor our father and mother, because it is an indicator of how we honor our Heavenly Father. So it's a — and there were two tablets, remember, five on each. And by the way, did you catch that? I'll do the — don't email me about my hand signs. Okay. So let me try this again. Give me a do-over.

First five, vertical: God/man. Second five, horizontal: Man to man. Is that not in the shape of a cross? I'll get back to you on that. So after disobedient to their parents, this one makes sense.

“Ungrateful.” Oh, my goodness. I could do a whole sermon — you know I could — on just that one word: Ungrateful. You know there are just some people that are just — they're not grateful. And there are two words that they cannot utter from their lips. You know what they are? Thank you. You're not thankful. You're not grateful. What in the world? How about this next one?

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“Unholy.” Let me, expound on just this real quick if you don't mind, we talked about this Thursday night. This is a very misunderstood word, especially in God's word. We're told to be holy as He is holy. Okay, I'll get right on that. I'll pencil it in starting tomorrow. Be holy as I am holy? How am I — how am I going to be holy as You are holy? I don't think we understand what the true meaning of holy is.

I shared this account of when I was a very young believer. I had someone come up to me that I was sharing the Gospel with. I wanted to share Jesus with them because they really needed Jesus. And you know what their response was? “Oh, you're so pure and holy.” I was like, well, I guess that's the end of that conversation. Shake the sand off my slippers and move on. But I gave it some thought, and I took it to prayer, and the Lord just really settled my heart. Because you have to understand the world is threatened by purity and holiness.

How so? Because it exposes the impurity and the unholiness. So let's get back to the meaning of being holy. May I suggest, humbly, that it means to be whole, not half, third. Whole. Full. Full of the Holy Spirit. Fulfilled. Holy Spirit = holy life. It's the Holy Spirit that enables me to live a holy life, pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

I'm going to use one more illustration. You remember when 7UP entered the soda market? Okay, younger people just — you could take a nap real quick. We'll get back to you. They had to because Pepsi Cola and Coca Cola had the market. Now here comes 7Up. What's that? What's up with 7Up? And so brilliantly and successfully, they branded it as the un-cola. They're ain't any cola in this! And they gained a lion's share of the market because of it. Do you see where I'm going with this? Un-cola. The un-cola. There's no cola in it. The unholy. There's no holy in it. I hope that worked because I've been using it for a while. And if you got a better one, let me know. I'm happy to consider it.

Verse 3. It gets worse. **“Without love.”** Now, in the original, that's *storgé*, natural affection. This is the love that a parent has for a child and vice versa, a child has for a parent. Familial love. You know that saying? It was said of me when I was born that baby got a face only a mama could love. That's the love here that's spoken of.

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Because there's different kinds of love in the Greek. Eros: that's, where we get our English word erotic, sensual, sexual love. Philia: where we get Philadelphia, brotherly love, and (a-gah-pe) or agape: that's God's unconditional love.

“Unforgiving.” How's this one? Whoa! I'm so convicted by this one I'm gonna move on to the next one. But then I'm more convicted by the next one. So don't get ahead of me.

Withholding forgiveness. Holding in resentment and bitterness. Not forgiveness. You know what happens? It will eat your lunch and your dinner and your breakfast, if there's anything left, from the inside out. I've heard it said of unforgiveness and bitterness: It's like taking a poison pill and hoping the person you're bitter towards dies.

That didn't work either, so we'll move on to **“slanderous.”** Let me have a little bit of, time, just real quick on this one. Slanderous. Hmm. Slanderous accusations. Assassinating the reputations and the character of another. Social media is riddled with this. Tearing down people. Why? To lift yourself up.

“Without self-control.” Now, this is interesting because we're told in Galatians 5:22, the fruit of the Spirit is love, and from love comes the joy, peace, gentleness, meekness, kindness, patience, and self-control. I might have missed one in there. But if you're not living and walking in the Spirit, you forfeit the self-control that comes by way of the Holy Spirit.

What's next on the list? **“Brutal.”** Brutal. Vicious. **“Not lovers of the good.”** Verse 4. This is an interesting word.

“Treacherous.” Not a word we use much in our vocabulary today. But in the original, it's the idea of betraying disloyalty.

And then the next one is **“rash.”** And that's not a bodily rash. It means reckless thoughtlessness.

“Conceited.” I actually spent some time in my Bible software really doing a deep dive on this word “conceited” because we just hear, “you're so conceited,” and we just move on. But very interesting, it actually has the meaning in the original of haughty insanity. Haughty insanity.

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And then *verse 5*, **“having a form [Appearing outwardly] of godliness but denying [Disregarding inwardly] its power.”**

Oh. Whitewashed tombs. Sound familiar? It's all about the outward appearance. Wait, what's on the inside? You're playing church, man. You're playing Christianity. And it's a cotton candy Christianity. Outwardly it might — you might talk the talk, walk the walk, have a Bible or — I don't put any Christian stickers on my car. Just it's between me and the Lord. But it's an outward display that's actually a facade to cover what's really going on, on the inside. And then Paul says, **“have nothing [Nothing] to do with them.”**

Jesus is stronger in *Matthew 15, (18)* I think it is. He says, treat them as you would an IRS agent, I mean, a tax collector. if you're a — if you work — we love you so much if you work for the IRS. In Jesus' name. But in other words, they were the most despised people. Nobody wanted anything to do with them, like us today, right? Like we want anything to do — you don't mess with the IRS. Well, that's the idea here. Treat them as you would a pagan, an unbeliever.

Paul even takes it a step further to the Corinthians, who are tolerating in the church, in the church, a guy in open sin having sex with his stepmother. Here comes Paul going, What are you guys doing? We're just so loving. And Paul's like, you think that's love? That's not love. You don't love him. That's self-love.

You know, if you loved him, you would get him out, kick him out, have nothing to do with him. Get him out of the church. Hand him over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh. That's love. Wow! That doesn't sound like — I'm not feeling the love on that one. And you know what happens by the time you get to the second letter to the Corinthians?

These guys, man, they gave Paul such heartburn, such a hard time. But in his second letter, he — the guy comes to his senses and repents and forsakes his sin and wants to be restored. And here's the Corinthians — talk about extreme. They're like, no! You need to — we're not just going to take your word for it.

And Paul's like, no, restore him. It worked. The love worked. Love works. When you love someone enough to do the hard thing, the right thing and say, get out! You can come back, but not like that. When Satan has had his way with you, and you come to your senses and

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realize and repent, and then you come back, then we're going to restore you, *Galatians 6, Chapter 1*. We got to keep moving.

This comports with what the Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, also prophesied to the church in Thessalonica in the second chapter of his second letter, which is one of the most powerful, prophetic chapters in the entire Bible. And it's one for which we have referenced and studied and talked about, in prior Prophecy Updates.

We studied through this book, verse-by-verse. I don't know how long ago that was, but just — would you just listen to *verses 7 and 8*? **“For the secret...”** Or mystery as some of your translations might render it, carrying with it the idea, listen, mysterious, unseen, satanic secret societies.

“For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work. But the one who now holds it back [Speaking of the Restrainer, the Holy Spirit] will continue... [Can you imagine?] [The Holy Spirit's restraining.] [And when He's taken out of the way] He continues to do so till He's taken out of the way.” Man, can you imagine? Once the church is taken up, and the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way, have at it.

Now *verse 8* is very important, the first two words. **“And then [Notice that little prophetic time stamp.] then the lawless one will be revealed.”**

By the way, pre-Tribulation rapture, where's the Holy Spirit? He's para, alongside. He's en, indwelling us. He's empowering us, upon, epi. But if the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way, and we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, wouldn't it stand to reason that the church, who has the Holy Spirit in us, sealing us for the day of redemption, filling us, empowering us, indwelling us, wouldn't it stand to reason that the church would have to be raptured before the Tribulation? Because how are you going to leave the church there and then take the Holy Spirit out of the way?

Some have asked: does that mean that the Holy Spirit's not going to be here during the seven-year Tribulation? Oh, no. God is omnipresent. God — please never refer to the Holy Spirit as “it.” No, it's the third person of the Godhead. This is God, the Holy Spirit, and He's all-present. So He's just going to get — He's been holding it back. Hold on, hold on. Church is taken up. And He's taken out of the way. All right. Go ahead. It won't end well for you.

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“And then the lawless one *[Speaking of the Antichrist, in place of Christ, not just against Christ]* **will be revealed,**

[And I'm so thankful that God inspired Paul to write this last part of verse 8.] **whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the splendor of His coming.”**

At the Second Coming, at the end of the seven-year Tribulation. You know, the Lord corrected me because I was praying, “Lord, can I be there? Can I reserve a seat for this?” And He's like, dude, you've been teaching this for how many years now? You're already going to be there with Me when this happens. I'm like, cool, but can I still get in the front row parcel? Is that okay? Let's move on. You guys okay? You following me? You're seeing where I'm going with this?

[Congregant says, “Amen.”]

The Savior himself perfectly sums up what ensues with this boundless lawlessness, treacherous wickedness, and slanderous ungodliness marking the very last of days in *Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 24, verse 12*. Listen to what He says. **“And because lawlessness will abound,** *[This is the result, because of]* **the love of many will grow cold.”**

I think it already has and is. Well, what was the one thing that Jesus said would be the litmus test by which they would know that you're My disciple? How big your Bible is? How many causes you have? How many charitable, good deeds you do? How much money you give? None of that. Forget that. The only way they're going to know that you're My disciple is by your love one for another.

Again, these are just three of the numerous Bible prophecies forewarning us and for telling us what the world will be like and look like at the time of the end. Doubtless you've heard that saying, and it's used in various contexts. “You were warned.” Right?

So in this context, that means that the onus is on us. Don't you like that word? I love that word. Onus on us. The onus is on us. Okay, that didn't work either. But in other words, the ball's in our court, to use that saying. Ball's in your court. What are you going to do? Are you going to take this seriously and take heed to this, these warnings in God's word?

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And never think that God is just all about warning us. Thou shalt not! No. I love how one even authored a book by the same title. They're not really the Ten Commandments. They're the tender commandments from a tender, loving Heavenly Father who says, don't do that. I love you so much, and I can't stand to see you suffer needlessly and unnecessarily when you create a god and have to take care of your god. What god is that, that you have to take care of? I'm the God who takes care of you!

The second five. Let's just take one. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not commit adultery. I mean, in the day that thou doest thou shalt surely die. Wait, wait, wait, wait. That's not God, like, zapping you. You're dead. Told you. I warned you.

No. There is a sin that leads to death. Don't commit adultery because it will destroy your entire family and your life. And you'll live the rest of your life with unspeakable regret and remorse that will haunt you all the days of your life. He has our best interests at heart and a tender heart for us.

Because think about a parent, father, mother, fallen, finite. How much you love your children. It's been said you're only as happy as your saddest child. There's a reason for that. How much more so our Heavenly Father grieved? So the warnings are really blessings. And here's how I get there. God, in His love, grace, and mercy, has packaged promises with all these perilous prophecies.

Ooh! We don't want to.... We don't want to talk about the end times. People won't come back. Oh, but if you don't do that, then they won't know that there's promises from God that come packaged with that. Well, what are some of the promises?

They are numerous and voluminous, but the one I want for us to really focus on today is this promise, packaged with the perilous prophecies that He will keep us safe and sane in this increasingly unsafe and insane world. Can I use the word "crazy"? I hear that word used a lot.

Things are — do you agree? Things are getting crazy, and I think that's even an understatement. It's getting crazy-crazy out there. But God has promised us, unbreakable promise, that He'll keep us safely under the shadow of His wing, in the palm of His hand.

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One of the most encouraging promises is found in the letter Jesus inspired the Apostle John to write to the Church of Philadelphia about keeping us safe and sane until the pre-Tribulation rapture, when He comes for us. It's really for the battle-weary, born-again believer at the end who's barely holding on in the end, as they were. Listen to this encouragement. This is not a rebuke. This is an encouragement from Jesus himself, through John, in *Revelation 3:8*.

Listen to this. **“I know [I know, man] that you have little strength.”** Don't think of it like this. Oh, ye of little faith, Oh, ye of little strength. Buck up, buttercup. I had someone said to me one time. I rebuked him, in Jesus' name. In other words, the Lord knows you're barely hanging on, brother, sister. Just keep holding on. Not much longer.

He says, **“I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My word [Hung on to it for dear life.] [The inference being that others had not.] and you have not denied My name.”**

Again, inference being that others had. I wonder. And I say this, again, broadly, and I don't mean to — I hope it doesn't come off wrong. But we get this thousands of times a day by way of posts or emails to the office. Do you know of a church in our area? We can't reply.

Well, number one, we don't have time. Number two, we don't know of any that we would feel safe, you know, encouraging them to go to. Because if they go to that church, they — it's highly probable that they will not even hear the name of Jesus mentioned even once.

The name above all names. The only name given among men whereby we must be saved. The name of Jesus.

They've stripped it out of their songs. I don't know what their songs are. They do remakes of Led Zeppelin's ♪ Stairway to Heaven ♪ now, you know. No. True story. Most satanic: Jimmy Page, Robert Plant.

You've kept My word. Wait, what does that mean? That means that you're still preaching the Word. Paul to Timothy: **“Preach the Word.”** It's not popular. No. Preach the Word. I won't have that many people. Preach the Word. I won't get many followers, subscribers. Preach the Word. And what happens is they sacrifice the word of God on the altar of popularity and fame, and subscribers and followers.

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So He's encouraging them. And He's letting them know that He knows.

Now listen to this unbreakable promise from Jesus in *Revelation 3:10*. **“Since you have kept My command to endure patiently...”** [Stop.]

Wait. We're commanded to endure patiently? Yeah. And we actually want it to be a command. Here's why. The Lord will never command us or call us to do anything without also enabling and empowering us to do that which He's commanded us to do. Why? Because He cannot be party to our disobedience. That's incompatible and inconsistent with the character of who and how God is. So actually, I want it to be a command because I know if it's a command, okay, Holy Spirit.

Here's our marching orders. What are they? Endure patiently. I don't like those two words together. I mean, I'm trying to, you know, take one at a time. Endure. How do you get endurance? Ask James. By going through it.

No, no, no, no, that's not what I prayed for. I prayed for endurance. And then God sent this trial. And I'm like, no, that's not what — I didn't ask for a trial. I asked for endurance. Oh, My son, My daughter, My child, My love. Habibi in Arabic.

Beloved. That's how I'm answering your prayer is in and through the trial I'm allowing. Because that is where the endurance comes from. Like a tree with roots growing deep and strong. So when the storm hits, and the storm hits, it's able to endure. Why? Because the root is deep and strong. This is why I say things like I would rather have a church that is an inch wide and a mile deep than a church that's a mile wide and a shallow inch deep.

Patience. I'm too impatient to talk about being patient, so. But their roommates. They're roommates. You know, you've heard that prayer, that saying, you know, God, give me patience and give it to me now! You know, be careful what you pray for. God's like, wow, he really — get down there. He wants patience. And he wants it now.

So he's going to get a lesson. And he's going to learn to be patient. But it's not going to come in the way he asked or thought. It's going to come in the form of something that requires him, her to patiently endure. I wish there were another way. I wish there were a prescription for it. There's not.

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[So] “...since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I also will keep you [Listen very carefully now.] from the hour of tribulation that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”

What's that sound like to you? The seven-year Tribulation. Notice He doesn't say I will keep you “through,” “in.” No. He says, “**from.**” All right! That's what I'm talking about. I'm going to keep you from that, take you out before that because I'm going to keep you because you kept Me. How about that? I mean, that's a mic drop. Slam dunk. Case closed. I ran out of — you can fill in the rest.

Listen. If you're one who is just buss up, as we say here, or just really beat down, God knows. He knows that the world, the flesh, and the devil will knock us down. But God lifts us back up.

Psalm 6 (3). “**He's the lifter of my head,**” which is what Paul, by the Spirit, wrote in his second epistle to the church in Corinth.

Listen to *Chapter 4:8-9*. I love this, man. And this is the Apostle Paul kind of bullet pointing just a sampling, a smattering of some of the hardships. He says, “**we are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed. We are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, [And lastly] struck down but not destroyed.**”

We keep getting knocked down, and He keeps picking us up. We fall down. He picks us up. Yeah, but this is a crushing. We're crushed, devastated, grief stricken, heartbroken. But and you fill in the blank.

Psalm 34: David, the sweet psalmist of Israel. Now, keep in mind that was what he was and is affectionately referred to as. But make no mistake about it; this was a man of war. This was a guy you didn't want to mess with. In fact, he has so much blood on his hands. God said, I can't let you build the temple, My house, but I'll build you a house from your lineage. This was a mighty man of God with a heart after God's own heart. But yet he was sweet. And by the Spirit, he penned this promising psalm of hope, the whole Psalm.

But I'll just read *Psalm 34:17-19*. And listen to and watch for the progression of this. “**The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them. He delivers them from all their troubles.**”

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Aren't you glad? It doesn't say "most," "some"? "It depends." No. All. All.

Verse 18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." I'll hold my hand up to that.

Verse 19, "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

That's an unbreakable promise even when everything around you contradicts it, goes against it. The circumstances don't have the final word. God does. God's word does. If God said — we talked about this Thursday night. When God says "I will," He will. If you come up to me and say, "I will," we'll see. I shouldn't have looked at anybody when I said that, but you get my point. I will. It's done. It's a done deal, man. God said, "I will." And He says, "I will."

Is there anything too hard for the Lord? He is able. Oh, yeah. Where we get into trouble is that we're putting God in that proverbial box, expecting Him to do it in our way, in our time, in our favorite color. And God's like, yeah, no. Uh-uh. I'm God. You're not. So we're clear. My ways are unsearchable, and they are infinitely higher than yours. Have you ever had those experiences where you prayed for something, and God answered it in a way you could have never dreamed of?

And you were, like, apologizing for praying for that in a specific way? And God's over here going, that's all you got? Why do you pray so small when your God is so big? No, I'm going to do it, but it's going to be on My terms, in My way, in My time, and for My glory. You'll see. Just wait.

Psalms 27:13-14 is summed up with those words. Just see. You'll wait. I mean, just wait.

(Chuckling) You'll see. This is an indication I need to keep moving. We're getting there.

When Stephen preached the Gospel to the Jews in Israel; remember this?

In *Acts Chapter 7* it's recorded. It ultimately ended up in him being murdered and martyred. But he meticulously, by the Holy Spirit, takes the Jews back to the beginning of Israel's history, and in so doing provides us now, like it should have them then, yet another promise of hope that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes. He's not wishy-washy. You know, I'm not sure. You know, that was then. This is now. I don't know.

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No. The God who delivered you out of that trial you thought “this is it, this is how it ends, (Singing) thanks for the memory.” See, only the older people got that. That's all right.

I mean, this is how it ends. I see no way God's like, oh, yeah. Cool. Finally, God, this is impossible. Finally. Because as long as it's possible for you, it's not possible for Me. I have to make it impossible for you so that it could become possible for Me.

And oh, by the way, if you need a history lesson — I wish I would have paid more attention to history, especially now, as a teacher of Bible prophecy. Because it's a beautiful marriage between history and prophecy in scripture. But and I love it when David with Saul — can you picture a little teenage boy, ruddy, handsome, cute little guy? There's King Saul paralyzed in fear over this Philistine giant for 40 days, the number of judgment, taunting and blaspheming the name of their God.

And David hears it one time; says, that's not okay. Get me to Saul right away. And he's right there before Saul. What does Saul do? Tried to talk him out of it. David, I love you, man. But he's been doing this long before you were born, and you're just going to be an appetizer for him. What's David's response? Yeah, you're right. I'm sorry. What was I thinking?

No. His response was wait, wait, wait. You don't understand, Saul. God delivered into my hands a bear and a lion in the past, and He's the same God yesterday that He is today for this uncircumcised Philistine who's blaspheming the name of our God.

And then Saul's like, okay. Tries to put his armor on him. And can you imagine? Saul, we know from the detail in Scripture, was tall, built, went to 24s, you know, buffed and you know, and here's little, tiny, cute, little boy, David.

And he tries to put his armor on him. It's not my — I can't even really actually move. It's not my size. And besides, it's actually not my color. I'm an autumn. (Chuckling) So get this off of me. All I need is — and watch this — all I need is my slingshot and a stone. He actually took five smooth stones. That's another topic for another time. Five, the number of grace, by the way.

Now why that? Because God was preparing David for that which He was preparing for David. He's a shepherd boy. He's got to have a really — he was really good with a slingshot

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when the wolves would come — I shouldn't point it. But yeah, you get my point, right, when I don't point? Do you get my point? So how many times did he kill a wolf threatening the flock with his slingshot?

So what did he do? He takes a slingshot, and he never once calls him by his name, Goliath. Why? Because Goliath means champion. No, you're not a champion. You're blasphemous. And then Goliath's like, is this a joke? You? What? What's going on here? And David's like, well, I'm going to take your head off. Pretty much that's what's going on here. And this uncircumcised Philistine saw something I'm pretty sure He had never seen before.

I won't take this too much further, but I want you to understand this before I read what is recorded in *Acts 7*. David runs towards him with his slingshot and five stones. I think right there, psychologically for sure, he's going, I've never had anybody run towards me.

Everybody runs away from me. And this little kid, he's a cute guy, but he's running toward me fast. And he just takes that slingshot that God had prepared him for, for such a time as that. (Popping sound)

That's pretty good sound effects actually, wasn't it? Boom. Right in the middle of the forehead. Can you imagine the shock? I mean, even the Jews, the Israelites were going, no, David, don't go. And the Philistines are going, oh, pop the popcorn. This ought to be good. And this some there's debate on this. I'm going to just use nine feet-plus tall. The taller they are, the bigger they are, the harder they fall. Kaboom! And Philistines are running away in horror. This was their champion.

And what does David do? He doesn't, you know. (Cheering sounds) None of this. No. He takes his sword and cuts off his head and holds it up. That's my God. My God is the same God yesterday and today. And He delivered a bear and a lion to my hands, and He's going to deliver this uncircumcised, blaspheming Philistine into my hands. Let me at him, please.

Why am I yelling? I'm not. Man, I would have loved to have been there.

Okay, let's talk about *Acts 7:34*. Luke, by the Spirit, wrote the Gospel, the *Book of Acts*. And he records this sermon that Stephen preached, which was I mean, wow. He says, **“I have surely seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt.”**

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He's taking them back to the exodus. Egypt, by the way, is a type of the world in Scripture. He sees your suffering in your Egypt of this world, and He's not going to just see it and go, wow, he's suffering. **"I have heard their groaning."**

You know, sometimes when prayers are not words? They're liquid prayers in the form of tears. And sometimes when those tear ducts dry up, it's just a moan and groan and cry from the heart. But God hears that. So now we've got God seeing it, and now God hearing our groaning because of it. And what's He going to do about it? **"Come down to deliver them."**

See, hear, do. Pastor, apparently, you're, more impressed with your sermon point than we are. So can you, let us know why? Okay, I'll tell you why. God sees what it is that you're dealing with right now, that oppression, depression, those battles. And He's heard your groaning. He's heard your prayers. They're actually stored in — this must be a massive bowl — fragrant before His throne. Before His throne is every one of yours' and my groan. And then He said, I'll come down there.

Remember when you were a kid and your mom would say, "You wait till your daddy comes home." What time is it now? No, I'm coming down there. Don't make me come down there. I'm coming down there. What are You going to do? I'm going to deliver My people. No, those are My people and I've heard their groaning. And I've seen what you've done to them. You're afflicting them, your oppressing of them.

Okay, in the interest of time, we're going to turn a corner. I want to zero in on what is arguably — I'm going to use this word again — the craziest, unsafe, and insane marker as an indicator that we are without doubt in the last hour. But we're going to end the livestream at this time. Hopefully, you're already on the app or the website.

You already know, right, what I'm going to — I just want to offer a short explanation as to why the so-called vaccines are not only not safe and effective but instead dangerous and deadly as one of the most unsafe and insane last days deception. I do want to, by way of a preface, mention real quick, neither my wife, nor my family nor myself have ever been vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine.

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And for those of you who have been vaccinated, please, I implore you. You have not been unsaved, nor have you taken the mark, nor are you unable to be saved. Please. I mean, okay, Pastor, why are you prefacing it this way?

Because particularly as of late, maybe you've noticed the information, or better said, misinformation and disinformation is off the charts. And you know, it's creating confusion and delusion, and it's playing right into the hands of the Devil himself. This confusion and delusion, coupled with the powerful demonic deception, is what fuels it and drives it, making it so dangerous and so deadly.

One need look no further than *Revelation 18:23*, which we talk about a lot and for good reason. It's the fall of Babylon and the seven-year Tribulation. And of particular note is that we find those deceived, believed, and received the mark of the beast because of the deceptive lying signs and wonders from the father of lies himself.

Okay, Pastor, why are you making this kind of the poster child of prophetic markers, indicators of the end? Because this is, I believe, one of the most important prophecies because of the inspired specificity with which it's written — it's not a play on words — marking the mark, the characteristics of the mark with specificity as a satanic, pharmaceutical, and magical potion and poison used in ritual Satan worship.

I'll just read *verse 18*. You should have it memorized in seven different languages by now. Just *verse 18*, **“The light of the lamp [*Speaking of Babylon*] shall not shine in you anymore. And the voice of the bridegroom and bride shall not be heard anymore. [*Here's why.*] For your merchants were the [*Interesting*] great men of the earth, [*The billionaires, big banks, big Pharma, big tech.*] for by your sorcery [*Which is the Greek word pharmakeia, which this is not up for debate.*] [*It's where we get our English word for pharmacy or pharmaceutical.*] [*And then it's because of this pharmaceutical, whatever it is*] **all the nations were deceived.**”**

All. Oh. But no, not America. No. All. Let's circle back to *2 Thessalonians 2* and just listen to *verses 9 through 12*. **“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders, and [*Verse 10*] with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, [*Why?*] because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong [*Powerful*]**

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delusion [Give them over to it] that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but [Listen to this.] had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Took great delight. See, God's not going to force Himself on anybody. You reject the truth, He'll give you over. *Romans 1*. Okay, I tried. The Spirit of God's not going to strive with man forever. I'm not going to. If your heart is that hard, and your mind is that made up, and your fate is sealed, then okay, I'll just give you over to it. You've rejected the truth and you believed the lie.

Bottom line. These so-called vaccines, which, by the way, haven't gone away. If anything, they're coming back with a vengeance. We continue to receive requests for religious exemption letters, which we have revised, which are great. And we love hearing the reports from people saying, man, I turned that letter in, and they were like, okay, you can keep your job. You don't need to be... I'm like all right. Thank you, God. To Him be all the glory.

The bottom line: the so-called vaccines, I believe, is the lie from the father of lies that will give way to this deception, delusion. You can't tell someone who's deceived they're deceived. Try it. And here's the thing. Deceived people deceive people. And if you're self-deceived, and you say, hey, you're self-deceived. You're deceived. Let me know how that works out for you.

We're almost done. Bear with me. So powerful and prolific is this delusion and deception that in this last hour — and hear me out — one truly and rightly doesn't know what to believe anymore. Here's an example. I have pictured here a one-hour-and-one-minute YouTube video that was released just about two weeks ago. The title, 'Premier: Inside mRNA vaccines, The Movie.'

Well, of course, I mean.... That's kind of... Wait, wait. You know, that's a head scratcher, isn't it? Because aren't these the same guys that — now they're — and then, they're... Who's the author of confusion? Let me hasten to say that my reference to it is in no way an endorsement of it. However, there was a twofold impetus for it.

First, just this last week, I had a physician, who was injected with it, admit that he suffered debilitating injuries because of it. He's currently back to work after six months of self-

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treatment. But he candidly shared this with my wife and I. And I believe the Lord prompted him to do so because I needed to hear it — not a professing Christian. But I needed to hear that.

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the recent reports you've been hearing about what's going on with, hey, we're going to revisit, mRNA vaccines. We're going to, you know, maybe, defund. Are you guys heard about this? How confusing is this?

It seems like a good thing thought, Pastor. I'm sorry, but sadly, it's a sleight of hand. Or, if you prefer a better metaphor, bait and switch. MRNA vaccines. Bad, bad, bad. But we got the new, improved. Mo betta. That's what's going on here. It's so deceiving. It's part of the pre-planned agenda of this demonic deception behind the curtain. And it's bolstering and furthering the devil's campaign of confusion and delusion.

Now, why do I point this out? Because those hearing these reports and those who choose to view this video as I have — you don't have to. But if you do, please, I implore you, use your God-given spiritual discernment and do so through the lens of Scripture, specifically through the lens of last days Bible prophecy, and even more specifically through the lens of, oh, I wonder what they're coming out with next? I'm not going to quote from the video. Some of you are going, praise the Lord.

But actually for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that curiously and suspiciously, the transcript is not available in English. I tried this. I kept going back. I thought maybe it's my computer. Because the transcript default is set to Arabic. I thought: they know! So I thought I'd try somebody else's. Same thing. And there's several other languages, none of which include English Hmm.

Okay, one more thing. Within the last three weeks or so, one pharmacy here on Island has started to outright ask people if they're interested in being vaccinated when they pick up their prescription. I was asked this. And the poor — I felt bad after. she said, “Would you like to get your flu vaccine today?” I said, “Absolutely not!” And I thought, oh great, I've blown it already. Wait. Aren't you that pastor at that church? No, I'm his evil twin. Then I caught myself, said, Lord, just can You help me? Can You redeem this? And I said, “You

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know what? I'm sorry I reacted that way. You're doing your job. And so, please, you know, forgive me."

But I did ask her. I said, "So are you asking people now? Because this is the first time I've been asked." She said, "Yeah, we're asking people now, you know, it's that season." It's August! Flu season's in August now? So we're asking people if they want to get their flu vaccine because it's August, and it's flu season in August?

Come on. I didn't say that to her. Thank God. But I don't know if you've noticed this. They now even staple the notice that's pictured here. Maybe they can put it back on the screen for the online people. But every prescription has a bright yellow, fluorescent pink, purple, blue thing stapled to it. I got one. I scanned this thing in, man, And it's on every prescription.

You know what it says? Quote, "We have all your vaccinations in one place. WALK-INS WELCOME!" All in caps. Oh, I love this pharmacy. Notice how that the first two on the list are the flu, which by the way I thought disappeared in 2020. I guess it just took a sabbatical or something. And then number two, of course, is the so-called COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to this, maybe you've noticed this as well. There is a campaign of phone calling now where they call your phone, you know, like a health check, health survey. They frame it in, you know, like, oh, they really care about me. No. They want to vaccinate you.

And in addition to phone calls, there's text messages. Do you get these? Here's one that I received. Quote, "Conveniently schedule a flu vaccine appointment for multiple people at once. Click here to schedule early." And they include a QR code and/or a link. Oh, how convenient is that?

Okay. Let's bring it in. At the beginning, I said that my objective with this Update was to provide much-needed reminding and encouraging vis-a-vis the prophecies and promises in God's word, and this at a time when we're living in a world that is steeped in the deceptive, delusional, unsafe, and insane demonic grip in this last hour.

Psalm 91. I would highly recommend you read through and meditate on *Psalm 91*. I'm just going to, if you'll kindly allow me to, read *verses 10 and 11*. **"No evil shall befall you, nor shall any [Interesting] plague come near your dwelling. [Here's why, verse 11.] For He shall**

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give His angels charge over you, [Watching over you, guarding over you] to keep you in all [All] your ways."

Wait a minute. For real? Yeah. If God said it, that settles it, right?

[Congregant says, "Amen."]

It's a promise. Unbreakable. When we say this is God's word, you know what that means, right? God has given me His word. Now, if you give me your word, thank you. But this, you know. Hey, it's raining outside. You know, I'm going to go check for myself. Oh, I give you my word it's raining outside. No, I'm still going to go check on myself. God says, "I give you My word." No need check.

Here's the bottom line. Did I already say, bottom line? I need to come up with a — okay, this is the last bottom line. I want you to listen very carefully. If you are saved and in Jesus, know you're kept safe and sane because of Jesus for a reason, so as to be used by Jesus to get people to Jesus. Have you ever asked yourself the question of why after you were born-again, God didn't just didn't want to take any chances, just get him up here. Just rapture him. Just get him. He's got to say, whew, wow. That was close. Get him up here.

No. He leaves us down here to be the salt and the light. Grant me a couple minutes. I just want to explain how childlike, simple the Gospel really is and how you can be saved or share the Gospel with someone who needs to be saved. This is a tool I'm equipping you with.

It's the ABCs of salvation, which I've kind of been fine tuning over the years, such that the (A), as we'll see, is the obstacle, and the (B) is central and essential, and the (C) is evidential. Don't you like how all that rhymes? I worked really hard on that.

Let's start with the (A), admit or acknowledge that you're a sinner in need of the Savior. This is the obstacle because the average person thinks (Pfft) I'm a good person. I've never murdered anybody.

Well, fine, you may be a good person, but you'll never be good enough. And take him to *Romans 3:10*. It says there is no one good. You just said, you're good. No, you're not. There's no one that's righteous, not even one. So there goes that. But you can take him

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further, *Romans 3:23*, and explain the “why” behind the “what” of them not being a good person or good enough.

“All [There's that word again.] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” We were all born sinners in Adam, which is why we must be born-again in the Spirit, in Jesus, to enter the kingdom of heaven. **“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

Okay, wait, wait. So if what you're telling me is true, and it absolutely is, then there must be a penalty for my sin. And there most certainly is. This is called the bad news first. You know when people come up to you and go, well, what do you want first? The good news or the bad news? I usually respond with, I'll just take the good news.

Well, sometimes you need to hear the bad news first, because the badder the bad news is the gooder the good news will be. It's pretty bad. There's got to be a penalty, right? Yeah. And it gets worse. Because *Romans 6:23* tells us it's the death penalty. **“For the wages of sin is death.”** But this is what can overcome the obstacle with the good news that **“The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

For those of you that have had the profound pleasure and privilege of — we just invite people to Christ — the Holy Spirit leads them. When you invite someone to Christ, and they come to Christ, and they're born-again, is there no high like that high? There's no high like that high. And it's such a high that on high, in heaven, we're told in Scripture that the angels throw a party and rejoice.

Once you can overcome the obstacle, now you've got to get to the central and the essential, which is believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. And the reason this is central and essential is because it's the only thing we bring to the table of salvation.

What do you mean? I'm saved by grace through faith, not of works. **“It's the gift of God, lest any man should boast,”** *Ephesians 2:8-9*. What must I do to be saved? You know the Beatitudes. *Matthew 5*. Notice they're not the “do attitudes.” No, they're the “be attitudes.”

And this is a (B). Believe. That's the only thing we bring is our belief in. In other words, there's nothing we can do to earn salvation. Why? Because Jesus did it all, paid for it all in

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full via the finished work of the cross. He said, **“It is finished.”** Period. Not comma. It's finished. Comma. I've done My part. Now it's up to you. We'll check in with you later. No. He finished the work. Finito. Halas. That was Arabic. Don't you love Arabic?

Romans 10:9 says, **“If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.”**

Well, okay, here's the common response. “I believe in God.” “I believe in Jesus.” Take him to *James 2:19* where it says, “Even the demons believe and tremble.” So your definition of believe is not the same as this definition in Scripture of believe.

Okay, so if that's what believe does not mean, then what does believe actually mean? Now I really worked on this. So hang in there with me. I'm trying to simplify it because my wife tells me I have the gift of complication. I keep telling her that's not one of the gifts in the Bible, but she says, I don't care. You have it anyway. So I'm trying to simplify it.

Here's what it means to believe. You change your mind and way of thinking, which is the Greek word metanoia, from where we get the English word repentance. It's a change of mind. Turning to Jesus, fully persuaded about Jesus, relying only upon Jesus by grace through faith, placing complete trust in Jesus that my own filthy self-righteousness was removed and replaced by Jesus with the perfect, sinless, spotless righteousness of Jesus. Was that okay? Is that better? Do I need to work on it more?

That's what it means to believe. You're not trusting in your own righteousness. It's as filthy rags, Isaiah says. Now we've overcome the obstacle. We've grasped and embraced the central and the essential. What comes next?

This is the result. Unless and until the (A) obstacle has been overcome, leading to the central and essential, (B), there won't be the (C), which is the evidential by virtue of what Jesus said in both *Matthew 12:34 and Luke 6:4-5*. The words of the Savior, listen. **“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”**

You want to know what's in someone's heart? Just shut up and listen. What comes out of their mouth? Remember the fruit root? What's at the root of their heart? Bitterness? What's going to come out of their mouth? Bitterness. What's in their heart? Jesus. What's

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going to come out of their mouth? Jesus. You're going to confess Him. You're going to call upon Him. You're going to share Him. That's all you can talk about is Him.

Romans 10:9 says, in addition to saying that **"...if one believes in their heart that God raised Jesus from the dead,"** it also says, **"if one confesses with their mouth, Jesus is Lord, they'll be saved."** And *Romans 10:13*, I mean, it's just — it just seals the deal. **"All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."**

Is this is a requirement? Is this a works thing? Is it something I have to do? Oh. Okay. I got to acknowledge. I got to believe. And I got to confess and call. No. What happens is the Holy Spirit begins working on your heart, convicting, not condemning, and you know you're a dirty, rotten, stinking — I shouldn't look at people when I — I should look down — a dirty, rotten, stinking sinner of which I am chief, as Paul would say.

And so the Holy Spirit is working on your heart and bringing you, ever so patiently and gently to the place where you acknowledge, you know what? I'm a sinner. I need a Savior.

Beautiful. Here comes the vessel.

Here comes — somebody — that seed's been planted, watered. Here comes the harvester John Deere — hope I didn't offend — what's the other one? But here comes the combine to harvest the soul. And you put your belief and trust in Jesus Christ and His righteousness in place of your own filthy, self-righteousness.

In other words, when you're standing before Him, you're not going to bring any of your good deeds. That's not — don't pack them and bring them, especially if you have a lot of them. The only thing you're going to bring with you is your belief in Him, fully trusting in Him and His righteousness, not yours. All right, let's — oh, gosh. Don't look at your clocks. It's Second Service already.

Oh, see what happens, Kapon? It might be good if I start taking some time off. Give you guys a break. Yeah? No, but *"But God Testimony"*, real quick. It's so good. So good. Comes from Susie Wiet [*I hope it's pronounced right*] who writes, "Hi, JD and Team! Thank you for all of the work that you do! You have been such a grounding force for me and instrumental in the understanding of biblical prophecy and leading me back to Jesus Christ. I love that I got saved as a gift from the COVID era. The moment I heard "flatten the curve," I knew it

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was Big Pharma. I was not saved at the time and didn't realize that I wasn't. The first time I saw a diagram of the COVID virus in my medical journals [*This tells me she's a physician.*] the Lord revealed to me that this is evil.

I somehow knew it was God speaking to me, [*That's the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit.*] as I had also had resounding in my heart, my mind, His voice back in January 2020, that He's coming. I didn't understand any of this until I happened upon biblical prophecy. Having grown up Catholic, I had no idea what the Bible was for. [*Not your fault.*]

But God! He opened my heart and mind, and He saved my soul from the brink of destruction as I was completely unaware of the dark chains that held my soul. Jesus broke through one time while deep in prayer, I cried out to Him and asked, "What do you want of me?" He calmly and patiently stated, "I want your whole heart, not your half heart, Susie." He used my own untrue narrative that I was living with a half heart, tied to many wounds.

That night I surrendered my heart to the King of kings and immediately felt darkness ripped away from my backside, which I never knew was present. I can't tell you how many blessings and crazy things that have happened since then. [*I think we all got a pretty long list of crazies, stories that we could share.*]

And I know in every moment, now, that He is inside me and at my side and leading my path. So there is nothing to fear, including the unexpected divorce I am now going through once I declared that Jesus Christ is my Savior.

I'm pretty bad with technology and finally figured out how to submit something online to you. I felt prompted, especially this evening when I heard a piece on a Rumble channel. It was a seriously misguided journalism as a piece on Israel and the End Times for my very secular and human point of view. I left a comment, which I hope will remain, that explains who Jesus is and why this is happening.

As I was posting. I heard your voice [*I'm sorry.*] echoing in my mind from the many lessons I've learned from your Prophecy Updates. These Updates keep me so very grounded. Thank you. Thank you for all of your extremely intent and well-researched work. May the love and light of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you, your team, your congregation, and all in Hawaii. Maranatha."

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To which I'll say Amen. All right, come on up. You might as well stay up here, Kaponu, for Second Service. You stand up. No, seriously, this is for real. We're two minutes over. Second service started two minutes ago. I'm here. And I'm just getting warmed up. I'm never more filled with joy than when I'm preaching and teaching the word of God.

Thank You for Your word, Lord. Thank You for Your promises. Thank You for the prophecies. Thank You for salvation, the most valuable possession we own. Thank You for prayer, the most powerful possession we own. Oh, Lord, would You take this? I've been talking a very long time, and these poor people have endured. Well, that's how they're learning to endure. (Chuckling) Patiently.

But listening intently. Why? Because they're hungry and thirsty, as I am, for only that which You can satiate. Thank You, Jesus. We love You so much. Jesus, will You come back quickly? Please? Maranatha. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Kaponu, before you start, if you're visiting, today, I'm so sorry, but can you stay for Second Service? I mean, you already have sort of. But if you stay for Second Service, I don't have a third service. So Hallelujah, right? But if you can stay for Second Service, I would love to meet you. I love to meet visitors and hear your stories, where you're from, you know, and what you're doing here. No. (Chuckling)

So would you be willing to do that? Because I can't do that right now. You know, we can always change the time for Second Service to, like, noon. No, we won't do that. Anyway, thank you for your grace. You're so very gracious. God bless.