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What's Happening To Us?

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Good morning and welcome to our first service on Sunday morning. We have two services, the first of which is the Bible Prophecy Update that we do weekly, and then Second Service is the sermon.

And last week, for those that know, we actually finished the Book of Hebrews. And today we are going to begin in the Book of James, can't wait! I really mean that. I'm salivating at the thought of teaching through the Book of James.

So today we are going to look at the good that trials produce in our lives and if you can imagine this why it is that we should actually welcome them. I'm not feeling the love there. Not just welcome them but even consider them pure joy.

So that will be live-streamed at 11:15 a.m. and we would encourage you to join with us. For those of you that are on YouTube or Facebook, we would encourage you to go directly to JDFarag.org at this time. That way the update will be uninterrupted and uncensored.

So with that, let's get started, have a lot to get to today. I need to take and tackle three tough topics concerning what it is that's happening to us and even against us. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, I'll do so by asking and answering three questions, and these are questions that I myself have been inquiring of the Lord as of late as it relates to everything that is now happening.

Now by way of a preface, I need to say this. Please know that I am in no way posturing myself as one who has all the answers. I do not. Rather I only seek to point you to the one who does and that's Jesus. Praise the Lord, right?

I hope, I pray, it is my hope, it is my prayer, that all of us, myself included, will be encouraged in the Lord and renewed in our strength from the Lord as we face that which seems to be ahead.

So with that, let's just jump right in and get to it. Question number 1: Why are those who are not born-again coming out against the same things and saying some of the same things that we as Christians are saying?

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This is actually something I have been inquiring of the Lord about for quite some time now specifically as it relates to the mandates and what's known as totalitarianism, which is dictatorial governmental control.

So in other words, you've got people, well-known people in some cases, that are basically coming out against all of this and even saying some of the things that we are saying. A couple of thoughts on this, the first of which is that Satan is the author of confusion, and nothing can be more confusing for gullible Christians than this. He's also the master deceiver.

So you get someone famous; I'm not going to mention any names, don't need to, and they're not a professing Christian, but yet they're saying the same, in some cases, the same exact things as the Christian is saying.

And here's the thing: It's only the discerning Christian who truly knows the Word of God and the God of the Word that has ears, discerning ears to hear and distinguish the difference between what they're saying and what the Christians are saying, and I'll explain.

If you listen very carefully with discernment, what they're saying - it does sound very similar - but that similarity ends because in the end, it's about man rising up and not Jesus coming back. Let me say the same thing in a different way.

They'll start off talking about, you know, governmental control and, you know, the globalists and the New World order, one-world government, and they'll take it down that road as far as you want to go. But then there's a much-needed parting of the ways, if I can say it that way because their hope in the end is that man will rise up and fight.

I'm sorry, my Bible doesn't say that. In fact, my Bible says the opposite of that. Jesus said, You know if My kingdom were of this world, My disciples would rise up and fight, but they don't because My kingdom is not of this world.

So is that our hope? Is our hope that somehow we can rally the troops, as it were, rise up and fight, fight, fight? Or is our hope not in this world, rather our hope is in Jesus coming back to take us out of this world.

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Here's a second thought: It's that we're all prone to our default, as it were, in concluding the worst-case scenario when it comes to this. And by that I mean, we just assume that the New Ager, Mormon, Atheist, Secularist, Humanist, Scientist, et. al., will all influence us; however, God's heart, God's nature, and God's will is that in His grace, He uses us to influence them for Jesus and not them influence us away from Jesus.

The Apostle Peter in his second epistle, the third chapter beginning in verse 8 says, concerning the Lord's return, he says, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance."

That's the heart of God. He doesn't want anyone to perish in hell for all eternity, and yes, hell is for all eternity, by the way. That's what my Bible says. I will be referring to this quite a bit today so you know. Imagine that.

In his first epistle, also the third chapter, this time verse 15, he writes by the Spirit, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Hang on to this one; we are going to come back to it towards the end of today's update. Just maybe a little bit of a spoiler alert here.

The key here is everyone who asks. Be at the ready to give them an answer. Well, Pastor with all due respect, I don't get asked about the hope that I have. Hmm, I'm going to leave that right there with the Holy Spirit, but again, we're going to come back to that at the end.

All right, because the second and third questions are likely to be censored on YouTube and Facebook, we'll go ahead now at this time and redirect you - you guys know the drill here right? Are we good? Now we are, all right.

Question number 2: Why are so many people getting so sick whether they been injected or not? I have to confess that this one is arguably the toughest one of all to wrap my mind around, let alone provide a biblical answer to. But again, with the help of the Holy Spirit, I'll do my best.

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None of us want to hear this, but the fact of the matter is it's the hard truth about what's really happening to us. Here's the truth: This is a satanic genocide on a global scale and it's the likes of which we've never seen before nor will we ever see again.

This demonic depopulation plan has been in the works for many decades, if not longer, by the way, and it seems that the appointed time to execute said plan was at this time in human history, but God.

But God warned us and foretold us that this is exactly what would happen at the time of the end and it's beginning to come to pass even now. And one need look no further than to the prophecies in the Book of Revelation specific to the 7-year tribulation which speak to this genocide and depopulation. We've talked about this in previous updates.

Now the question is really this: Are we willing to hear and take heed to this hard word in God's Word? Stay with me please.

I am keenly aware that what usually ensues when teaching this and talking about this is a turning away from the hard truth and as such unpopular truth. So that's really, to me, the question when it comes to why are so many people getting so sick whether they've been injected or not.

Well, there is an answer to that question. That's not the question: Is there an answer? No, there's an answer; the question is: Are we willing to receive the answer to that question? Because it's kind of hard and now the onus is on us. Am I going to receive it and take heed to it? Or am I going to turn away from it?

After a very hard teaching from Jesus, John's Gospel, the sixth chapter tells us that, "Many were offended, and from that time, they turned away and they stopped following Jesus."

He had just got done teaching them a very hard teaching concerning His body and His blood, and they were so offended. It was too hard of a teaching, they even said as much.

And the result was, "They turned away and followed Him no more." Dare I say that that can be said of us today?

Well, beginning in verse 67, we're told, "Then Jesus said to the twelve, [Speaking of the disciples], 'Do you also want to go away?'"

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But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord to whom shall we go?'"

Very interesting. The thought is, is that answer reveals something about Peter, and perhaps it reveals something about us as well. He actually thought about where else he could go and had come to the conclusion that there is nowhere else to go. To whom shall we go? We already thought about going to the other church down the street but no, "You have the words of eternal life." Just that alone.

Interesting: "You have the words of [keyword] eternal life," not the words concerning this life so I could have my best life now.

No, eternal life.

Also, Peter goes on to answer Jesus saying, "We have come to believe and know" [I like that, I love Peter, I love Peter!] "We have become to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Mic drop!

[Laughter]

What else are you going to say? Where else are you going to go? You alone; nobody else has the words of eternal life. The words You're teaching, as hard as it is to hear and heed, they're the words of eternal life. And these words of eternal life are coming from the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Oh, would to God that we, and again, I include myself in this, that we would hear and heed the hard teaching. I think about Isaiah who talks about how they just wanted, the people wanted to have the prophet speak only smooth things.

We're going to talk about that in a moment. You are such a doom and gloom preacher. Well, kind of getting ahead of myself. We need to tackle this third one and it's a biggie.

Why are some well-known evangelical leaders promoting the injection? I suppose it could be said that I saved the worst for last so to speak. Again, I would just ask that you hear me out on this one.

This too is a very difficult one to address, but it has to be addressed. I do not in any way wish to be derogatory towards another brother in Christ, but it is incumbent upon me to warn against wolves.

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And sadly many a well-intentioned Christian, and worse, pastor is naive and deceived having believed the lies from the father of lies. And it's heartbreaking.

The Lord directed me to a passage in the Book of Acts, Chapter 20. It's kind of intense, a little emotional.

Luke is writing by the Holy Spirit. Actually it's the Apostle Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders. These were the leaders of the day in the early church and he knows he's not going to ever see them again. And it's really a heartfelt exhortations, these parting words to them.

And you would think that his parting words to these Ephesian elders whom he loved so much would have been maybe something along the lines of: You guys, just stay the course, be encouraged, be strong in the Lord. No. It's a warning. His parting words are a warning.

Beginning in verse 28, the warning is this, "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers."

Stop right there. Overseers.

These were the leaders in that day, the overseers and the pastors. He goes on to say, "Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood." And here's why.

He says, "I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock." And then he says this, he says, "Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them."

In other words, you guys, I'm never going to see again. I'll see you in glory. I will see you when the trumpet sounds, the dead in Christ rise first, and they meet us who are already in the presence of the Lord, absent from the body. That's the next time I'm going to see you.

But you guys, it's going to be men that are from within your own ranks. These are fellow leaders that are actually wolves in sheep's clothing, and they're going to be vicious, savage, merciless. They won't spare the flock, and this is God's flock, the flock of God that you've been charged with overseeing and shepherding and leading, so be on your guard.

And then he says this, and I have to confess that this brings me great encouragement as a man who cries a lot like a man. I cry like a man. I cry like a baby too. He says, "Remember

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that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.” He wept over them in his warning to them because he knew.

Notice he doesn't say that I think it is a possibility, I think there is a great likelihood that after I leave, savage wolves will come in. No, he says I know, I know what is going to happen.

Just bear with me please. If you don't mind I want to - well, I don't want to, I have to.

I have to draw your attention to an opinion piece that was written by Megan Basham, if I'm pronouncing her last name right. It was published on The Daily Wire titled, “How The Federal Government Used Evangelical Leaders to Spread Covid Propaganda to Churches.”

It's a long read, but it's a must-read and this for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that the writer, to her credit I might add, is doing what pastors and leaders should be doing, which is exposing those who participate in the deeds of darkness.

Wow, pastor, that's pretty strong.

Well, this is Ephesians 5:11. “Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.”

What follows are several quotes from this very well-written piece.

Quote, “Wheaton College dean Ed Stetzer interviewed National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins on his podcast, “Church Leadership” about why Christians who want to obey Christ's command to love their neighbors should get the Covid vaccine and avoid indulging in misinformation.

Stetzer is the Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center and the Editor-in-Chief of Outreach Media Group. He was previously an editor at Christianity Today and an Executive Director at LifeWay, one of the largest religious publishers in the world.

In short, when it comes to leveraging high evangelical offices to influence everyday Christians, arguably no one is better positioned than Ed Stetzer.

You may not know his name, but if you're a church-going Protestant, it's almost guaranteed your pastor does.” Just so you know, I never heard of this guy before.

[Laughter]

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Just saying. I do? No, I don't. Now I do. I wish I didn't but anyway...

She goes on to write, “Which is why, when Stetzer joined a line of renowned pastors and ministry leaders lending their platforms to Obama-appointed Collins, the collaboration was noteworthy.”

By the way this Collins, you may not know him by name. You'll know him by face; you'll see him often times on television, CBN, the Christian Broadcasting Network.

“Stetzer ended the podcast by announcing that the Billy Graham Center would be formally partnering with the Biden administration. Together with the NIH, National Institute of Health, and the CDC, Centers for Disease Control, it would launch a website to provide clergy Covid resources they could then convey to their congregations. The list of Christian leaders who passed the NIH director their mics to preach messages about getting jabs, wearing masks, and accepting the official line on Covid is as long as it is esteemed.

One of the most noteworthy was the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, ERLC, an organization funded by churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the United States.”

The writer goes on to talk about how Saddleback Church and Rick Warren. “Rick Warren's special broadcast with Collins on behalf of Health and Human Services, he mentioned that he and Collins first met [get this] when both were speakers for the billionaires and heads of state who gather annually in Davos, Switzerland for the World Economic Forum.”

I am quoting, “They reconnected recently, Warren revealed, at an “off-the-record” meeting between Collins and “key faith leaders.”

Lord – okay, I have to - be very careful, Christian, be very discerning, Christian, when you hear the words, “Faith leader.” I ask you, and the Lord knows my heart when I ask you this question: Where in the Bible do you find “faith leader”? You won't. If that's in your Bible, will you see me afterwards?

Quoting again, “Once again, Warren and Collins spent their interview jointly lamenting the unlovingness of Christians who question the efficacy of masks, specifically framing it as a matter of obedience to Jesus.”

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[Laughter]

Quoting Warren, “Wearing a mask is the great commandment: Love your neighbor” - no - the link - go to the link, you read this. In fact, that's your homework. You are going to be tested on this next week. I'm quoting you verbatim.

“Wearing a mask is the great commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

No, it is not. No, it is not. Sorry.

“The best-selling author of “The Purpose-Driven Life” declared before going on to specifically argue that religious leaders have an obligation to convince religious people [that's you] to accept the government's narratives about Covid.”

Wait. That's what we are called to do?

Wait. Bear with me a minute. That's not in here. Sorry.

Quoting again, “Let me just say a word to the priests and pastors and rabbis and other faith leaders.”

That is why you need to be very, very careful with “faith leader.” Because it is inclusive of the Muslim Imam, the Catholic priest, the Jewish Rabbi, and everyone else that you want to include in that label and that category of faith leader.

There is one big problem and it is a very big problem, and I'm sorry I'm yelling, but I need to yell this and shout this from the rooftops. That's not the same Jesus!

[Applause]

Okay, I've got to watch my blood pressure now. You know that I love Israel and I love the Jewish people, and God has a plan for the Jewish people, but I have to tell you that the Jews concerning Jesus, they reject Him, they reject Him.

Mormons - why not, I mean it is the truth.

So I've had a lot of people say, Hey Pastor, you've got to watch, 'The Chosen.' I actually have never seen any of the episodes of 'The Chosen.' I mean, I kept hearing, Oh, you've got to see 'The Chosen.' Well, I decided to look into it and what I found it was just horrifying. And here's why.

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One of the producers, the only one who is not a Mormon is quoted as saying that 95% of it is not in the Bible.

And then I watched one video that critiqued it. And there's one scene and I couldn't - I just winced. Matthew is helping Jesus with the sermon on the Mount. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

And then to add insult to injury, I learned that it's produced by Mormons. Can I just as lovingly and as humbly and as honestly as I possibly can say to you, the Mormon does not know the same Jesus of the Bible. It is a different Jesus. And Mormonism is a cult. Their Jesus is the spirit brother of Lucifer.

And, by the way, and this should be - and again, for the discerning Christian please - to the Mormon and I will add the Jehovah Witnesses Jesus is not God. Jesus is God. Jesus is God. That's the Jesus of the Bible.

You know I just thought of this; you know when Jesus said that if it were possible even the elect, speaking of the Jew, would be deceived, the deception would be so great. And we talked about the deception I think it was last week, didn't we? Maybe two weeks ago?

So this is Rick Warren who's saying let me just say a word to the priest and pastors and rabbis and other faith leaders. He said, quoting, "This is our job to deal with these conspiracy issues and things like that."

That's our job? Not my job, might be your job, but not my job. My job is to preach the Word.

Still quoting, "One of the responsibilities of faith leaders is to tell people to trust the science."

Well, that might be what you're doing, but I'm telling people to trust the Lord.

Still quoting Rick Warren, and this is hard to read, let alone believe, quote, "They're not going to put out a vaccine that's going to hurt people."

[Laughter]

I'm so glad you responded that way. It makes my job a lot easier. Oh, really? They're not? Okay, I think the Lord would have me to say this.

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Doubtless you're familiar with VAERS. Okay, here's the problem with VAERS. It is, some believe and have verifiable evidence to support this belief, it is a fraction of the actual number of deaths and injuries because of this so-called vaccine. Some, and it's a complete deception and cover-up by the way, some actually put the number of deaths in the tens of millions and that's conservative, tens of millions.

I'm sorry for the long pauses.

You have to understand I'm going back-and-forth with the Holy Spirit on what He would have me to say. And I would be disingenuous at best and dishonest at worst if I didn't confess that I fight Him all the time.

I don't want to say that, Lord.

No, you need to say that.

[Laughter]

I just want to say this - I don't want to say this actually, but I think the Lord would have me to say this concerning this quote that they, speaking of the government or the CDC, the NIH, all of the above are not going to put out a vaccine that's going to hurt people.

There is now evidence coming out because of this, by the way, that again, provable, documented evidence that many of the disorders today are due to so-called vaccine injury, all of these disorders. And if you can wrap your mind around just how evil this is, pharmakeia, and this is verifiable and documented.

So what they do is injure people and now they've got a customer for life that has to take the medication from them for the injury from them for the rest of their life, and that translates out to, and this is probably even a guesstimate, as they say, trillions with a T dollars, trillions with a T dollars.

What do you mean by disorders?

Oh, ADHD, asthma, bipolar, of course this is a hard one, Jim and Tammy, I love you guys so much and you know that, autism, just to mention a few.

Okay, Lord. Still quoting; we are almost done so just bear with me.

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“There's an instructive moment at the end of Warren's interview with Collins. The pastor misquotes Proverbs 4, saying, “Get the facts at any price.”

That, of course, is not what the verse says. It says get wisdom at any price. And it was wisdom that was severely lacking when so many pastors and ministry heads recklessly turned over their platforms, influence, and credibility to a government official who had done little to demonstrate he deserved them.”

What's going on? What's happening here? What's happening to us? What's happening to the church?

Well, the Apostle Paul writing to Timothy in his second letter, the fourth chapter, beginning at verse 1, he says, “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His Kingdom, [that's the rapture - you see the delineation there?] I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.”

Yeah, but if I do that, they don't want to hear that.

No, they need to hear that. Do you love them? Tell them what they need to hear. Oh, I get it. You don't love them. Because if you really loved them, you would tell them the truth in love because of love.

Oh, I know what's going on here. You love yourself. You don't love them, so you're not going to tell them the truth because you don't love them because if you really loved them, you would tell them the truth. You want them to love you. That's why you won't tell them because you think that if you tell them the truth, they're not going to come back. They won't like you; they will unfriend you on social media, by the way, and unfollow you and they will let you know too. I'm unsubscribing!

Okay.

In verse 3, the Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit explains why it is that he is given this charge.

He says, “For the time will come [that time is here, that time is now] when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead to suit their own desires they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”

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Speak only smooth things. Tell me everything is going to be okay, peace, peace with there is no peace.

“They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”

Wow, I think that says it all. Let me just maybe expound on this real quick before we move on. Get the picture here in your mind about this prophecy, yet future, that I believe is being fulfilled right before our very eyes in our day, at this time.

He is saying there will come a time when people will flock in great numbers to pastors, faith leaders, who tell them what they want to hear. It's going to be okay. No worries, it's all good. We're going to get through this. We're in this together. We're going to get back to new normal.

Listen, can I get off that bus? I don't want to go back to even normal, let alone new normal. I don't want to go back. I want to go up. I want to go up.

[Applause]

You can clap. It's okay. Yeah, praise the Lord! That's for You, Lord. Because it's true.

So again, just bear with me because not only will they flock in great numbers to those teachers that will only teach them what they want to hear, they're actually going to punish, penalize those who are teaching sound doctrine, those who are speaking the truth and preaching the Word and teaching the truth, the hard truth that they don't want to hear but need to hear because as Peter said to Jesus, “You alone have the words of eternal life.”

We are talking about life and death, not life and death in this world, but eternal life and eternal death. That's what we are talking about here.

I'm sorry I just spit on you guys in the front row, free baptism today for you guys.

All right this brings me full circle to how we began with the aforementioned hope, strength, and encouragement in the Lord to face all of this.

If you'll kindly allow me to I want to share with you just three of the many, I mean many scriptures that assured us of God's promise to us that there is hope because He is faithful.

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No one who ever puts their hope in the Lord in the face of unspeakable evil, and it is unspeakable evil, will ever be disappointed or let down no matter what.

Isaiah 49, the second part of verse 23, "Those who hope in Me, declares the Lord, will never be disappointed."

Isaiah chapter 40, a passage familiar to most, beginning in verse 29, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

You'll forgive the growl. I love that, I love that, I love that! Those who hope in the Lord.

Lastly, Hebrews Chapter 10:23, "Let us hold unswervingly [can I just say that word again, unswervingly] to the hope we profess for He who promised is faithful."

That's what I'm talking about. That was pretty good for an Arab trying to be local.

I want to bring back what the apostle Peter said about giving to everyone who asks, keyword asks, an answer of that hope that we have. When was the last time, and again, I'm wanting to say this and ask this as lovingly as I possibly can.

When was the last time somebody asked you about the hope that you have? What do you mean? When was the last time somebody came up to you and said something along the lines of what is it about you?

You just have joy and hope and it makes me sick because I want what you've got. What are you? What is it about you?

Oh, so glad you asked.

Well, here's the problem: If they're not asking maybe it's because they don't have any reason to ask because they don't see any hope.

Whew, okay, I'm getting convicted here too.

Now, think about that. There's something peculiar about you. I mean with everything that is going on, and I look at you and you are just, there is a joy about you, there's a peace about you, there's is a hope about you. I want that. Is it real?

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They want it to be real.

Here's the bottom line: People today like never before, by the way, are looking to what I'll affectionately refer to as "real-deal Christians" because they need hope. And if they see hope in you, I promise you they'll ask you, and then when they ask you, yes!

Wait! Did you just asked me about why I'm so hopeful? Oh! Oh, thank You, Lord!

See now you can get Jesus to people and people to Jesus. One more thing on this. They want you to be the real deal because if you're the real deal and you have hope that means they too can have the hope that you have. And it's this hope not only in Jesus but the return of Jesus.

Oh, I know we - Titus 2:13, the blessed hope. But is not the blessed - I sure hope so - it not the blessed, man, I wish hope.

No, no, it is I know hope. I know hope. I know Jesus is coming because He said He was going to come and He promised me He would come. And He cannot break a promise. He's given me His word, and He cannot go back on His word. He's given me His word!

And not only has He given me His Word, He's told me in His word what the world is going to look like before He comes to take me out of this world. Oh, He's coming! He's coming! He's coming! That's why I have hope.

Wait, that's your hope? I was talking to this other guy the other day, and he's kind of hoping for 2024.

Oh, no, you didn't again?

Oh, yes, I did again and I'll continue again. That's not where my hope is. My hope is in Jesus. My hope is in Jesus. Blessed assurance.

Thank you so much for that, Kaponu. You know, my mom would sing that song in church when I was a little boy. Whew, and I'm back there crying like a man and a baby too. Just blessed assurance.

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All right, you know the purpose of these updates, right? It's to get Jesus to people and people to Jesus, which is why we end the updates with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the ABCs of salvation.

What's the Gospel?

The Gospel is good news, the good news that Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day and is coming back for us one day, soon and very soon. What are the ABC's of Salvation? Just a simple, childlike explanation of salvation.

The A is for admit or acknowledge that you sinned, that you need a Savior because unless and until you acknowledge your sin, you're not interested in a Savior, no need. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one."

And Romans 3:23 tells us why. It is because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Well, now we have a sin problem to deal with. And that's the bad news because certainly, it must carry with it a penalty.

It does. It's the death penalty. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but [here's the good news] the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That's the A; here's the B, and the B is central, meaning that the A is what brings us to the B, believe, and the C is the expression of the B, call or confess. Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

And the C lastly is for call upon the name of the Lord, or as Romans 10:9-10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

And lastly, Romans 10:13 says that, "All [All] all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." It's that simple. It's so childlike simple.

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I implore you today if you're here or watching online, and you're watching online for reason, by the way, if you've never called upon the name of the Lord, believing in your heart, acknowledging your sin, putting your trust in Him for the forgiveness of sin, I implore you today, today is the day of salvation. Please, please, please do not put off the most important decision of your life for eternal life.

Can I share a miracle with you today?

Today's "but God" testimony comes from Heather Olsen in Tennessee who writes, Greetings, I wanted to share a miracle.

My husband, Kirk, got double pneumonia due to Covid a week into the new year. He went to our local emergency room on the 11th and put on a ventilator on the 14th with a 5% chance of survival. He also has primary progressive MS, the worst kind of MS you can have so he had a lot against him.

They used Remdesivir, the only drug that they use. I couldn't get them to use anything else so I left it in God's hands.

Kirk did well at first then had a setback for two to three days and then he began to very slowly improve. They don't like to keep people on a vent at our hospital for more than 12 to 14 days. He was on day 13, and they asked me for permission to do a tracheotomy, which I consented to as I was willing to do anything to save him. No exaggeration; Kirk had over 3,000 people praying specific prayers for him.

I told God that He's the God of the impossible and to grant us this miracle. For a few days I was almost paralyzed by fear of losing my husband and would have to rebuke Satan for this many times.

But God heard the prayers of His bride, heard my desperate prayers, and granted us our miracle. When I came to see Kirk this past Saturday, he was off the vent and breathing on his own!

Only God could have done this, and I give Him all the glory and all the praise for giving us our "But God" miracle!

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Kirk will be going to rehab for physical and occupational therapy and swallow tests that hopefully he does well with so he can have the trach removed sooner rather than later and be back home with our kids and me.

When things like this happen, and there's a very good chance you could lose that loved one that you're very close to, you learn the hard way just how much you take that loved one for granted. I was doubly blessed to get my second chance.

Many blessings to you, Pastor. Kirk and I love you!"

Praise the Lord!

[Applause]

Kapono, why don't you come up and why don't you go ahead and stand? Oh, man, I'm sorry. I'm always spent after the updates. That's a good thing though. I hope you know I just pour my heart out. I preach my heart out. And you know what? I do it -

Who was I sharing this with? It's like every Sunday as is my privilege to, I preach my heart out like it is the last time I'll ever because it could be, right?

Father in Heaven, thank You so much. Thank You so much. Lord, we believe, we believe, and we put our hope in You and in no one or no thing else for You alone, You alone, Lord. Who is like unto You, Lord? You alone are worthy and You alone receive all the glory due Your holy name.

Lord, today was kind of a hard one, but it was needed. And Lord, I pray that You'll take that which we've heard here today, seen here today, and do that work that You desire to do and more importantly, that we would let You and not fight You. We don't want to grieve the Holy Spirit, we certainly don't want to quench the Holy Spirit.

So please, Lord, would You by the Holy Spirit strengthen us, encourage us with that hope that we have in You and Your soon return in the rapture of the church. And please, Lord, don't let anyone try to take that from us or discourage us. Don't allow the enemy to put doubt in anyone's heart, that Lord, that we would be solid and sound.

Thank You, Lord. Come quickly Lord Jesus, Maranatha, in Jesus' name, Amen.