

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY. NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> WELCOME TO GOOD NEWS TODAY, THE PROGRAM WHERE YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND GOOD NEWS, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD.

>> I'M MARK TESKE, YOUR HOST FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM TODAY, AND WE'LL BE TALKING QUITE A BIT ABOUT A PERSON'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, AND HERE'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, WHICH CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF OUR SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT 1ST TIMOTHY 4:12, WHERE PAUL GIVES INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THE YOUNG PREACHER SHOULD INTERACT WITH OTHERS. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO 1ST TIMOTHY 4. I'M GOING TO MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, TROY SPRADLIN JOINS US FROM HIS WORKSHOP, AND HE'LL BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR SPEECH. JIM DEARMAN HAS SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT LONELINESS. THEN WE HEAD OVER TO THE PASTIME PORCH, WHERE JOE GUY HAS ANOTHER TRUTH FROM THE TIMELESS TEXT, AND HE'S ENCOURAGING US TO BE AN ENCOURAGER. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: WHAT IS PURGATORY? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO 1ST TIMOTHY CHAPTER 4, WHERE WE READ VERSE 12: LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH, BUT BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS IN WORD, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN SPIRIT, IN FAITH, IN PURITY.

>> (SINGING)

>> TODAY'S TEXT COMES FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE YOUNG PREACHER, TIMOTHY. IN THIS LETTER, PAUL HAS MUCH TO TELL TIMOTHY ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION. HERE AT THE END OF CHAPTER 4, HE'S TALKING ABOUT ALL THE MEMBERS THAT HE HAS TO HAVE THAT POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH. AS WE GET INTO CHAPTER 5, HE'S GOING TO ADDRESS THE OLDER MEN, RELATIONSHIP WITH THE YOUNGER MEN, WITH THE OLDER WOMEN, AND WITH THE YOUNGER WOMEN. AS WE GET FURTHER ON IN CHAPTER 5, HE'S GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WIDOWS, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF CHAPTER 5 HE'S GOING TO GET INTO TIMOTHY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ELDERS. AND THEN AS WE GET TO CHAPTER 6, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT BOSS-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP OR MASTER-SLAVE. THOSE WOULD BE INTERCHANGEABLE THERE. AND THEN AT THE END OF CHAPTER 6, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TIMOTHY AND THOSE WHO ARE RICH. SO WE HAVE THIS PLETHORA OF RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED AS WE GO THROUGH THIS LETTER TO TIMOTHY. AND HERE IN VERSE 12 OF CHAPTER 4, PAUL BEGINS THE INSPIRED LETTER BY TELLING HIM, LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH. YOU SEE, TIMOTHY WAS A YOUNG PREACHER GETTING STARTED THERE. HE'S LABORING IN EPHESUS. AND PAUL HAS BEEN MENTORING HIM AND HELPING HIM IN HIS PROGRESS AS A YOUNG PREACHER. BUT THE WAY THIS TEXT BEGINS, LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH, I THINK SOMETIMES WE PIGEONHOLE THIS PARTICULAR VERSE FOR OUR TEENAGERS AND SAY THIS IS WHAT THEY NEED TO DO, AND JUST KIND OF BLOW IT OFF FOR EVERYBODY ELSE. SEE, THE WORD HERE USED FOR YOUTH COULD DESCRIBE A 35-YEAR-OLD MAN. SO THAT IDEA OF YOUTH IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN WE MIGHT THINK. AND THIS PASSAGE IS A GOOD PASSAGE FOR ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE. WE NEED TO HAVE THESE TRAITS IN OURSELVES. AND HE TELLS TIMOTHY, BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS. NOW, THE BELIEVERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING AND LABORING AND STRIVING TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE; BUT THE CHALLENGE TO TIMOTHY IS BE JUST A

LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN THAT, BE AN EXAMPLE TO THEM. THAT'S A HIGH STANDARD, TO HAVE THE CHRISTIANS IN EPHESUS IMITATE HIM. AND THE QUESTION IS, WHAT IF PEOPLE IMITATED YOU? WOULD THE CHURCH BE BETTER? AND HE GIVES A FEW WAYS THAT THE CHRISTIANS SHOULD IMITATE HIM AND HE SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE: IN WORD. TROY IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT OUR LANGUAGE HERE IN JUST A MOMENT. IN OUR CONDUCT, THE WAY WE LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN. AND THAT INCLUDES NOT JUST THE THOU SHALT NOT, BUT ALSO DOING THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN COMMANDED TO DO. ALL OF THAT IS A PART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING. HE NEEDS TO BE AN EXAMPLE IN LOVE, THAT AGAPE LOVE, DOING WHAT'S IN ANOTHER PERSON'S BEST INTERESTS. IT'S A DECISION THAT WE MAKE, NOT A FEELING THAT WE HAVE. AND HE SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE IN FAITH THROUGH HEARING WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY, BELIEVING IT, AND THEN ACTING UPON IT. THAT'S A LIVING FAITH, AND HE SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE IN THAT. ALSO AN EXAMPLE IN PURITY, AVOIDING THOSE THINGS THAT WOULD DEFILE HIM. SO WHEN WE PUT ALL THIS TOGETHER, WHEN WE GET JUST A FEW VERSES LATER TO VERSE 15, TIMOTHY'S GROWTH AND PROGRESS SHOULD BE EVIDENT TO EVERYBODY AS HE WORKS ON THESE PARTICULAR AREAS, BEING AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ALL NEED TO STRIVE TO BE. WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF THE WAY WE BEHAVE ON OTHER PEOPLE, BECAUSE OUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES NOT ONLY FOR OUR OWN LIFE, BUT FOR THE LIVES OF OTHERS. AND WE CAN SEE IN 1ST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 8 AND ROMANS CHAPTER 14 THAT PAUL, IN ADDRESSING THOSE CONGREGATIONS, HE'S DISCUSSING THINGS THAT ARE NOT WRONG, BUT THEY GO AGAINST THE CONSCIENCE OF OTHERS. 1ST CORINTHIANS 8:11 SUMMARIZES WHAT PAUL IS INSPIRED TO SAY HERE: SHALL THE WEAK BROTHER PERISH, FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED? ARE YOU GOING TO SHIPWRECK SOMEBODY ELSE'S FAITH FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU FEEL IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO DO? THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. OUR BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS, BUT NOT ONLY TO THE CHRISTIANS AROUND US; ALSO TO THE WORLD AROUND US. FOR INSTANCE, OUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER LETS ALL THE WORLD KNOW THAT WE ARE HIS DISCIPLES, JOHN 13:35. OUR LIFE CAN BE AN EXAMPLE AND CAN HELP OTHER PEOPLE GET TO HEAVEN; AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO STRIVE TO DO AND BE. AND THAT IS GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. WELL, IT'S TIME TO HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN IS WAITING FOR US, AND HE'S READY TO DO SOME REPAIRING. AND THERE'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SOME SERIOUS REPAIRING, AND THAT'S THE WORDS THAT ARE BEING USED TODAY.

>> I REMEMBER BACK WHEN PEOPLE USED TO SAY THINGS LIKE, HE CUSSES LIKE A SAILOR. THAT MEANT SOMEONE HAD A REALLY FILTHY MOUTH OR HAD A STRONG PROPENSITY TO USE VULGAR LANGUAGE. BUT HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW YOU DON'T REALLY HEAR THAT PHRASE AS OFTEN ANYMORE? SO WHAT CHANGED? DID SAILORS CLEAN UP THEIR ACT, OR COULD IT BE SOMETHING ELSE? WELL, SADLY, IT'S SOMETHING ELSE. AND NO OFFENSE INTENDED TO OUR SAILORS OUT THERE. YOU SEE, VULGARITY, THAT IS, WORDS THAT ARE OFTEN CALLED SWEARING OR FILTHY SPEECH, EXPLICATIVES, OR CUSSING HAS BECOME SO COMMONPLACE THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE. EVERYWHERE YOU TURN TODAY, VULGAR LANGUAGE IS ENCOUNTERED FROM SMALL CHILDREN ALL THE WAY UP TO ADULTS, EVEN THOSE IN INFLUENTIAL AND AUTHORITATIVE POSITIONS. WHAT USED TO BE BANNED ON REGULAR TV IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE. IT ALMOST SEEMS AS IF NO ONE IS CAPABLE OF HAVING A CONVERSATION THESE DAYS WITHOUT INSERTING FOUL LANGUAGE. OUR SOCIETY HAS REALLY CHANGED. AND THIS WAS ESPECIALLY HIGHLIGHTED IN AN ARTICLE THAT I CAME ACROSS JUST RECENTLY THAT WAS DISCUSSING THE EVOLUTION OF LANGUAGE. ESSENTIALLY, THE WRITER WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH THE POINT THAT CUSSING WAS NATURALLY BECOMING A MORE COMMON PRACTICE IN ALL LEVELS OF CONVERSATIONS TODAY, FROM CLASSROOMS TO

BOARDROOMS, AND IS NO LONGER LIMITED TO JUST BAR ROOMS AND LOCKER ROOMS. IN FACT, THE WRITER GAVE MANY REASONS WHY CUSSING IS NOW CONSIDERED USEFUL OR GOOD FOR YOU AND EVEN ACCEPTABLE. AND HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE ETYMOLOGICAL PROCESSES OF WORDS CHANGING, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST EMBRACE PROGRESS OF HOW OUR SOCIETY COMMUNICATES TODAY. WELL, THERE IS ONE THING THAT NO AMOUNT OF PROGRESS WILL EVER CHANGE: AND THAT IS GOD'S WILL CONCERNING WHAT COMES OUT OF OUR MOUTHS. YOU SEE, NO MATTER HOW ACCEPTED OR COMMONPLACE VULGAR LANGUAGE MAY BECOME, IF SCRIPTURE CALLS IT A SIN, IT WILL ALWAYS BE A SIN. PAUL WROTE IN COLOSSIANS 3:8, BUT NOW YOU YOURSELVES ARE TO PUT OFF ALL THESE: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, BLASPHEMY, FILTHY LANGUAGE OUT OF YOUR MOUTH. YOU SEE THAT PHRASE, FILTHY LANGUAGE, IS ONLY ONE WORD IN THE GREEK, WHICH LITERALLY MEANS VILE OR FOUL WORDS OF CONVERSATION. PAUL IS SAYING THAT WE ARE TO GET RID OF SUCH BEHAVIOR IN OUR LIVES AND TO NO LONGER LET THAT BE A PART OF OUR SPEECH. HE'S GIVING A COMMAND, AND IT'S NOT A SUGGESTION. AND ACCORDING TO PASSAGES LIKE 1ST CORINTHIANS 14:37 AND JAMES 4:17, IF THE COMMANDS OF JESUS AND HIS APOSTLES ARE IGNORED, WELL, THEN IT'S A SIN. FURTHERMORE, WE COULD GO TO EPHESIANS 4:29, WHERE PAUL AGAIN ADMONISHES, LET NO CORRUPT WORD PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, BUT WHAT IS GOOD AND NECESSARY FOR EDIFICATION, THAT IT MAY IMPART GRACE TO THE HEARERS. AND THEN ALSO IN 5:4 HE SAYS, NEITHER FILTHINESS, NOR FOOLISH TALKING, NOR COARSE JESTING, WHICH ARE NOT FITTING, BUT RATHER GIVING OF THANKS. I MIGHT ADD THAT WE COULD ALSO DO A COMPLIMENTARY STUDY OF THESE PASSAGES WITH JAMES CHAPTER 3. YOU SEE, THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: THERE IS NO ROOM IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE FOR FILTHY LANGUAGE. NONE. AND ACCORDING TO THESE VERSES, A CHRISTIAN HAS NO BUSINESS TELLING DIRTY JOKES OR REPEATING VULGAR CATCHPHRASES OR REALLY EVEN LISTENING TO MUSIC AND MOVIES THAT HAVE FILTHY LANGUAGE IN THEM. THAT ARTICLE THAT I READ ALSO IMPLIED THAT USING VULGARITY WAS NO LONGER SEEN AS A SIGN OF THE LOWER CLASS OR UNEDUCATED SPEECH, IT WASN'T CONSIDERED TABOO ANYMORE. WELL, THOSE WHO PROFESS TO FOLLOW CHRIST, USING PROFANITY IS A CLEAR SIGN OF SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY OR COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF WHAT THE SCRIPTURES ACTUALLY TEACH ABOUT THE SUBJECT. YOU SEE, WHAT COMES OUT OF OUR MOUTHS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS OUR ACTIONS. WE MIGHT ALSO NEED TO REMEMBER THAT WE MIGHT BE THE ONLY JESUS THAT SOMEONE HAS EVER SEEN. SO WHAT KIND OF IMPACT ARE YOU HAVING ON A SOUL IF YOU'RE CUSSING? AND HOW DOES USING FILTHY LANGUAGE BRING GLORY AND HONOR TO GOD? DON'T FORGET THAT JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 12:36, I TELL YOU, ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT PEOPLE WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR EVERY CARELESS WORD THEY SPEAK. SO MAYBE THE WRITER OF THAT ARTICLE, THOSE WHO CUSS NEED TO REPAIR THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND WATCH WHAT THEY SAY, BECAUSE IT MATTERS TO GOD.

>> IF IT MATTERS TO GOD, IT SHOULD MATTER TO US. DON'T LET THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF THE MORALITY OF THOSE AROUND YOU ALLOW YOU TO THINK THAT SIN IS NOW ACCEPTABLE. THANKS, TROY. THE MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP THAT ANYONE HAS IS THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. TO HELP YOU DEVELOP A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, WE'VE DEVELOPED A FREE BIBLE COURSE. WE'RE ABOUT TO GIVE YOU OUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN ENROLL. JIM DEARMAN WILL BE WITH US IN JUST A MOMENT.

>> YOU MAY HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT GOOD NEWS TODAY. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FREE BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT US. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206, DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. AGAIN, THAT'S GOOD NEWS TODAY, P.O. BOX 206,

DUNLAP, TENNESSEE, 37327. YOU MAY PREFER TO E-MAIL US AT GOODNEWSTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWSTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. OR CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-384-7221. THAT'S 1-877-384-7221. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. HEARING FROM OUR AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS GOOD NEWS TO US.

>> YOU CAN ENROLL IN THE BIBLE COURSE RIGHT FROM OUR WEBSITE AT GNNTV.ORG. JUST LOOK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE IN THE BLACK BANNER, AND ENTER YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION. YOU CAN HEAR GOOD NEWS TODAY ON TRUTH.FM, WHICH IS A GROUP OF INTERNET RADIO STATIONS THAT STREAM CONTINUOUSLY. THEY HAVE A CHANNEL THERE THAT PLAYS NOTHING BUT GOOD NEWS TODAY, AND YOU CAN LISTEN ANYTIME YOU'D LIKE. NOW I'D LIKE TO VISIT WITH JIM DEARMAN, AND HE HAS SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT LONELINESS.

>> HOW MANY TIMES HAS A THOUGHT OF LONELINESS BEEN EXPRESSED IN A SONG OR BOOK? LONELINESS IS NOT MERELY A WORD SONGWRITERS AND AUTHORS USE: IT'S A DEBILITATING EMOTIONAL CONDITION THAT FAR TOO MANY IN OUR SOCIETY EXPERIENCE. IF YOU DOUBT THE ACCURACY OF THAT STATEMENT, GO TO THE INTERNET AND SEARCH FOR THE WORD LONELINESS. YOU'LL FIND VOLUMES OF MATERIAL DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT. WOULD YOU LIKE A QUICK CURE FOR LONELINESS? EMERSON WROTE, ART THOU LONELY, OH MY BROTHER? SHARE THY LITTLE WITH ANOTHER, STRETCH A HAND TO ONE UNFRIENDED, AND THY LONELINESS IS ENDED. FOR OTHERS TO BE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR LIVES WITH US, WE MUST FIRST BE WILLING TO SHARE WITH THEM. JESUS CHRIST SAID, IT'S MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE. THE BLESSINGS RETURN TO THE GIVER MANY TIMES OVER AS HE IS TOUCHED AND MADE COMPLETE BY THE LIVES HE HIMSELF HAS TOUCHED THROUGH SHARING AND GIVING. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A LIFE OF GIVING; THEREFORE, IT IS A LIFE OF GREATEST BLESSING TO THE ONE WHO LIVES IT.

>> THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN I'VE BEEN LONELY, DISCOURAGED, OR DEPRESSED. IN THOSE TIMES, I FOUND THAT SERVING OTHERS HAS HELPED ME TO OVERCOME. I THINK OUR CREATOR KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WE NEEDED WHEN HE COMMANDED US TO SERVE OTHERS, MARK 10:43-45. THANKS FOR THOSE THOUGHTS, JIM. HAVE YOU EVER MISSED AN EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY AND WISH YOU COULD WATCH IT? THERE'S A FEW WAYS YOU CAN DO THAT: ON OUR WEBSITE OR YOUTUBE CHANNEL, ON YOUR PHONE OR TABLET THROUGH OUR APP; WITH A ROKU OR APPLE TV, YOU CAN WATCH IT ON YOUR TELEVISION. THE PROGRAM'S IN EVERY ONE OF THOSE LOCATIONS EVERY WEEK, SO YOU NEVER HAVE TO MISS AN EPISODE. WE DON'T WANT TO MISS JOE GUY, WHO'S SITTING ON THE PASTIME PORCH WITH ANOTHER TRUTH FROM THE TIMELESS TEXT. HE'S GOT SOME GREAT ADVICE ON HOW TO LIVE FROM A MAN WE WERE INTRODUCED TO IN ACTS 4.

>> WELL, HELLO. YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW THERE ARE JUST SOME PEOPLE THAT YOU JUST DON'T LIKE BEING AROUND. YOU KNOW, THOSE PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING WRONG WITH JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING: WITH THE WEATHER, WITH THEIR JOB, WITH OTHER PEOPLE, OR EVEN WITH CHURCH. NO MATTER HOW WELL THEY'VE BEEN BLESSED, THEY JUST ALWAYS FOCUS ON WHAT'S WRONG. SOMETIMES WE REFER TO PEOPLE LIKE THAT AS DEBBIE DOWNERS. IF YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME WITH FOLKS LIKE THAT, WELL, THEY JUST BRING YOU DOWN, TOO. THEY'RE SIMPLY A DISCOURAGEMENT. BUT YOU KNOW, THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE OUGHT TO BE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE RATHER THAN DISCOURAGING THEM. ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES IS GIVEN TO US IN ACTS CHAPTER 4. WE'RE INTRODUCED TO A MAN NAMED JOSES, WHICH IS THE LATIN FORM OF JOSEPH. WHAT'S INTERESTING IS THE APOSTLES CALL HIM BY A NICKNAME: BARNABAS OR BARNABAS, WHICH MEANS THE SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT, OR SIMPLY THE ENCOURAGER. IT SEEMS BARNABAS WAS

IMMEDIATELY RECEPTIVE TO THE GOSPEL AND TOOK PART IN THE WORK, AS WE SEE HIM SELLING LAND HE OWNS AND BRINGING THE MONEY TO PROVIDE FOR ANYONE IN NEED. NEXT, IN ACTS CHAPTER 9, WE SEE BARNABAS A FEW YEARS LATER IN JERUSALEM. WHEN PAUL IS CONVERTED, HE ATTEMPTS TO JOIN THE DISCIPLES THERE; BUT DUE TO HIS PAST ACTIONS AGAINST THEM, THEY'RE AFRAID OF HIM AND REFUSE HIM. BUT IT'S BARNABAS WHO PERSONALLY TAKES HIM TO THE DISCIPLES AND SUPPORTS THE FACTS OF HIS CONVERSION. AT BARNABAS'S WORD, THE OTHER DISCIPLES ACCEPT SAUL. BARNABAS COURAGEOUSLY STOOD UP FOR SAUL IN JERUSALEM WHEN NO ONE ELSE DID; AND CERTAINLY HIS ENCOURAGING WORDS HELPED CHANGE OTHER CHRISTIANS' OPINIONS ABOUT SAUL. LATER, IN ACTS CHAPTER 11, IT'S BARNABAS WHO THE BRETHREN AT JERUSALEM SEND UP TO SYRIA TO OBSERVE THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH THERE. SEEING IT, IT SAYS THAT HE WAS GLAD AND ENCOURAGED THEM ALL THAT WITH PURPOSE OF HEART, THEY SHOULD CONTINUE WITH THE LORD. BARNABAS IS DESCRIBED HERE AS A GOOD MAN, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FAITH. WOULDN'T WE LIKE TO HAVE THAT SAID ABOUT US? THEN, REALIZING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, BARNABAS GOES UP TO TARSUS AND BRINGS SAUL BACK TO ANTIOCH TO HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL, THUS PROVIDING THE START OF HIS AND PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS. IT MIGHT EVEN BE SAID THAT HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR BARNABAS'S ENCOURAGEMENT, PAUL WOULD HAVE NEVER SPREAD THE GOSPEL SO WIDELY AND MAY NEVER HAVE WRITTEN SO MUCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT THAT ENCOURAGES US TODAY. IN ROMANS 1:12, PAUL SPOKE OF BEING ENCOURAGED AND BEING AN ENCOURAGER BY SHARING THE MUTUAL FAITH OF OTHERS. LET'S TRUST THE TIMELESS TEXT AND FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF BARNABAS AND BE AN ENCOURAGEMENT RATHER THAN A DISCOURAGEMENT TO EVERYONE WE MEET. I'M JOE GUY. THANK YOU FOR VISITING.

>> AN ENCOURAGER, THAT'S SOMEONE THAT DOES POSITIVE THINGS FOR OTHERS TO HELP THEM BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE. WE DEFINITELY NEED MORE OF THAT. THANKS, JOE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET IN THE HABIT OF STUDYING YOUR BIBLE DAILY? YOU CAN DO THAT BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME PODCAST. COMES OUT EVERY MORNING. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN.

>> (SINGING)

>> NOW WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON AND TROY: WHAT IS PURGATORY?

>> ALL RIGHT, TROY, HERE'S A QUESTION FOR YOU.

>> OKAY. WHAT YOU HAVE?

>> GIVE ME A WORD THAT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE THAT MOST PEOPLE THINK WOULD BE, BUT IT CANNOT BEGIN WITH P.

>> IT CANNOT BEGIN WITH P? THAT'S A HARD ONE. I CAN'T THINK OF ONE. I'M SURE THERE'S SOME.

>> I PUT YOU ON THE SPOT. RAPTURE.

>> THAT'S TRUE. YEAH, RAPTURE. OH, YOU KNOW ANOTHER ONE? MISSIONARY. MISSIONARY IS NOT IN THE BIBLE.

>> NO, IT'S NOT, IS IT? ALL RIGHT. WHAT'S ONE THAT BEGINS WITH THE LETTER P?

>> WELL, AS SOON AS YOU SAID, P, THE VERY FIRST THING I THOUGHT OF WAS PURGATORY.

>> WELL, THAT'S TODAY'S QUESTION.

>> OH, REALLY?

>> YEAH. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS PURGATORY? AND IT'S ONE OF THOSE WORDS THAT OFTEN TIMES WE ASSOCIATE WITH THE BIBLE, THAT IN REALITY, IT NEVER DOES APPEAR IN THE BIBLE.

>> RIGHT. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

>> AND SO WE'VE GOT TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION TODAY, WHAT IS PURGATORY?

>> WHAT IS PURGATORY? HOW DO YOU ANSWER THAT QUESTION WHEN IT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE?

>> WELL, I THINK WE'VE GOT TO GO TO EXTRABIBLICAL SOURCES AND SEE HOW IT'S BEEN USED. AND THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS PURGATORY IS KIND OF A REFERENCE THAT CATHOLICISM BROUGHT ABOUT THAT'S REFERENCING THE IDEA OF AN AWAITING PLACE THAT YOU MIGHT CAN SOMEHOW HAVE YOUR SINS STILL FORGIVEN AND TO - WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT? TRANSFER OVER?

>> WELL, PURGE, THE WORD PURGATORY COMES FROM A LATIN WORD THAT ACTUALLY MEANS PURGE. AND SO THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY, YOU'RE PURGED OF YOUR SINS. SO PEOPLE GO THERE, AND THEY'RE WAITING. IN FACT, THIS IS WHAT GOT MARTIN LUTHER KING - MARTIN LUTHER SO UPSET. I ALWAYS MESS THAT UP. GOT HIM SO UPSET, BECAUSE THEY WERE SELLING INDULGENCES TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF PURGATORY.

>> EXACTLY. AND IT LED TO THE WHOLE REFORMATION MOVEMENT BECAUSE OF THIS TEACHING AND THE CORRUPTIONS FROM THE TEACHING. NOW, ON ANYTHING THAT WE TALK ABOUT, WE SAY WE WANT TO GIVE A BIBLE ANSWER.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> AND SO IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT IS PURGATORY? WE SAY, WELL, HERE'S WHERE THE WORD CAME FROM, WHO KIND OF USED IT; BUT AS FAR AS THE BIBLE AND TALKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHEN WE DIE, LUKE 16 GIVES US A GOOD PICTURE OF THAT.

>> EXACTLY.

>> AND TO NOT READ THE WHOLE THING, WHAT YOU HAVE IS TWO MEN DIE, ONE BEING A RIGHTEOUS MAN, ONE, AN UNRIGHTEOUS MAN. THEY BOTH GO INTO THE HADEAN REALM; BUT ONE IS IN A PLACE OF TORMENT, THE OTHER ONE, LAZARUS, IN THIS CASE, IS ACTUALLY IN A PLACE THAT'S DESCRIBED AS ABRAHAM'S BOSOM. AND THERE'S A GREAT GULF BETWEEN THEM. AND WHAT LAZARUS IS TOLD IS THAT YOU CANNOT GO FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER. AND SO THAT'S OUR AWAITING PLACE UNTIL THE GREAT JUDGMENT DAY THAT MATTHEW 25 TALKS ABOUT.

>> EXACTLY. SO LUKE 16 IS WHAT YOU JUST QUOTED, AND THERE IS NO CROSSING OVER, THERE IS NO GOING OUT OF IT OR ANYTHING ELSE. IN FACT, IF YOU GO TO REVELATION 20:12, THAT WAITING PLACE, 20:12 AND FORWARD UP INTO 15, IT SAYS, DEATH AND HADES, IN VERSE 14, ARE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. SO EVEN THE WAITING PLACE IS GOING TO BE DONE AWAY WITH. AND SO THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT. WHAT IS PURGATORY? WELL, IT'S AN INVENTION. IT'S A FALSE DOCTRINE, TAKING SOMETHING THAT IS NOT IN THE BIBLE AND MAKING IT INTO SOMETHING THAT IT REALLY ISN'T, THAT DOESN'T EXIST. WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT WE, AS YOU SAID, GO TO THE BIBLE AND SEE WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

>> AND THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE EMPHASIZE OVER AND OVER. IT SIMPLIFIES AND IT CLARIFIES BIBLE TEACHING WHEN WE CALL BIBLE THINGS BY BIBLE NAMES.

>> AMEN.

>> WHEN WE START CREATING OTHER WORDS, THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE TEND TO START GOING OFF. AND SO LET'S JUST USE THE TERMS THAT THE BIBLE USED: ABRAHAM'S BOSOM, THE PLACE OF TORMENT, THAT'S THE HADEAN REALM. AND WE WAIT THERE UNTIL THAT FINAL JUDGMENT, WHICH IS AN ETERNAL JUDGMENT, AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE, WHICH WE WILL BE TOLD EITHER WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT, OR DEPART FROM ME, YE CURSED, I NEVER KNEW YOU. SO LET'S PREPARE FOR THAT DAY.

>> AMEN.

>> WE'VE GOT TO LEARN TO LET GO OF OURSELVES AND TRUST GOD. IF THIS IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU, TRY READING THROUGH THE PROVERBS. YOU'LL FIND VERSES SUCH AS CHAPTER 3, VERSES 5 AND 6, TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK ALL RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE FOLLOWING HIM, YOU CAN TRUST HIM. SEE IF THESE THINGS ARE SO, ACTS 17:11. IF YOU NEED TO WATCH OR LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAM AGAIN, HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THOSE SCRIPTURES, YOU CAN DO THAT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, THROUGH OUR APPS, OR THROUGH OUR PODCAST. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. AND WE JUST MAY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ON THE PROGRAM. REMEMBER THAT WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

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