

>> 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. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM TODAY, AND HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME. THAT CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT SCRIPTURE. TODAY, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT JOHN 16:33, THE LAST TEACHING JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES BEFORE HIS PRAYER AND JOURNEY TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES AND TURN TO JOHN 16. I'M GOING TO MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, ROGER CAMPBELL WILL BE DISCUSSING THE TITLES THAT WE GIVE TO THE CHRISTIANS THAT WORK AMONG US. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT DISCOURAGEMENT. WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL TREAT FROM THE ARCHIVES. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A TRIP TO TOM HOLLAND'S PASTIME PORCH. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: IS IT WRONG TO FORGIVE SOMEONE OF A SIN BEFORE THEY ASK? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO JOHN 16, WHERE WE READ VERSE 33: THESE THINGS I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION; BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER. I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

>> (SINGING)

>> HERE IN JOHN 16, WE'RE IN PART OF JOHN'S FAIRLY EXTENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THAT LAST NIGHT THAT HE WAS TOGETHER WITH HIS DISCIPLES IN THE UPPER ROOM. THEY WERE CELEBRATING THE PASSOVER TOGETHER. AND WHEN WE GET TO CHAPTER 16, JUDAS HAS ALREADY LEFT TO GO BETRAY JESUS. AND JESUS HAD TOLD THEM AS HE WAS TALKING WITH THE REMAINING ELEVEN THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THEM AND GO BACK TO THE FATHER. AND HE PREDICTED TO THEM THAT THEY WERE ABOUT TO BE SCATTERED. WHY DID HE SAY THESE THINGS TO THEM? TO PREPARE THEM. AND THEN WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR TEXT HERE, THE VERSE THAT WE READ, JESUS SAYS, IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. YOU SEE, THEY'RE ABOUT TO HAVE TURMOIL IN THEIR LIVES; BUT IT'S ALL WORTH IT, BECAUSE IN THE END, JESUS IS INDEED THE CONQUEROR AND THAT IDEA THAT IN CHRIST WE MIGHT HAVE PEACE, WHICH BEGS THE QUESTION, WELL, HOW DO WE GET INTO CHRIST? GALATIANS 3:27 TELLS US THAT WE'RE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST. SO IN CHRIST WE HAVE PEACE, WE'RE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST. SO IF YOU WANT PEACE, BAPTISM IS THE ROAD TO GET YOU THERE. AND THAT PEACE WE HAVE IS A PEACE WITH GOD. THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM IS FIXED, BECAUSE IT'S THROUGH THAT BAPTISM THAT OUR SINS ARE WASHED AWAY, ACTS 22:16. AND WE CAN PILLOW OUR HEAD KNOWING THAT WE'RE HEADED TO HEAVEN; AND THAT IS A PEACEFUL SLUMBER. BUT JESUS ALSO SAYS, IN THE WORLD, YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. NOW, THE TRIBULATION THAT CHRISTIANS HAVE VARY FROM AREA TO AREA. SOME CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA ARE FACING POTENTIAL DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THOSE PERSECUTING. BUT 2ND TIMOTHY 3:12 TELLS US THAT ALL WHO DESIRE TO LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS WILL SUFFER PERSECUTION ON SOME LEVEL OR ANOTHER. SO DON'T BE SURPRISED, ALARMED, OR DISCOURAGED WHEN IT HAPPENS TO YOU. JESUS SAYS, BE OF GOOD CHEER; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. IT'S LIKE KNOWING THE WINNER BEFORE A CONTEST EVEN BEGINS. THAT VICTORY IS ALREADY THERE. WE KNOW IT. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF STICKING WITH IT TO THE END. AND THAT VICTORY GIVES US THAT ULTIMATE PEACE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO OUR ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOU, GET INTO CHRIST SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE

TRUE PEACE. HOW DO WE DO THAT? THAT'S WHEN WE HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, BELIEVE IT, AND OBEY IT THROUGH REPENTING OF OUR SINS, CONFESSING HIS NAME BEFORE MEN, AND BEING BURIED IN THAT WATERY GRAVE OF BAPTISM, ACTS 2:38, ACTS 22:16. AND WE DO THAT, WE'RE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST GALATIANS 3:27. SECONDLY, WE SHOULDN'T BE DISCOURAGED WHEN TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS COME; WE SHOULD BE EXPECTING THEM. AND BECAUSE WE'RE EXPECTING THEM, WE PREPARE BEFOREHAND. WE PREPARE OURSELVES THAT WE KNOW THAT THAT'S COMING, AND WE'RE GOING TO STAND UP TO THE CHALLENGE. THE ULTIMATE VICTORY IS OURS IN CHRIST. AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. DOES IT MATTER WHAT NAMES YOU CALL RELIGIOUS WORKERS? ROGER CAMPBELL JOINS US, AND HE'S LOOKING AT THOSE NAMES. BE READY ALWAYS.

>> IT'S A COMMON PRACTICE IN THE DENOMINATIONAL WORLD TO CALL A PREACHER EITHER REVEREND OR PASTOR, OR MAYBE BOTH. AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE CHURCH OF THE CHRIST, WE DON'T HAVE THAT PRACTICE. AND SOMETIMES THEY WANT TO KNOW, WHY DON'T YOU CALL YOUR PREACHER PASTOR? WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIM REVEREND? WE ARE TO BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE OR GIVE AN ANSWER, 1ST PETER 3:15. HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THAT QUESTION? WE WANT TO GIVE A BIBLE ANSWER. WE WANT TO GIVE BOOK, CHAPTER, AND VERSE FOR EVERYTHING THAT WE BELIEVE, EVERYTHING WE TEACH, AND EVERYTHING WE PRACTICE. LET'S GO ONE AT A TIME. LET'S START WITH THE WORD REVEREND. I WOULD SAY LET'S RESPECTFULLY TURN THAT QUESTION AROUND. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO KNOW WHY DON'T WE CALL OUR PREACHERS REVEREND, LET'S TURN THAT QUESTION AROUND AND SIMPLY ASK WITH KINDNESS, WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND IN THE BIBLE THAT CONVINCES YOU GOD WANTS US TO CALL A PREACHER REVEREND? AND WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING, WHAT BOOK OF THE BIBLE IS THAT, WHAT CHAPTER, AND WHAT VERSE? BECAUSE IF YOU CAN SHOW ME FROM THE BIBLE, I'M GOING TO ACCEPT IT. WELL, WHAT DO WE FIND? FROM COVER TO COVER IN THE BIBLE, THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, ZERO, THAT WOULD CAUSE ANYONE TO CONCLUDE THAT A PREACHER OUGHT TO BE IDENTIFIED AS REVEREND. THERE'S NO BIBLE COMMAND, THERE'S NO BIBLE EXAMPLE, AND THERE'S NO IMPLICATION THAT THAT'S WHAT THE LORD WANTS. WE'RE TO DO ALL THINGS BY THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS. DO ALL IN HIS NAME, COLOSSIANS 3:17. AND CALLING A PREACHER REVEREND, THAT'S JUST NOT DOING SOMETHING THE BIBLE WAY, BECAUSE IT'S NOT FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURES. WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE WORD PASTOR? DID YOU KNOW THAT IN OUR ENGLISH BIBLE, IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, IN THE ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT, THE WORD PASTOR IS ONLY FOUND ONE TIME. IT'S IN THE PLURAL FORM, PASTORS, AND IT'S IN EPHESIANS 4:11. IN THAT CONTEXT, PAUL IS WRITING ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS OR DUTIES THAT GOD THROUGH JESUS GAVE TO CHRISTIANS: AND HE GAVE SOME APOSTLES AND SOME PROPHETS AND SOME EVANGELISTS AND SOME PASTORS - THERE'S OUR WORD - AND SOME PASTORS AND TEACHERS. WHAT DOES THAT WORD PASTOR EVEN MEAN? YOU SAY, WELL IT MEANS PREACHER. NOT IN THE BIBLE. IN THE BIBLE, THE WORD PASTOR MEANS A SHEPHERD. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS. JESUS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF, I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, JOHN 10:11. IT'S THE SAME WORD FROM WHICH WE GET THE WORD PASTOR. SO LET'S STEP BACK AND ASK THIS QUESTION: IN GOD'S CHURCH, GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH, WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE THE SHEPHERDS TO FEED OR SHEPHERD THE FLOCK? WELL, THEY'RE CALLED ELDERS, OVERSEERS, BISHOPS. THEY'RE THE PASTORS, ACTS 20:17 AND 28 OR 1ST PETER CHAPTER 5. SO IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, A PASTOR IS NOT A PREACHER; A PASTOR IS ONE WHO ALONG WITH OTHER SHEPHERDS SERVES TO SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD. IN FACT, IN EPHESIANS 4:11, IT'S REAL CLEAR. THERE'S A DISTINCTION BETWEEN EVANGELISTS, THAT IS, A PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL, AND ONE WHO'S A PASTOR. WHY DON'T WE CALL OUR PREACHERS PASTOR OR REVEREND? BECAUSE THERE'S

NOTHING IN THE BIBLE THAT INDICATES THAT WE SHOULD. I'M ROGER CAMPBELL, AND THIS HAS BEEN BE READY ALWAYS.

>> THANKS, ROGER. NOW GRAB SOME PAPER AND SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH, AND YOU CAN WRITE DOWN OUR CONTACT INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVEN'T ENROLLED IN OUR FREE BIBLE COURSE, LET'S GET STARTED. JIM DEARMAN JOINS US SOON.

>> 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.

>> ENROLLING IN OUR BIBLE COURSE CAN BE AS EASY AS GOING TO THE WEBSITE, CLICKING WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, AND FILLING OUT THE FORM. WE'RE PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH TRUTH.FM TO BRING YOU AN AUDIO STREAM OF GOOD NEWS TODAY RIGHT THERE ON THEIR WEBSITE. IN ADDITION TO THE GOOD NEWS TODAY CHANNEL, THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL OTHER CHANNELS THAT ALL CONTAIN EXCELLENT BIBLE LESSONS. YOU CAN ALSO GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT GNTTV.ORG AND SEE ANY OF THOUSANDS OF VIDEOS RIGHT THERE. HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT DISCOURAGEMENT.

>> DISCOURAGEMENT COMES TO ALL OF US AT SOME TIME IN OUR LIVES; BUT WE MUST NOT ALLOW DISCOURAGEMENT TO BECOME DESPAIR THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION. THE APOSTLE PAUL FACED MANY CHALLENGES AFTER BECOMING A CHRISTIAN, BUT HE DID NOT DESPAIR. IN 2ND CORINTHIANS 4:8, HE EXPRESSED IT THIS WAY: WE ARE HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE, YET NOT CRUSHED; WE ARE PERPLEXED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR. RUSSELL HENRY STAFFORD WROTE, YOU AND I HAVE NOT THE ORDERING OF THE WORLD; AND IN THE WORLD AS IT IS, SETBACKS DO OCCUR. BUT LET US REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE ONLY SETBACKS UNLESS WE WANT TO MAKE THEM FAILURES. WE ARE NOT TO LET GO; WE ARE TO HOLD ON, KEEP AT IT AND CARRY THROUGH UNTIL THE GROUND LOST HAS BEEN RECOVERED, NEW ADVANCE HAS BEEN MADE, AND LAY HOLD UPON VICTORY AS COMPANIONS OF OUR VICTORIOUS SAVIOR, WHO ALSO WRESTLED WITH DARKNESS AND DISCOURAGEMENT AND OVERCAME, AND WHO IS WITH US THROUGH THE FRAY. HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. YOU KNOW, THE KEY IN THOSE WORDS IS BEING A COMPANION OF THE SAVIOR. WE DO THAT BY OBEYING HIS WILL AND BECOMING A CHRISTIAN. THEN AND ONLY THEN MAY WE SING, I WALK WITH THE KING TO MANSIONS ABOVE.

>> THE KEY IS BEING A COMPANION TO THE SAVIOR. THANKS FOR THAT, JIM. HAVE YOU EVER MISSED AN EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY AND WISH YOU COULD WATCH IT, OR HAVE YOU WANTED TO SEE AN EPISODE THAT AIRED A WHILE AGO? YOU CAN DO THAT FROM OUR WEBSITE OR YOUTUBE CHANNEL, OR YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR PHONE THROUGH OUR APP. YOU CAN WATCH IT ON YOUR TELEVISION THROUGH A ROKU OR APPLE TV. THE PROGRAM IS THERE EVERY SUNDAY, SO YOU NEVER HAVE TO MISS AN EPISODE. AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WANT TO MISS THIS. WE HAVE GOT A TREAT FOR YOU TODAY. WE'RE GOING BACK INTO THE ARCHIVES, AND WE'VE GOT A SEGMENT THAT WAS RECORDED BY THE LATE TOM HOLLAND. HIS ROCKING AND REMINISCING ON THE PASTIME PORCH WAS A FAVORITE FOR MANY YEARS, AND THOSE LESSONS CONTINUE TO BE HEARD TODAY. TOM WAS A GREAT PREACHER, PROFESSOR, AUTHOR, HUMORIST, SONG LEADER, AND FRIEND. IF YOU'RE WATCHING US ON YOUR

TELEVISION OR ANOTHER DEVICE, KNOW THAT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG ON YOUR END. THIS WAS RECORDED MANY YEARS AGO WITH EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE OUTDATED TODAY. BUT TOM'S MATERIAL IS WELL WORTH OUR TIME. LET'S GO BACK AND REMINISCE WITH TOM HOLLAND.

>> WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY, AND WHAT A JOY TO BE ABLE TO VISIT WITH YOU. I HOPE YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD DAY. IF YOUR DAY IS HALF AS GOOD AS MINE, I KNOW YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD DAY. AND WHAT REALLY HELPS MINE IS TO BE ABLE TO SIT ON THIS PORCH AND GET TO VISIT WITH YOU. AS PEOPLE GET OLDER IN LIFE, CHRONOLOGICALLY, THAT IS, THE BIBLE IN THE 90TH PSALM TALKS ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE TO BE 70, OR IF BY REASON OF STRENGTH, 80. I'VE LEARNED AS AN 80-YEAR-OLD PERSON THAT A LOT OF THINGS ARE DIFFERENT WHEN YOU HIT THAT WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS FOURSORE YEARS. I GET MORE AMUSED NOW AT THINGS THAT ARE SAID BY OLDER PEOPLE ABOUT OLDER PEOPLE. I'VE DISCOVERED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT, PEOPLE DON'T TALK AS LOUD AS THEY ONCE DID TO ME. I'VE DISCOVERED THAT THINGS ABOUT MY BODY THAT USED TO OPERATE JUST FINE, THEY OPERATE NOW WITH SOME PAIN. BUT I HEARD ABOUT A GENTLEMAN WHO LIVED TO BE 100 YEARS OLD. AND THAT'S STILL A TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENT. THEY USED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON TELEVISION WHEN A PERSON HAD REACHED 100 YEARS OLD. WILLARD SCOTT MAY STILL DO THAT LIKE HE ONCE DID. BUT ANYWAY, THIS OLD GENTLEMAN, 100 YEARS OLD, LET ME REPHRASE IT. AN OLDER GENTLEMAN. I'M A LITTLE RELUCTANT TO USE THAT WORD OLD ABOUT PEOPLE ANYMORE. ANYBODY THAT'S OLD, ONE FELLOW SAID, IS SOMEBODY THAT'S 10 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU ARE. BUT ANYWAY, THIS MAN WAS 100 YEARS OLD. AND HE WAS BEING INTERVIEWED, WHY DID YOU LIVE TO BE 100? HOW DID YOU DO IT? HE SAID, I WAS JUST BORN A LONG TIME AGO. WELL, THERE ARE WAYS TO REACH THAT 70 PERIOD IN LIFE. THERE ARE WAYS TO REACH THAT 80 POINT IN LIFE. THE BIBLE SAYS, IF BY REASON OF STRENGTH, OUR DAYS ARE FOURSORE OR 80. STRENGTH. THERE IS A STRENGTH THAT COMES TO PEOPLE FROM THE LORD. PEOPLE THAT LOVE GOD, PEOPLE THAT BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, THEY IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTAND THEIR BODY DOESN'T BELONG TO THEM ANYMORE. IT BELONGS TO THE LORD. THAT'S TAUGHT PLAINLY IN THE SCRIPTURE. IN 1ST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6, WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL BY INSPIRATION OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT WAS EXPLAINING TO THE SAINTS AT CORINTH HOW THEY SHOULD BEHAVE AND BEHAVIOR THAT WAS NOT RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, IMMORALITY, FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, LOOK, YOUR BODY IS NOT FOR FORNICATION; IT'S FOR THE LORD. AND THEN HE FINALLY SAID IN THE LAST TWO VERSES OF 1ST CORINTHIANS 6, WHAT? KNOW YOU NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YOU HAVE OF GOD, AND YOU'RE NOT YOUR OWN? THEREFORE, GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND IN YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S. THIS IS NOT MY BODY. THIS BELONGS TO THE LORD, WHICH MEANS THAT I AM A STEWARD. I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY BODY. AND I TRY TO DO THAT. I AM NOT GOING TO WILLINGLY OR KNOWINGLY PUT INTO MY BODY ANY KIND OF THING THAT POTENTIALLY CAN HARM ME. I THINK TOO MUCH OF THIS PHYSICAL PUMP I HAVE HERE CALLED A HEART FOR ME TO POUR ALCOHOL INTO MY BODY AND HURT THAT. I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT. I THINK TOO MUCH OF MY BODY FOR ME TO PUT NICOTINE INTO MY BODY AND POTENTIALLY HURT MY BODY. I THINK TOO MUCH OF MY BODY FOR DELIBERATELY TRYING TO DO SOMETHING THAT I KNOW IS GOING TO INJURE MY BODY. THIS DOES NOT BELONG TO ME; IT BELONGS TO THE LORD. SO I HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I EAT. I'M VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I DRINK. I HAPPEN TO HAVE A SITUATION WHERE I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE ANYMORE DRINKING SOFT DRINKS. I DON'T WANT THAT CARBONATED WATER TO DRAIN THE POTASSIUM AND MAGNESIUM OUT OF MY BODY. AND THAT'S YOUR PRIVILEGE. I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. I'M JUST TELLING YOU HOW I'M TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF MINE. SO I QUIT THOSE. WELL, WHAT DO YOU DRINK? I DRINK WATER. THAT'S

PRETTY GOOD FOR YOU. SO I GET ALONG QUITE WELL WITHOUT THAT OTHER STUFF. AND I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH YOU IF YOU LOVE YOUR SOFT DRINKS AND YOU ENJOY THOSE. GO AHEAD. BUT I'M JUST SAYING THERE ARE WAYS TODAY, YOU YOUNG PEOPLE, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN YOU LIVING TO BE FOURSORE OR 80, AND MAYBE EVEN REACHING 100 WITH ALL THAT'S BEING LEARNED IN THE AREA OF GERONTOLOGY, ALL THAT WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT FOODS THAT ARE GOOD FOR US, FOODS THAT ARE NOT GOOD FOR US AND ALL OF THAT. BUT IF YOU READ THE 90TH PSALM, IT'LL LAY IT OUT RATHER PLAINLY: OUR DAYS ARE THREESORE AND 10, IF BY REASON OF STRENGTH, THEY ARE FOURSORE, OR 80; AND THEN FINALLY IN VERSE 12 HE SAID, TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS TO WISDOM. WISE PEOPLE LISTEN TO THE LORD AND OBEY THE WORD OF GOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME VISIT WITH YOU TODAY. I HOPE YOU HAVE HALF AS GOOD A DAY AS I AM HAVING. AND IF SO, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD DAY TODAY, I PROMISE YOU THAT. GOD BLESS YOU.

>> TOM MUST BE HAVING A WONDERFUL DAY IN PARADISE TODAY. IT WAS GOOD TO GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN. WE'VE GOT A GREAT WAY FOR YOU TO START EVERY DAY, AND THAT'S WITH THE GOOD NEWS TODAY PODCAST. JUST SEARCH FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS, AND START EVERY DAY WITH YOUR DAILY DOSE OF GOOD NEWS. 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: IS IT WRONG TO FORGIVE SOMEONE OF A SIN BEFORE THEY ASK?

>> ALL RIGHT, TROY, QUESTION. AND THIS ONE'S REALLY SERIOUS TODAY.

>> OKAY.

>> WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT A WOUND, AND THERE'S A PHYSICAL WOUND, LET'S SAY, YOU KNOW, CUT MY ARM, I'M BLEEDING, NOT LIFE-THREATENING, OR I COULD BE WOUNDED EMOTIONALLY, WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IS WORSE?

>> WOW. WELL, IF THE ONE THAT IS NOT LIFE-THREATENING IS NOT LIFE-THREATENING, I WOULD THINK THAT THE EMOTIONAL ONE COULD BE WORSE, BECAUSE THAT COULD GO ON FOR YEARS.

>> YEAH. AND WE'RE BOTH PREACHERS, AND WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME HELPING PEOPLE SPIRITUALLY, WHICH MEANS WE OFTEN HELP THEM EMOTIONALLY AS WELL.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> I THINK YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME HELPING PEOPLE THAT HAVE EMOTIONAL WOUNDS THAT HAVE AFFECTED THEM EVEN SPIRITUALLY THAT HAPPENED MANY, MANY YEARS PRIOR, AND IT JUST WAS ALLOWED TO FESTER, AND IT JUST GREW TO WHERE IT WAS THIS BAGGAGE WEIGHING THEM DOWN. HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THAT?

>> ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY.

>> AND SO THE ONE THING THAT NORMALLY HELPS IS THAT WE COMMUNICATE WHAT THAT IS, WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES. AND ULTIMATELY, IN MOST SITUATIONS, IT REQUIRES FORGIVENESS.

>> OKAY, YES.

>> EITHER FORGIVENESS OF SELF, SOMETIMES SEEKING THE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD IF IT HASN'T BEEN SOUGHT, AND SOMETIMES SEEKING FORGIVENESS FROM OTHERS. AND SO WHAT I'VE OFTEN SAID IS THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST MEDICINES IN LIFE IS FORGIVENESS.

>> YES, I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

>> I SAY ALL THAT BECAUSE TODAY'S QUESTION SAYS, IS IT WRONG TO FORGIVE SOMEONE OF A SIN BEFORE THEY ASK?

>> THAT'S A LOADED QUESTION. THAT'S A LOADED QUESTION, BECAUSE I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO RUN TO LUKE CHAPTER 23 WHEN JESUS IS ON THE CROSS, AND JESUS SAYS, FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR, THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO. SO OBVIOUSLY, THESE PEOPLE OUT THERE HAD NOT ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS, AND SO HERE HE IS FORGIVING. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT.

>> YEAH, JESUS IS GOD.

>> YES.

>> AND GOD HAS THE POWER TO GIVE FORGIVENESS.

>> YES.

>> AND IN THIS SITUATION, THEY HAVEN'T SOUGHT IT, BUT HIS SPIRIT IS OF SUCH THAT HE WANTS THEM TO BE FORGIVEN.

>> AND THERE I THINK IS THE KEY, THE ANSWER THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, IS WHEN IT COMES TO FORGIVENESS, IT HAS TO DO WITH THE HEART. IT HAS TO DO WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE PERSON, THAT THEY HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO FORGIVE.

>> THINK ABOUT ACTS 7:60. HERE'S STEPHEN BEING STONED BY JEWISH PEOPLE THAT THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING A GOOD THING, BUT IT WASN'T. AND OUT OF HIS WORDS, HIS DYING WORDS, STEPHEN CRIES OUT AND SAYS, LORD, LAY NOT THIS SIN TO THEIR CHARGE. AND SO WHAT WE SEE IS THAT HE REALLY MODELED WHAT THE SPIRIT OF JESUS WAS ON THE CROSS, THAT HE DESIRES FOR THEIR FORGIVENESS. ULTIMATELY, THOUGH, IS STEPHEN THE ONE TO GIVE THEM FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SIN?

>> NO. NOT AT ALL.

>> THAT'S GOD. THERE'S STILL A REPENTANCE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TOWARDS GOD.

>> AND THERE'S THE OTHER PART OF IT. AND SO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF PASSAGES THAT WE GO TO THAT APPLY TO US, ONE BEING IN THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE DISCIPLES PRAYER, I SHOULD SAY, THE MODEL PRAYER IN MATTHEW CHAPTER 6. AT THE END OF THAT, HE SAYS, FOR IF YOU FORGIVE MEN THEIR TRESPASSES, YOUR

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU. IF YOU DON'T FORGIVE THEM, THEN NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER FORGIVE YOU. SO WE HAVE TO FORGIVE. AND THEN DON'T FORGET WHAT THE DISCIPLES DID IN LUKE CHAPTER 17 WHEN THEY CAME AND ASKED, THEY SAID, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN MY BROTHER COMES TO ME AND HE REPENTS? AND JESUS SAYS, YOU FORGIVE HIM. AND NOTICE HE SAYS THE WORD IF. IF HE COMES TO YOU SEVEN TIMES SEVENTY AND SAYS I REPENT, THEN YOU FORGIVE HIM. SO IT'S TWO PARTS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE WILLINGNESS AND READY TO FORGIVE, BUT THERE STILL HAS TO BE THAT FRUIT OF REPENTANCE ON THE OTHER PERSON'S PART.

>> AND REALIZE THAT THIS FORGIVENESS IS ABOUT RECONCILING A RELATIONSHIP.

>> AMEAN. RIGHT.

>> SO YOU CAN HAVE THE SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS THAT YOU WANT TO FORGIVE THEM; BUT ULTIMATELY, UNTIL THEY'RE READY TO TRY AND RECONCILE THE SITUATION, YOU CANNOT TRULY FULLY FORGIVE THEM.

>> EXACTLY.

>> BECAUSE TRUE FORGIVENESS RESTORES RELATIONSHIPS. AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE GOT TO, BECAUSE OF FREE WILL, SEEK GOD'S FORGIVENESS THROUGH REPENTANCE SO THAT WE CAN OBTAIN THAT SALVATION FOUND IN HIM.

>> AMEN.

>> WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK EVERYTHING YOU HEAR ABOUT RELIGIOUS MATTERS AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO SEE IF THESE THINGS ARE SO LIKE THE BEREANS IN ACTS 17:11. IF YOU NEED TO WATCH OR LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAM AGAIN, YOU CAN DO THAT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, OUR APPS, OUR PODCAST. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. REMEMBER THAT WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

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