

>> 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. AND WE'VE GOT A GREAT PROGRAM. HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AND THAT CONSISTS OF OUR SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF OUR SCRIPTURE. TODAY, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT ACTS 16:13-15, WHERE THE APOSTLE PAUL MEETS LYDIA IN PHILIPPI. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO ACTS 16. I'LL MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, WE HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN WILL BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO RECEIVE JESUS. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT THE POWER OF THE WORD. THEN KEE FORD JOINS BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE DISCUSSING WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD IS READY TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: IS DEPRESSION A SIN? WE'RE TALKING A BIT ABOUT SALVATION IN OUR PROGRAM TODAY, AND I HOPE YOU'LL STAY AROUND AND HEAR WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT. I ALSO HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO ACTS 16, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING AT VERSE 13: AND ON THE SABBATH DAY WE WENT OUT OF THE CITY TO THE RIVERSIDE WHERE PRAYER WAS CUSTOMARILY MADE. AND WE SAT DOWN AND SPOKE TO THE WOMEN WHO MET THERE. NOW A CERTAIN WOMAN NAMED LYDIA HEARD US. SHE WAS A SELLER OF PURPLE FROM THE CITY OF THYATIRA WHO WORSHIPED GOD. THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO HEED THE THINGS SPOKEN BY PAUL. AND WHEN SHE AND HER HOUSEHOLD WERE BAPTIZED, SHE BEGGED US, SAYING, IF YOU HAVE JUDGED ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, COME TO MY HOUSE AND STAY; SO SHE PERSUADED US.

>> (SINGING)

>> HERE IN ACTS CHAPTER 16, PAUL IS ON HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEY THROUGH MACEDONIA. HE'S JOINED BY TIMOTHY, SILAS, AND LUKE. AND THE FIRST CITY THAT THEY COME AND VISIT IS PHILIPPI. NOW, WHEN PAUL WOULD GO INTO A CITY ON THESE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS, HE WOULD FIRST GO TO THE JEWS. THAT WAS HIS CUSTOM. AND THESE JEWISH WOMEN WERE MEETING THERE AT THE RIVERSIDE. THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH JEWISH MEN IN THE CITY TO ORGANIZE A SYNAGOGUE; IT TOOK 10 JEWISH MEN. BUT AS WE READ THROUGH THE TEXT, APPARENTLY, THERE WAS JUST WOMEN WHO ARE MEETING HERE BESIDE THE RIVER. AND THE MISSIONARIES WERE TEACHING THIS GROUP OF WOMEN, AND SPECIFICALLY LYDIA'S HEART WAS OPENED TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH. AND SHE AND HER HOUSEHOLD WERE BAPTIZED THAT VERY DAY, AND THEN SHE INVITED THE MISSIONARIES TO COME STAY WITH HER IN HER HOME. SO AS WE LOOK AT THIS ACCOUNT HERE IN ACTS CHAPTER 16, WE SEE THAT IN TEACHING ABOUT JESUS A VERY IMPORTANT THING: THAT VERY FIRST DAY OF TEACHING, THE NEED FOR BAPTISM CAME UP IN THE CONVERSATION. WHY ELSE WOULD LYDIA AND HER WHOLE HOUSEHOLD BE BAPTIZED? WE DON'T JUST SEE THAT IN PHILIPPI; WE SEE THAT CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS. FOR INSTANCE, IN ACTS CHAPTER 8, AS PHILIP IS PREACHING JESUS TO THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH,

VERSE 35, IN THE VERY NEXT VERSE, ACTS 8:36, THE ETHIOPIAN SAID, HERE IS WATER; WHAT HINDERS ME TO BE BAPTIZED? SO WE SEE THAT PREACHING JESUS NECESSARILY INCLUDED THE NEED FOR BAPTISM. TEACHING SOMEONE ABOUT JESUS AND TEACHING THEM ABOUT BAPTISM, THEY GO HAND IN HAND. WELL, WHAT BAPTISM ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? EPHESIANS 4:5 TELLS US THERE IS BUT ONE BAPTISM TODAY, AND THAT'S THE BAPTISM THAT OCCURS IN A WATERY GRAVE, ROMANS 6:1-4. IT'S AN ACT OF SUBMISSION COMMANDED BY GOD, THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE TO DO. READ THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS. SEE IF THIS ISN'T THE CASE. YOU WON'T SEE SOMEONE RECEIVE SALVATION THROUGH PRAYER ALONE IN THE BOOK OF ACTS; YOU WON'T SEE SOMEONE RECEIVE SALVATION THROUGH HAVING A VISION. BAPTISM IS CONSISTENTLY INVOLVED AS PEOPLE ARE BECOMING CHRISTIANS. NOT ONLY LYDIA, BUT HER ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD OBEYED. AND IF YOU DO WHAT THEY DID, YOU CAN HAVE THOSE SAME BLESSINGS. AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. WELL, IT'S TIME TO HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN IS WORKING ON SOME REPAIRS. HE'LL BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO RECEIVE JESUS.

>> HAVE YOU EVER HEARD SOMEONE SAY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED JESUS INTO THEIR HEART, OR PERHAPS SOME PREACHER WHO DECLARED, JUST ACCEPT JESUS, RECEIVE HIM, AND YOU'LL BE SAVED? WELL, I'M SURE THAT YOU HAVE, BECAUSE IT'S A VERY COMMON AND POPULAR TEACHING IN MANY RELIGIOUS CIRCLES. SO HERE'S A SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD QUESTION: IS THAT TRUE? DOES ONE JUST SIMPLY RECEIVE JESUS TO BE SAVED? DO YOU MERELY ACCEPT HIM IN ORDER TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLE AND RECEIVE THAT PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE? WELL, WHY DON'T WE REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING BY GOING TO THE ONE AND ONLY PLACE THAT CAN GIVE US THE TRUE ANSWER, AND THAT'S THE BIBLE. NOW, THERE ARE SEVERAL INSTANCES THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED IN SCRIPTURE, PARTICULARLY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS, WHERE SOMEONE POSES THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION OF, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? IT'S STATED IN VARIOUS WAYS AND IN DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES; BUT IN EVERY CASE, WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ASKING OR IMPLYING IS, WHAT MUST I DO IN ORDER TO AVOID CONDEMNATION OR TO GAIN ETERNAL LIFE AND TO HAVE MY SINS REMOVED. NOW, THE KEY IS TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY'RE TOLD AND WHAT THEIR RESPONSE IS. FOR EXAMPLE, FIRST, WE COULD GO TO ACTS 2:37. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE CONVICTED OF THEIR SIN SAID TO PETER AND THE APOSTLES, MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WERE ASKING HOW COULD THEY ESCAPE OR BE SAVED FROM THE CONDEMNATION THAT AWAITED THEM. WE COULD GO TO A SECOND EXAMPLE IN ACTS 8:36. AFTER AN ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH HEARD PHILIP PREACH THE GOSPEL, HE RESPONDED WITH, HERE'S WATER; WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING BAPTIZED? IN OTHER WORDS, HE WAS INQUIRING ABOUT HOW HE MIGHT ENTER INTO THE SALVATION THAT JESUS OFFERS. A THIRD INSTANCE IS FOUND IN CHAPTER 9 OF ACTS WHEN SAUL RECOGNIZED HIS ERROR AND ACKNOWLEDGED JESUS AS LORD. THEN HE ASKED JESUS, LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO? MEANING, HOW COULD HE ESCAPE FROM BEING PUNISHED FOR HIS CRIME THAT JESUS HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS DOING. AND THEN IN ACTS CHAPTER 10, WHEN A GENTILE WHO WAS A ROMAN SOLDIER PRAYED TO GOD, WE CAN EASILY INFER FROM THAT PASSAGE THAT HE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SALVATION. AN ANGEL THEN BROUGHT HIM A RESPONSE FROM HEAVEN SAYING, SEND FOR PETER, AND HE WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU MUST DO. ONE MORE. IN ACTS 16:30, AN INDIVIDUAL ASKED DIRECTLY, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? HE'S VERY CLEARLY INQUIRING ABOUT SPIRITUAL SALVATION.

SO NOW, JUST SIMPLY READ THE VERSES THAT FOLLOW EACH OF THOSE QUESTIONS, THAT IS, THE ENTIRE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE FOR EACH OF THOSE OCCASIONS. NOTICE THAT NOT ONCE DID JESUS OR AN ANGEL OR ANYONE ELSE JUST SAY, ACCEPT JESUS INTO YOUR HEART. NOT ONE SINGLE TIME DO WE FIND WHERE ANYONE INDICATES OR INSTRUCTS THE PERSON TO JUST RECEIVE JESUS INTO THEIR HEART OR PRAY A PRAYER IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. INSTEAD, WHAT WE READ IN EVERY CASE IS THEY WERE TOLD WHAT IT IS THEY MUST DO. PETER, FOR EXAMPLE, ANSWERED THOSE MEN'S QUESTIONS BACK IN ACTS 2. HE SAYS, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS. THE EUNUCH WAS TOLD TO BELIEVE, AND THEN HE WAS BAPTIZED. IN ACTS 9, JESUS HIMSELF DID NOT TELL PAUL TO JUST ACCEPT HIM; INSTEAD, JESUS SAID, ARISE AND GO INTO THE CITY, AND YOU WILL BE TOLD WHAT YOU MUST DO. AND THEN ANANIAS TOLD PAUL, WHY DO YOU WAIT? ARISE AND BE BAPTIZED AND WASH AWAY YOUR SINS. AND EVEN THAT ROMAN CENTURION AND THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER WERE BOTH TOLD THAT BELIEF WAS NECESSARY, AND THEN BOTH WERE BAPTIZED IN 10:48 AND 16:33. YOU CAN LOOK AT THE REST OF THE CONVERSION EXAMPLES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS, AND YOU WILL SEE IT'S THE SAME PATTERN FOR EACH ONE OF THEM: EACH ONE HEARD THE GOSPEL, THEY BELIEVED IT, THEY REPENTED, THEY CONFESSED, AND THEN THEY WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, JUST AS IT SAYS IN ROMANS 6:1-4 AND GALATIANS 3:27. SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: NOWHERE DOES THE BIBLE SAY, JUST RECEIVE JESUS INTO YOUR HEART TO BE SAVED; INSTEAD, JESUS HIMSELF SAYS COME UNTO HIM, MATTHEW 11:28, AND DO WHAT HE HAS COMMANDED IN OUR RESPONSE TO HIM.

>> THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN SALVATION. WOULD YOU EXPECT THE ANSWER TO THIS MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION CLEARLY IN GOD'S WORD. IT'S RIGHT THERE, ACTS 22:16. THANKS, TROY. IF YOU'D LIKE TO STUDY THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT, GET READY TO TAKE DOWN OUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN REQUEST A STUDY ON THIS VERY SUBJECT. AFTER THAT, JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US.

>> 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 GOODNEWTODAYTV@GMAIL.COM. THAT'S GOODNEWTODAYTV@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.

>> THE EASIEST WAY TO ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE COURSE IS ON OUR WEBSITE. YOU CAN FILL OUT THE FORM WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, AND WE'LL GET IT RIGHT OUT TO YOU. DID YOU KNOW THE GOOD NEWS TODAY CAN BE HEARD THROUGH OUR CHANNEL ON TRUTH.FM? THAT STREAMS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THERE'S A CHANNEL DEDICATED TO GOOD NEWS TODAY. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT THE POWER OF THE WORD.

>> MOST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD TODAY DO NOT APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF THE BIBLE. THEY DON'T SEE IT AS A PRICELESS KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR TO THE TRULY ABUNDANT LIFE. OH, SOME READ IT, BUT NOT AS MANY AS IN YEARS

PAST, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER GENERATION. SOME EVEN STUDY IT, BUT COME AWAY FROM THAT STUDY NO DIFFERENT THAN WHEN THEY BEGAN. WHY? BECAUSE THEY STUDY IT WITH PRECONCEIVED IDEAS RATHER THAN GENUINELY OPEN MINDS. SOLOMON HAD THE ANSWER WHEN HE ADVISED LONG AGO, INCLINE THINE EAR UNTO WISDOM AND APPLY THINE HEART TO UNDERSTANDING. YOU SEE, ONE MUST WANT TO HEAR TO GAIN THE WISDOM THAT GOD GIVES THROUGH THE BIBLE. ONE MUST APPLY ONE'S HEART TO UNDERSTANDING THE WILL OF THE LORD. A CASUAL READING FROM TIME TO TIME OR HAVING A BIBLE LYING AROUND THE HOUSE IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE AN INDIVIDUAL. THAT APPROACH WILL NEVER ALLOW A PERSON TO SEE THE TREMENDOUS POWER THAT AWAITS HIM IN A DILIGENT AND EARNEST STUDY OF THE WORD OF GOD.

>> THANKS, JIM. WE TRY TO ENCOURAGE OUR AUDIENCE TO STUDY THAT ALL-IMPORTANT WORD ON A DAILY BASIS. ONE WAY IS THROUGH OUR DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME PODCAST. COMES OUT EACH AND EVERY DAY. NOW KEE FORD SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT WHEN A CHILD IS OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE DECISION TO BECOME A CHILD OF GOD. FABRIC OF FAMILY.

>> KEE, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU WITH US AGAIN ON THIS SHORT SEGMENT OF FABRIC OF FAMILY. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT A QUESTION HERE THAT I KNOW A LOT OF PARENTS HAVE WONDERED ABOUT. YOU KNOW, AS OUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN BEGIN TO GET A LITTLE OLDER, A LOT OF TIMES, THEY'LL START ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE, ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE BEING RAISED UP AROUND THESE KINDS OF THINGS. AND YOU'LL HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE VERY YOUNG WHO SAY, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN. HOW DO YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN? OR THEY MIGHT SAY, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO BE BAPTIZED, TOO, LIKE SO AND SO WAS BAPTIZED. AND SO AS PARENTS, THAT'S A GOOD THING. IT'S AN ENCOURAGING THING WHEN OUR CHILDREN EXPRESS INTEREST IN THESE SPIRITUAL THINGS; BUT AT THE SAME, TIME, SOMETIMES PARENTS WONDER, IS MY CHILD REALLY READY TO ENTER THIS STEP, TO MAKE THIS STEP IN THEIR JOURNEY IN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE? ARE THEY PREPARED MENTALLY TO BE BAPTIZED AND TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING A CHRISTIAN? SO FOR THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, LET'S JUST KIND OF EXPLORE THAT AND THINK ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO A PARENT WHO HAS A CHILD WHO IS ASKING THESE QUESTIONS TO HAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT THEY NEED THAT THEY'RE READY FOR THAT.

>> IF THEY'RE ASKING THAT QUESTION, THAT MUST MEAN THAT THE PARENTS MUST BE MODELING SOMETHING THAT'S GOOD IF THEY SAY, HEY, I WANT TO BE THIS, I WANT TO BECOME THAT. SO THAT'S GOOD.

>> SO THAT'S GOOD.

>> THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING. SO I WOULD SAY THIS: BREAKING IT DOWN TO A CHILD OR TALKING WITH A PARENT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO JUST SAY, HEY, I'M SEVEN YEARS OLD AND I WANT TO GET BAPTIZED, THINK ABOUT IT AS MARRIAGE. WOULD YOU LET YOUR SEVEN-YEAR-OLD ENTER INTO A MARRIAGE? BECAUSE THIS UNION THAT WE HAVE WHEN WE BECOME A CHRISTIAN, IT IS A LIFETIME BOND. THIS IS A LIFESTYLE. I HAVE TO REALIZE THE PRESSURE THAT COMES WITH THAT AND THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT

COMES WITH THAT. SO I KNOW A LOT OF TIMES, WE AS PARENTS, WE SAY, WELL, IF I TELL THEM NO NOW, IN THE FUTURE, THAT'S GOING TO HURT THEM.

>> RIGHT.

>> THAT'S US AS HUMAN BEINGS. WE PROJECT, WE FORTUNE TELL, WE TRY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IN SAYING THAT; BUT IT'S NOT NECESSARILY AN ACCURATE STATEMENT. WE CONTINUE TO MODEL, AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE. WE CONTINUE TO SHOW THEM A GOOD EXAMPLE. WE CONTINUE TO LIVE BY WHAT THUS SAITH THE LORD, AND THEY SEE THOSE THINGS. SO GUESS WHAT? NOW THAT THEY'RE OLDER, THEY'RE STILL GOING TO BE MORE CURIOUS. GETTING THEM INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRY OF WORK, GETTING THEM INVOLVED IN DOING CERTAIN THINGS WILL ALSO HELP THEM TO SEE IT. BUT I WILL SAY THIS, AND IT MAY NOT BE THE POPULAR THING TO SAY OR IT MAY NOT BE THE CONSENSUS OF EVERYONE: WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE TIME OUT TO LOOK AT THESE LITTLES, AND WE DON'T WANT TO JUST THROW THEM IN THERE JUST TO SAY A COVER-ALL, WELL, JUST IN CASE. NO, WE DON'T NEED TO DO THAT. THEY NEED TO KNOW. PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ALSO THAT IT MAY BE A SCARY THING THAT YOU GO THROUGH. I'VE BEEN THROUGH IT. BUT WE CAN OVERCOME IT.

>> I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT WHEN I WOULD TALK WITH A YOUNG PERSON, A CHILD, THEY UNDERSTAND CONCEPTS AS OPPOSED TO JUST BEING ABLE TO SPIT OUT INFORMATION. YOU KNOW, EVEN A VERY, VERY YOUNG, YOUNG CHILD CAN LEARN A LIST OF THINGS. YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT THE PLAN OF SALVATION, BELIEVE, REPENT, CONFESS, BE BAPTIZED. A LITTLE CHILD CAN LEARN THAT. BUT DO YOU HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCEPT? I'VE ALWAYS FOUND IT HELPFUL TO ASK THIS QUESTION: I'LL ASK THE CHILD, WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED? AND LET THEM EXPLAIN THAT. AND THEN I'LL EVEN ASK THIS QUESTION, WHICH I THINK IS EVEN MORE INFORMATIVE: I MIGHT SAY, OKAY, IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU TODAY AND YOU WERE TO DIE, WOULD YOU GO TO HEAVEN AND BE WITH GOD, OR DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WOULD GO AND BE WHERE THE DEVIL IS? A LOT OF TIMES, YOU'LL HAVE CHILDREN WHO WILL SAY, OH, I'D GO TO HEAVEN. AND SO THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT. UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONCEPT THAT WE'RE LOST AND WE NEED JESUS, THEN IT IS CORRECT, WE'RE NOT PROPER CANDIDATES FOR BEING BAPTIZED. SO I THINK IT'S GOOD TO ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN ALONG THAT LINE TO UNDERSTAND, TO STUDY.

>> KEEP THAT OPEN DOOR OF COMMUNICATION.

>> TELL THEM HOW PROUD YOU ARE THAT THEY'RE ASKING QUESTIONS LIKE THAT. LIKE YOU SAID, KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR COMMUNICATION. AND SEE IF THEY UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPTS RATHER THAN JUST THE SIMPLE ANSWERS.

>> YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

>> WELL, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING WITH US HERE ON THIS SHORT SEGMENT.

>> YES, SIR.

>> THANKS, BARRY AND KEE. HAVE YOU EVER MISSED AN EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY AND WISH YOU COULD WATCH IT? YOU CAN DO THAT ON OUR WEBSITE, OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL, OR ON YOUR PHONE WITH OUR FREE APP. YOU CAN WATCH IT ON YOUR TELEVISION THROUGH ROKU OR APPLE TV. THE PROGRAM'S THERE EVERY SUNDAY, SO YOU NEVER HAVE TO MISS AN EPISODE. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON AND TROY.

>> (SINGING)

>> NOW WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON AND TROY: IS DEPRESSION A SIN?

>> TROY, DO YOU EVER GET SAD?

>> I DO GET SAD SOMETIMES, GUYTON.

>> DO YOU EVER GET A LITTLE DEPRESSED?

>> WELL, IT JUST DEPENDS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MY LIFE; BUT I SUPPOSE, YES.

>> YOU KNOW, I DO, TOO. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BEFORE WE START THIS QUESTION - I NORMALLY PUT SOMETHING FUNNY AT THE BEGINNING. I WANT TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUST SAY THAT DEPRESSION AND CLINICAL DEPRESSION IS VERY REAL. AND I REALIZE IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS SHOW RIGHT NOW THAT MAYBE YOU'RE STRUGGLING THROUGH SOME OF THAT, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE IS HOPE AND THERE ARE WAYS TO RESOLVE THAT. AND IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH THAT, REACH OUT THROUGH OUR PROGRAM AND GET IN CONTACT WITH US SO THAT WE CAN TRY AND HELP YOU WITH WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU ARE FACING. BUT THE QUESTION THAT CAME IN IS: I SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION. SINCE JESUS TOLD US, DO NOT BE TROUBLED, IS MY DEPRESSION A SIN? AND SO I WANT TO ANSWER THAT VERY SPECIFICALLY WITH A VERY CLEAR ANSWER, IS THAT SOMEONE SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU'RE IN SIN. AND IN FACT, BY THIS SPECIFIC VERSE, JOHN 14:1, THAT'S ACTUALLY REALLY NOT THE CONTEXT OF WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. AND THERE ARE OTHER PASSAGES THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT DEALING WITH DEPRESSION; BUT JOHN 14:1 IS ACTUALLY VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT AN EVENT THAT'S ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.

>> YES. IN FACT, JESUS IS ON HIS WAY OVER TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, AND THE DISCIPLES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING; AND THEY'RE NOT UNDERSTANDING, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HINDSIGHT VISION TO BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. THEY DIDN'T. AND SO HE SAID, DON'T LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED. AND THEN HE SAYS, I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU AND THOSE SORT OF THINGS.

>> BACK UP BACK UP TO VERSE 37 OF CHAPTER 13. PETER SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, WHY CANNOT I FOLLOW THEE NOW? I'LL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR YOUR SAKE. AND SO YOU SEE HIS URGENCY, HIS DESIRE TO GO WITH HIM. AND JESUS HAS ALREADY TOLD HIM, YOU CAN'T FOLLOW ME.

>> NOT WHERE I'M GOING.

>> SO CHAPTER 14, VERSE 1, HE'S SAYING, LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED. YOU BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. AND WHAT A BEAUTIFUL VERSE. WE'VE GOT TO READ IT. IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS. IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. IF I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE, I'LL COME AGAIN. AND SO WHAT HE'S TELLING THEM IS, DON'T BE TROUBLED BECAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO SEPARATE. THE SEPARATION IS JUST SOMETHING TEMPORARY. AND I'VE GOT A PLACE FOR YOU THAT YOU WILL ONE DAY BE.

>> YES. AND FOR THOSE THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE SCRIPTURES ALSO ARE THE PLACE OF COMFORT. I MEAN, 1ST CORINTHIANS 1:3 TELLS US THAT GOD IS A GOD OF ALL COMFORT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE CAN CAST ALL OF OUR BURDENS ON JESUS. HE SAYS THAT IN MATTHEW 11:28. WE'VE GOT OTHER VERSES THAT WE COULD GO TO LIKE 1ST PETER 5 THAT TELLS US TO CAST ALL OUR BURDENS ON HIM. THE ONLY TIME THAT SOMETHING LIKE DEPRESSION OR ANYTHING TURNS INTO A SIN IS WHENEVER YOU TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF GOD'S HANDS, WHENEVER YOU START WORRYING, JUST LIKE JESUS SAYS IN LUKE 12:25; HE SAYS, AND WHICH OF YOU BY WORRYING CAN ADD ONE CUBIT TO HIS STATURE? WORRY AND DEPRESSION ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE SAME THING. THEY'RE VERY SEPARATE.

>> THEY ARE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I LIKE TO REMEMBER IS THAT EVEN GREAT MEN OF FAITH WERE DEPRESSED, THEY WORRIED.

>> ELIJAH.

>> THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE I WAS GOING TO GO. YOU KNOW, UNDER THE JUNIPER TREE, HE WAS READY. HE WAS JUST, GOD, LET ME DIE NOW. AND SO HE WAS AT A STATE OF DEPRESSION AT THAT POINT. AND IT WASN'T SIN; THAT IS THAT HUMAN WEAKNESS. AND NOW, WILL SATAN USE DEPRESSION TO TRY AND TEAR YOU AWAY FROM GOD?

>> HE SURE WILL.

>> HE WILL. AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO TURN TO SCRIPTURES, SOMETIMES GOOD BIBLICAL COUNSELING, SOMETIMES GETTING TO A DOCTOR TO FIND OUT IS THE DEPRESSION BEING CAUSED BECAUSE OF HORMONAL OR VITAMIN IMBALANCES. AND THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING IF YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM IT, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US, AND WE CAN HELP YOU BIBLICALLY AND POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION MEDICALLY. BUT JOHN CHAPTER 14 ISN'T DEALING WITH DEPRESSION; JOHN CHAPTER 14 IS DEALING WITH THEY WERE WORRIED ABOUT BEING WITHOUT JESUS. BUT THEY NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE NEVER WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST, BECAUSE HE HEARS, HE SEES EVERYTHING, HE'S RULING OVER HIS KINGDOM TODAY. AND HE'S AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD RIGHT NOW PREPARING A PLACE THAT ONE DAY, WE CAN BE WITH HIM ETERNALLY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

>> AMEN.

>> WE'VE TRIED TO ANSWER THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION EVER ASKED. WILL YOU DO WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES, OR WILL YOU REJECT THE BIBLE AND

EMBRACE THE OPINION OF A MERE MAN? WE'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK ALL RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO SEE IF IT'S TRUE. BE NOBLE LIKE THE BEREANS: SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELF, ACTS 17:11. YOU MAY WANT TO WATCH OR LISTEN TO THE PROGRAM AGAIN JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU HEARD IT RIGHT AND HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THOSE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELF. YOU CAN DO THAT ON OUR WEBSITE, THROUGH OUR APPS, OR EVEN THROUGH OUR PODCAST. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE MIGHT EVEN 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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