

>> 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, AND HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP. 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 JAMES 2:24-26, A PASSAGE WHERE WE LEARN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DEAD FAITH AND A LIVING FAITH. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO JAMES 2. I'M GOING TO 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 A HEART PROBLEM. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT A LITTLE BOY ON AN ELEVATOR. AUSTIN FOWLER SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT BEING UNEQUALLY YOKED IN OUR FABRIC OF FAMILY SEGMENT. AND IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: WHAT IS THE ONENESS DOCTRINE OR WHAT IS SOMETIMES IDENTIFIED AS MODALISM? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO JAMES 2, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING AT VERSE 24, YOU SEE THEN THAT A MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY WORKS AND NOT BY FAITH ONLY. LIKewise, WAS NOT RAHAB THE HARLOT ALSO JUSTIFIED BY WORKS WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE MESSENGERS AND SENT THEM OUT ANOTHER WAY? FOR AS THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD, SO FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALSO.

>> (SINGING)

>> THE BOOK OF JAMES IS A VERY PRACTICAL BOOK ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING. IT'S BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE PROVERBS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. AND ONE SUBJECT HE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME ON HERE IN CHAPTER 2 IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAITH AND WORKS. IT'S ALMOST HALF OF THE CHAPTER. THE TEXT TELLS US THAT WE'RE JUSTIFIED BY WORKS AND NOT BY FAITH ONLY. SO WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST BELIEVE. IN FACT, THIS PASSAGE IS THE ONLY TIME IN THE ENTIRE WORD OF GOD YOU'LL SEE THAT PHRASE, FAITH ONLY; AND THE TEXT SPECIFICALLY TELLS US THAT WE'RE NOT SAVED BY FAITH ONLY. YOU SEE, FAITH, BELIEF ITSELF, IS A WORK, JESUS SAID SO IN JOHN 6:29. THIS PASSAGE HERE DOES NOT CONTRADICT EPHESIANS 2:9. A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY, OH, WELL, WE'RE SAVED BY FAITH AND NOT BY WORKS. WELL, THERE IN EPHESIANS 2:9, THAT'S TALKING ABOUT THE WORKS OF THE LAW. LOOK AT THE CONTEXT. HE'S TALKING ABOUT CIRCUMCISION THERE IN VERSE 11 AND GOING ON, TRYING TO BE JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF WORKS UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE: WORKS OF OBEDIENCE AND WORKS OF THE OLD LAW. MATTHEW 17:21 AND FOLLOWING TELLS US ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE DOERS VERSUS THOSE WHO ARE HEARERS ONLY. THE WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK, HE'S THE ONE WHO DID THE THINGS THAT JESUS SAID. HE WAS SAVED BY WORKS. THE ONE WHO HEARD THEM AND DIDN'T DO THEM, FAITH ONLY, ARE THE PEOPLE LIKE THE FOOLISH MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE SAND, AND IT COULDN'T STAND UP. WE ALSO HAVE IN THIS PASSAGE THE EXAMPLE OF REHAB. THAT GOES BACK TO JOSHUA CHAPTER 2. REHAB LIVED IN JERICHO. AND WHEN

THE SPIES CAME TO SPY OUT THE LAND, THEY STAYED WITH HER AND THEY TOLD HER THE CONDITIONS SHE NEEDED TO MEET IN ORDER TO BE SPARED WHEN JERICHO WAS OVERRUN. CHAPTER 6 OF JOSHUA, VERSES 22 AND 23 TELLS US SHE MET THOSE CONDITIONS AND SHE WAS SPARED. SHE OBEYED THE CONDITIONS JUST LIKE WE NEED TO OBEY THE CONDITIONS. HEBREWS CHAPTER 11 IS FILLED WITH SIMILAR EXAMPLES. CHECK IT OUT. THEY ALL DID EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE TOLD TO DO. AND THE PASSAGE GOES ON TO TELL US, THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD; SO FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALSO. HE GOES ON IN VERSE 19 TO SAY DEMONS BELIEVE, AND THEY TREMBLE; BUT THEY DON'T OBEY. YOU SEE, A DEAD FAITH DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD. A DEAD FAITH IS JUST THAT; IT'S DEAD. YOUR FAITH MUST HAVE WORKS. WORKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW? NO, NO, NO. WORKS OF OBEDIENCE, DOING THE THINGS THAT HE SAID. THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS OURSELVES AND SPEND THE TIME, FOLLOWING HIS COMMANDS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TIME TO LOOK FOR WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED. AND HE'S VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT. HE TELLS US IN ACTS 2:38 THAT WE NEED TO REPENT. LUKE 13:3, UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL LIKewise PERISH. THAT'S A WORK OF OBEDIENCE WE NEED TO DO, MAKE UP IN OUR MINDS A DECISION I'M NOT GOING TO CONTINUE SINNING. CONFESSING HIS NAME BEFORE MEN UNTO SALVATION, ROMANS 10:9-10. BEING BURIED IN THE WATERY GRAVE OF BAPTISM, ACTS 2:38, ACTS 22:16, MARK 16:15-16, MATTHEW 28:18-20. THAT'S NOT EARNING YOUR SALVATION; THAT'S OBEYING WHAT HE TOLD US TO DO. AND THEN WE NEED TO KEEP WALKING IN THE LIGHT, 1ST JOHN 1:6-10. THE GOOD NEWS IS YOU CAN DO WHAT IT TAKES TO ACCEPT GOD'S GRACE BY OBEYING HIM. AND THAT IS GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. WELL, IT'S TIME TO HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN IS WORKING ON REPAIRING HEARTS.

>> IN DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 8, GOD WARNED THE ISRAELITES, WHEN YOUR HEART IS LIFTED UP AND YOU FORGET THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU WILL SURELY PERISH. THAT'S IN VERSES 14 AND 19. YOU KNOW, THAT'S A RATHER OMINOUS WARNING, DON'T YOU THINK? NOTICE THAT GOD DID NOT SAY IF YOU FORGET HIM, BUT RATHER HE SAID, WHEN YOU FORGET. THAT'S BECAUSE GOD KNEW VERY WELL WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ISRAEL. EVEN IF THEY WERE HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE, HE HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTERS THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE CITIES THAT THEY HADN'T BUILT, HOUSES OF THINGS THEY HADN'T FILLED, AND VINEYARDS THAT THEY HADN'T PLANTED. SO THEY MUST NOT FORGET THE LORD THEIR GOD, CHAPTER 6, VERSES 10-12 OF THAT SAME BOOK. THUS, HIS COMMANDS ALWAYS NEED TO BE REMEMBERED, AND THEY NEED TO TEACH HIS STATUTES TO THEIR CHILDREN. NOW, WHY WOULD THEY FORGET GOD, WHO GAVE THEM ALL THOSE THINGS? CONSIDER WHAT WE READ IN JUDGES CHAPTER 2 THAT SAYS, WHEN ALL THAT GENERATION HAD BEEN GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS, ANOTHER GENERATION AROSE AFTER THEM WHO DID NOT KNOW THE LORD, NOR THE WORK WHICH HE HAD DONE FOR ISRAEL, CHAPTER 2, VERSE 10. THEN NOTICE THE FOLLOWING WORDS: THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DID EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD. AND THEN LATER ON IN CHAPTER 17, VERSE 6 OF JUDGES, IT SAYS, EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES. HOW TERRIBLY SAD. IT WAS JUST AS GOD HAD PREDICTED. IT WASN'T A MATTER OF IF THEY FORGOT, BUT RATHER IT WAS A MATTER OF WHEN. AND IN THIS CASE, JUST AS HE SAID, ISRAEL HAD FORGOTTEN GOD AND HIS COMMANDMENTS. THEY HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE WEALTH AND PROSPERITY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED. THEIR COMFORT TURNED INTO APATHY, AND APATHY TURNED INTO FORGETFULNESS. AND THIS WAS THE DANGER THAT GOD HAD WARNED ABOUT

BEFORE THEY ENTERED INTO THE PROMISED LAND. YOU SEE, THAT DISOBEDIENT GENERATION IN JUDGES WAS THE OFFSPRING OF THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY PROCLAIMED YAHWEH AS THEIR GOD AND OBEYED HIM, AS WE READ IN DEUTERONOMY 26:17. BUT APPARENTLY, THEY HAD FORGOTTEN THE WARNING. THE PREVIOUS GENERATION HADN'T OBEYED THE COMMANDS OF DEUTERONOMY 6:6-9 OF PUTTING GOD'S WORD INTO THE HEARTS OF THE NEXT GENERATION TO TEACH THEM, AND THEY DEVELOPED A SERIOUS HEART PROBLEM. WELL, FRIENDS, MODERN MAN IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF ANCIENT ISRAEL. WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY. PERHAPS YOU'RE THINKING, WE HAVE MANY PROBLEMS IN OUR COUNTRY; AND YOU'RE CORRECT, WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT WE HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION, DIVORCE AND FAILED MARRIAGES, SEXUAL PROMISCUITY, LACK OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY, AND THE LIST CONTINUES; HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THAT ALL OF THESE REALLY HAVE TO DO WITH ONE CENTRAL PROBLEM: THAT IS AMERICA HAS A HEART PROBLEM. IT'S JUST LIKE THOSE DISOBEDIENT OFFSPRING OF THOSE WHO PROSPERED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JOSHUA. MUCH OF OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN HAVE BECOME SIMILAR TO THAT GENERATION THAT'S DESCRIBED IN JUDGES. AND IN OUR PROSPERITY, WE'VE FORGOTTEN GOD. AND DOESN'T THE PHRASE, EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES ACCURATELY DESCRIBE OUR SOCIETY TODAY? WELL, WE NEED TO REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING. THE ANSWER TO ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS IS NOT MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT, IT'S NOT MORE THERAPY, IT'S NOT PEER COUNSELING, NOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS OR BUREAUCRACIES; THE ANSWER IS TEACHING. TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS THAT CHRIST HAS COMMANDED US, AS HE SAYS IN MATTHEW 28:19-20. YOU SEE, ISRAEL NEEDED TO FIX THEIR HEART PROBLEM. WE NEED TO FIX OUR HEART PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WE CAN DO THAT THROUGH THE TEACHING AND OBEYING OF GOD'S WORD.

>> OUR PROBLEMS AREN'T JUST PHYSICAL; THEY CAN BE SPIRITUAL, TOO. THANKS, TROY. NOW IT'S TIME TO 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, CONTACT US TO GET STARTED. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO IMPLEMENT THAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE YOUR BIBLE STUDY THIS YEAR. REMEMBER, ALL OF OUR COURSES ARE GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE. WE WON'T TRY TO SELL YOU ANYTHING. JIM DEARMAN IS GOING TO 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.

>> THE EASIEST WAY TO ENROLL IN OUR BIBLE COURSE IS ON OUR WEBSITE AT GNTTV.ORG. JUST CLICK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, AND WE'LL MAIL IT TO YOU. WE'RE PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH TRUTH.FM TO BRING YOU A 24/7 STREAM OF GOOD NEWS TODAY ON THEIR WEBSITE. IN ADDITION TO THE GOOD NEWS TODAY CHANNEL, THEY HAVE SEVERAL OTHERS THAT ALL CONTAIN EXCELLENT BIBLE LESSONS. HERE'S JIM DEARMAN

NOW WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT A LITTLE BOY'S FIRST EXPERIENCE IN AN ELEVATOR.

>> A LITTLE BOY GOT ON THE ELEVATOR IN THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY. HE AND HIS DAD STARTED TO THE TOP. THE BOY WATCHED THE SIGNS FLASHING AS THEY WENT UP BY THE FLOORS: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, THEY KEPT GOING. AND HE GOT NERVOUS. HE TOOK HIS DAD'S HAND AND HE SAID, DADDY, DOES GOD KNOW WE'RE COMING? YOU KNOW, THAT'S A VITAL QUESTION, ISN'T IT? DOES GOD KNOW YOU ARE COMING? AND WE NEED TO ASK ANOTHER QUESTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT: DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE GOING? WELL, YOU CAN KNOW. THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT WE CAN KNOW. 1ST JOHN 2:3 READS, NOW BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE KNOW HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. AND 1ST JOHN 5:3 READS, FOR THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS; AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT BURDENSOME. TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN, ONE MUST BELIEVE, REPENT, CONFESS CHRIST, AND BE BAPTIZED. THEN ONE MUST LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTO DEATH. THEN WE MAY BE ASSURED THAT WE KNOW WE ARE GOING AND THAT GOD KNOWS WE ARE COMING.

>> THE JOYS OF A CHILD'S FIRST EXPERIENCE. THANKS, JIM. OUR APPS ARE AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO GET A DOSE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY OR ANY DAY. WE HAVE MATERIAL THAT YOU'LL SEE ON OUR PROGRAM AS WELL AS SOME EXCELLENT MATERIAL FROM YEARS GONE BY. THEY'RE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PHONE OR YOUR TABLET, AS WELL AS ON A ROKU OR APPLE TV DEVICE. JUST LOOK FOR GOOD NEWS TODAY IN THE APP STORE AND DOWNLOAD IT FOR FREE. NOW LET'S TURN OUR BIBLES TO 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6 AS WE PREPARE TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH BARRY GILREATH AND AUSTIN FOWLER. AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT BEING UNEQUALLY YOKED IN FABRIC OF FAMILY.

>> WE HAVE WITH US TODAY AUSTIN FOWLER. AND THIS IS KIND OF NEAT TO HAVE AUSTIN WITH ME ON THIS SHORT SEGMENT FABRIC OF FAMILY, BECAUSE, AUSTIN, OUR ASSOCIATION GOES BACK MANY YEARS. I KNOW YOU'RE 30 YEARS OLD, BUT ACTUALLY, I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE 6 YEARS OLD. AND WHEN I BECAME THE PREACHER FOR WHAT WAS THEN THE HIGHLAND CHURCH CHRIST IN DALTON, GEORGIA AND YOUR FAMILY ATTENDED THERE. AND YOU WERE ALWAYS IMPRESSIVE AS A YOUNG MAN WHO STUDIED REAL HARD. AND I CAN REMEMBER AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT AGE IT WAS, BUT IN THAT 7 OR 8 AGE RANGE, YOU ACTUALLY MEMORIZED THE BOOK OF 2ND JOHN. AND THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU DID THAT. BUT YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF THINGS SINCE THEN. YOU'VE BEEN A SCHOOL TEACHER, YOU'VE WORKED IN VARIOUS MISSION WORKS. GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT A QUESTION THAT SOMEONE HAS ACTUALLY RAISED. THEY HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THIS, AND IT DEALS WITH OVER IN THE BOOK OF 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6, WHERE PAUL THERE SAYS, BE YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED. AND THE REASON THAT THIS QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP IS IN REGARD - SOMEONE HAD A QUESTION ABOUT MARRIAGE. THEY WANT TO KNOW, WELL, IS IT SINFUL TO MARRY SOMEONE WHO IS NOT A CHRISTIAN? WOULD THAT BE SINFUL FOR ME TO DO THAT? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

>> I THINK THE FIRST THING IS THAT THAT VERSE IN 2ND CORINTHIANS THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT IS ALWAYS - MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALWAYS LOOK AT THE CONTEXT. AND I THINK IN THAT CONTEXT OF 2ND CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6,

IT'S NOT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE. SO SINCE IT'S NOT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE, WE CAN'T APPLY THAT TO THE MARRIAGE ASPECT. AND I THINK THERE'S OTHER PASSAGES OUTSIDE OF THAT THAT SHOW THAT, HEY, THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT HAD TO BE ADDRESSED IN 1ST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 7. PETER ADDRESSED IT IN HIS SHORT EPISTLE, 1ST PETER CHAPTER 3 THERE WHERE HE'S TALKING ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS. AND SO ONE THING THAT HE SAYS IN JUST SUMMARY IS, HEY, YOU NEED TO LIVE YOUR LIFE OUT THAT THROUGH THE CONDUCT OR THE CONVERSATION OF YOUR LIFE, YOUR HUSBAND MIGHT BE WON. BY YOU BEING THE RIGHT EXAMPLE, BY GOING TO CHURCH SERVICES, EVEN THOUGH YOUR HUSBAND IS NOT A CHRISTIAN, HE CAN BE WON BY THAT CONDUCT AND THE CONVERSATION IN WHICH YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. SO BY THOSE DIFFERENT PASSAGES THAT WE SEE, I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY, HEY, YOU KNOW, IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE BIBLE ADDRESSES, BUT THAT PASSAGE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE THERE IN 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 6.

>> YEAH. AND I THINK THERE'S A GENERAL PRINCIPLE YOU MIGHT COULD APPLY THAT TO AND SAY THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS; BUT TO GO THE NEXT STEP AND SAY THAT IT WOULD BE SINFUL? I THINK THAT'S MAYBE ADDING TO GOD'S WORD. GOD DIDN'T SAY THAT IT'S SINFUL. AND ANOTHER QUESTION I WOULD HAVE ALONG THAT LINE WOULD BE, IF YOU TAKE THE POSITION THAT IT'S SINFUL, HOW DO YOU REPENT OF THAT SIN?

>> YEAH. MARRIAGE, OF COURSE, IS A LIFELONG COMMITMENT. WE LOOK AT MATTHEW CHAPTER 19, HE TALKS ABOUT ONE MAN, ONE WOMAN FOR LIFE, AND HE GIVES THE EXCEPTION THERE IN VERSE 9, THE ONLY EXCEPTION THAT HE GIVES.

>> THAT'S THE ONLY EXCEPTION.

>> AND SO IF IT'S A LIFELONG COMMITMENT, AND IT IS A SIN, THEN DO YOU HAVE TO REMAIN UNMARRIED IF THAT'S THE SITUATION?

>> WELL, TO REPENT OF SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO TURN AWAY FROM IT, AND YOU CAN'T CONTINUE TO DO IT. SO, IF IT IS A SINFUL RELATIONSHIP YOU'VE ENTERED INTO, THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE LEAVE THAT MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WHAT JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 19:9, WHERE HE SAID CONCERNING DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE, HE GAVE THE ONE EXCEPTION, HE SAID, EXCEPT IT BE FOR FORNICATION. YOU HAVE UH JESUS SAYING SOMETHING THAT'S NOT TRUE THERE. SO AGAIN, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU BROUGHT OUT ABOUT THE CONTEXT. WE ALWAYS NEED TO LOOK AT THE CONTEXT. AND THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING. HE'S GIVING US SOME GENERAL INSTRUCTION THERE. AND IT DOESN'T JUST APPLY TO THAT RELATIONSHIP, BUT IT WOULD IMPLY TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. TO BE UNEQUALLY YOKED IS A CONCEPT, AS YOU KNOW, THAT COMES FROM THE BIBLE WHERE YOU HAVE TWO OXEN. AND THEY HAVE THIS WOODEN YOKE PLACED UPON THEM, AND IF YOU HAD ONE OXEN THAT'S REAL TALL AND ANOTHER OXEN THAT'S REAL SHORT, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE AS EFFECTIVE PULLING AS THEY WOULD BE IF THEY WERE WORKING TOGETHER.

>> WORKING TOGETHER. I THINK, LIKE YOU SAID, IT'S UNWISE; BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE ONE SPOUSE THAT'S FAITHFUL AND ONE THAT'S NOT, THEN YOU'RE WORKING AGAINST EACH OTHER. IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK OUT TO THE GLORY AND THE MOST BENEFIT TO THE KINGDOM.

>> EXACTLY. SO MAYBE THAT'S BEEN HELPFUL TO THE ONE WHO RAISED THAT QUESTION. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU, AUSTIN, FOR BEING WITH US FOR THIS SHORT SEGMENT OF FABRIC OF FAMILY HERE ON GOOD NEWS TODAY.

>> OUR THANKS GO TO AUSTIN AND BARRY FOR THAT PRACTICAL INFORMATION AS THEY HELPED US LOOK AT THE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE, MAKE SURE WE DIDN'T APPLY IT INCORRECTLY. WE'VE GOT A GREAT WAY FOR YOU TO START EVERY DAY, AND THAT'S WITH THE GOOD NEWS TODAY PODCAST. JUST SEARCH FOR THE GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS, AND START EVERY DAY WITH A DAILY DOSE OF GOOD NEWS. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON AND TROY.

>> (SINGING)

>> NOW WE HAVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON AND TROY: WHAT IS MODALISM?

>> I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU, TROY.

>> ALL RIGHT. WHAT YOU HAVE?

>> DO YOU EVER GET ASKED A BIBLE QUESTION, AND THEY USE TERMINOLOGY, AND YOU'RE LIKE, MMM, NOT SURE WHAT THAT IS?

>> IT DOES HAPPEN FROM TIME TO TIME, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME OF THOSE WORDS, THOSE THEOLOGICAL WORDS THAT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF BEFORE.

>> WELL, WE COME FROM A BACKGROUND THAT WE BELIEVE IN SPEAKING WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS, BE SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT, CALL BIBLE THINGS BY BIBLE NAMES.

>> AMEN.

>> SO WHEN WE STUDY THE SCRIPTURE, WE TRY AND BE AS ACCURATE AS WE CAN USING BIBLICAL TERMINOLOGY.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> WELL, SOMETIMES LIKE A QUESTION WE'VE ANSWERED PREVIOUSLY ABOUT TRANSUBSTANTIATION, YOU DON'T FIND THAT ONE IN THE BIBLE. SO THERE ARE STUDIES, WE FIND SOME OF THOSE THINGS. TODAY'S QUESTION IS ONE OF THOSE: WHAT IS THE ONENESS DOCTRINE OR WHAT IS SOMETIMES IDENTIFIED AS MODALISM? DID I SAY IT RIGHT?

>> I THINK SO. MODALISM. IF NOT, THAT'S HOW WE'RE GOING TO SAY IT.

>> SO WHEN YOU FIRST HEAR THAT QUESTION, YOU'RE LIKE, WHAT DOES IT MEAN? ONENESS DOCTRINE?

>> YEAH.

>> IF YOU DO A CONCORDANCE SEARCH, YOU DON'T SEE ONENESS DOCTRINE, YOU DON'T SEE MODALISM.

>> NOPE.

>> SO LET'S EXPLAIN FOR OUR LISTENERS WHAT THIS QUESTION IS, BECAUSE IT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

>> YES. AND SO BASICALLY WHAT IT IS, IT'S A DOCTRINE THAT'S BEEN AROUND REALLY FOR MANY CENTURIES WHERE THEY TRY TO DENY THE GODHEAD. WE SEE IN PASSAGES LIKE MATTHEW CHAPTER 3, FOR EXAMPLE, WHENEVER JESUS WAS BAPTIZED. AND WHEN JESUS WAS BAPTIZED, YOU SEE JESUS THERE, AND THEN YOU SEE THE DOVE THAT DESCENDS DOWN, WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THEN YOU HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD. SO THAT'S THREE DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AND SO WHAT THEY TRY TO SAY IS THAT THEY ARE SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THEY'RE NOT ONE. BUT WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT THE GODHEAD?

>> WELL, IN JOHN CHAPTER 17, HIS PRAYER IS THAT ARE ALL ONE; AS GOD IS IN HIM, HE IS IN GOD; REFERENCES THE HOLY SPIRIT OR COMFORTER IN THERE. AND SO HE SPEAKS OF THE ONENESS THAT THEY HAVE.

>> YEAH. SO WHAT HAPPENS IS THE BIBLE SHOWS US OVER AND OVER THAT, YES, THERE ARE THESE THREE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES, ENTITIES, PERSONS, IF YOU WILL, OF THE GODHEAD; BUT THEY'RE ALSO THE SAME THING. THEY'RE UNITED, THEY'RE ONE. AND IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT REALLY KIND OF CONFUSES US SOMETIMES.

>> IT'S HARD FOR US TO UNDERSTAND HOW THREE SEPARATE BEINGS CAN STILL BE ONE IN PURPOSE, IN FULFILLMENT OF THAT PURPOSE. BUT WE SEE IT. IN GENESIS CHAPTER 1 IN CREATION, YOU SEE THAT ACCORDING TO JOHN CHAPTER 1, THE WORD WAS THERE, WHICH BECAME FLESH, SO THAT'S JESUS.

>> YEAH.

>> AND NOT ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN CREATED WITHOUT HIM. SO GO BACK TO GENESIS 1. THERE'S THE FATHER; THERE'S THE WORD, WHICH IS JESUS; AND IT SAYS THE SPIRIT MOVED, AND SO THERE'S THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CREATION. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT SENDING JESUS TO THIS WORLD, YOU HAVE THE FATHER SENDING HIS SON, JESUS COMING, TAKING ON FLESH, VACATING HIMSELF OF THAT DEITY; BUT THEN WHAT CONFIRMED THE MESSAGE THAT JESUS WAS PREACHING? IT WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE MIRACULOUS THAT WAS BEING PERFORMED.

>> EXACTLY.

>> AND SO THEY WORK SO COHESIVELY TOGETHER THAT IT'S ONE, BUT YET THEY HAVE DISTINCT ROLES AND THEY ARE PORTRAYED SEPARATELY, LIKE IN JOHN,

WHAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, AND I'D SAY EVEN JESUS REFERENCED HIMSELF IN MATTHEW 28 WHENEVER HE SENT HIS DISCIPLES TO BAPTIZE. HE SAYS, GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AND SO HE CREATES A DISTINCTION THAT'S THERE.

>> YEAH. AND I THINK YOU'VE EXPLAINED IT VERY WELL, BECAUSE OVER AND OVER, THE BIBLE SHOWS THAT THEY ARE ONE, THEY ARE LITERALLY THE SAME THING, BUT THEN THEY'RE ALSO SEPARATE THINGS. SO THIS WEIRD WORD, MODALISM, OR THE ONENESS DOCTRINE DENIES THAT. IT SAYS THAT NO, THEY ARE SEPARATE, COMPLETELY SEPARATE. WELL, THAT GOES AGAINST THE BIBLE. AND AS YOU SAID EARLIER, IT'S SOMETHING DIFFICULT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND. AND SOMETIMES I HAVE TO ANSWER THIS WITH DEUTERONOMY 29:29. THE SECRET THINGS BELONG TO THE LORD. OUR FINITE MINDS CANNOT UNDERSTAND OUR INFINITE GOD.

>> EXACTLY. AMEN.

>> THANKS SO MUCH FOR BEING WITH US TODAY. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK ALL RELIGIOUS TEACHING, INCLUDING OURS, AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO SEE IF THE THINGS ARE TRUE. FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF. IF YOU'D LIKE TO WATCH OR LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAM AGAIN, YOU'LL HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THE SCRIPTURES. AND WE'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT. YOU CAN GET TO OUR PROGRAM FROM OUR WEBSITE, FROM ANY OF OUR APPS, PODCAST, YOUTUBE, OR FACEBOOK. HAVE A QUESTION? CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. REMEMBER, WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY