

>> 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 A SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF OUR SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT 1ST CORINTHIANS 15:29, WHERE WE READ ABOUT A BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD. WE'LL BREAK THAT DOWN IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS. SO GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO 1ST CORINTHIANS 15. I'LL MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, WE'LL HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN WILL BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT DOCTRINE VERSUS OPINION. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT SLEEPING LIKE A BABY. THEN FREDDIE CLAYTON SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE DISCUSSING THEIR BEST PARENTING ADVICE. IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN: WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUNG CHILDREN THAT DIE? WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLES OPENED UP TO 1ST CORINTHIANS 15, WHERE WE READ VERSE 29: OTHERWISE, WHAT WILL THEY DO WHO ARE BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD IF THE DEAD DO NOT RISE AT ALL? WHY THEN ARE THEY BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD?

>> (SINGING)

>> OUR PASSAGE FOR TODAY COMES FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS. AND IN HIS LETTERS TO THIS CHURCH, HE CORRECTS MORE ERROR THAN ANY OTHER EPISTLE. AND IN CHAPTER 15, HE'S DEALING WITH THE ERROR ABOUT THE RESURRECTION. IF WE GO BACK TO VERSE NUMBER 12, WE'LL SEE THE PROBLEM THEY'RE DEALING WITH: HOW DO SOME AMONG YOU SAY THAT THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD? SO APPARENTLY, THERE'S SOME PEOPLE THAT THOUGHT THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS A RESURRECTION. PAUL GOES ON TO SHOW THROUGH VERSE 19 THE LOGICAL PROGRESSION OF JUST WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IF THERE WAS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. SO FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT, LET'S ASSUME WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THERE BEING NO RESURRECTION IS TRUE. HERE'S WHAT WOULD LOGICALLY FOLLOW. VERSE NUMBER 13, IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. THAT'S A FALSE PREMISE, A FALSE STARTING POINT. NOW LET'S SEE WHERE THAT TAKES US. WELL, IF THERE'S NO RESURRECTION, THEN JESUS WASN'T RAISED FROM THE DEAD. AND THAT'S A VERY MAJOR POINT HERE IN CHAPTER 15, THAT JESUS WASN'T RAISED FROM THE DEAD IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION. REMEMBER THAT. AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE'VE BEEN LYING TO YOU, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN PREACHING TO YOU A RISEN SAVIOR. IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION, JESUS HASN'T ARISEN, AND THERE IS NO RISEN SAVIOR; AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU ARE STILL IN YOUR SINS, BECAUSE EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE GOSPEL IS A LIE. NOW, GOING BACK TO VERSES 3 AND 4, HE GAVE THEM THE BASICS OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, WHICH IS THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS. SO IF THEY SAY THERE'S NO RESURRECTION, THOSE VERY BASIC THINGS ARE GONE; AND AS A RESULT, EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE DONE AS A PART OF YOUR CHRISTIANITY IS A COMPLETE WASTE, AND YOU ARE

IN A PITIFUL SITUATION. WE GET TO VERSE NUMBER 20. JESUS IS DESCRIBED AS THE FIRSTFRUIT OF THE RESURRECTION. THAT'S A SYMBOLIC FIRST THAT POINTS TO THE RESURRECTIONS TO COME. YOU SEE, JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD IS PROOF TO US THAT THERE IS INDEED A RESURRECTION; AND THAT PROVIDES US HOPE THAT WE CAN BE RESURRECTED, TOO. AND THAT'S THE WHOLE ARGUMENT THAT HE'S BEEN MAKING HERE IN CHAPTER 15. AND WE GET TO OUR TEXT, VERSE 29, THAT IS SO OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD: OTHERWISE, WHAT WILL THEY DO WHO ARE BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD IF THE DEAD DO NOT RISE AT ALL? WHY THEN ARE THEY BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD? YOU SEE, VERSE 29 ASSUMES THAT JESUS DIDN'T RAISE FROM THE DEAD. THAT'S THE POINT HE'S MAKING: IF THERE IS NO RESURRECTION, AS SOME OF YOU CLAIM BACK IN VERSE 12, THEN YOU WERE BAPTIZED FOR A DEAD PERSON. TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT PAUL, RESTATES THE FALSE PREMISE, THAT FALSE STARTING POINT: IF THE DEAD DO NOT RISE AT ALL. AND IN THIS QUESTION, HE'S WANTING US TO COME TO THE CONCLUSION, THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND IT DOESN'T. AND WE CAN GO BACK TO THE LOGICAL PROGRESSION FROM VERSES 12 THROUGH VERSE 19. WHY DOES HE ASK THIS QUESTION? WHY DOES HE BRING THIS UP? HE'S BEING VERY EMPHATIC ON THE POINT. THE QUESTION HE ASKED IN VERSE 29 IS TO REEMPHASIZE THE POINT THAT HE'S MADE FOR US. SO AS WE TRY TO UNDERSTAND THIS PASSAGE, I CAN'T SAY IT STRONGLY ENOUGH: CONTEXT IS CRITICAL. YOU HEAR THAT TIME AND TIME AGAIN ON THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THESE WHAT SOME PEOPLE REFER TO AS DIFFICULT PASSAGES. YOU SEE, WHEN YOU TAKE A PASSAGE OUT OF CONTEXT, IT LEADS TO FALSE CONCLUSIONS. FOR INSTANCE, BACK IN VERSE 14, IT SAYS, CHRIST IS NOT RISEN. WELL, YOU TAKE THAT OUT OF CONTEXT, IT BECOMES A LIE. BUT YOU SEE, IN CONTEXT, THAT VERSE ITSELF IS JUST RESTATING THAT FALSE PREMISE, THAT FALSE STARTING POINT TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT CHRIST HAS INDEED RISEN. AND WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD TODAY. THAT WAS A LOGICAL TOOL THAT PAUL WAS USING TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A RESURRECTION. TO TRY AND COME UP WITH SOME IDEA OF BEING BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD, THAT'S TAKING THAT VERSE TOTALLY OUT OF ITS CONTEXT. THERE IS JUST ONE BAPTISM TODAY, EPHESIANS 4:4. THAT BAPTISM WAS COMMANDED IN MARK 16:15-16, THAT WAS COMMANDED IN MATTHEW 28:18-20, THAT WAS COMMANDED IN ACTS 2:38, COMMANDED IN ACTS 22:16. AND THAT BAPTISM NOW SAVES US, 1ST PETER 3:21. AND THAT IS GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. WELL, IT'S TIME FOR US TO HEAD OVER TO THE WORKSHOP, WHERE TROY SPRADLIN WILL BE REPAIRING OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT DOCTRINE VERSUS OPINION.

>> WHEN IT COMES TO RELIGIOUS MATTERS, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WITH A VARIETY OF EXTREME OPINIONS. NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE OPINIONS SOMETIMES RESULT IN CONFUSION CONCERNING WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS. THERE ARE ALSO TIMES WHEN AN OPINION CAN TURN INTO A TEST OF FELLOWSHIP FOR SOME PEOPLE, MEANING THAT UNLESS YOU AGREE WITH THEIR VIEWPOINT, YOU CAN'T BE A PART OF THEIR GROUP THAT HOLDS THAT OPINION; AND SO THEY WIND UP MAKING THEIR OPINION CARRY THE SAME AMOUNT OF WEIGHT AS BIBLE DOCTRINE. SO IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOCTRINE AND OPINION? WELL, WHY DON'T WE REPAIR OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THIS TOPIC THROUGH THE LENS OF SCRIPTURE? AND FIRST, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DOCTRINE IS. IN JOHN 7:16, WE READ, JESUS ANSWERED THEM AND SAID, MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS WHO SENT ME. NOW, IF YOU LOOK IN THIS VERSE IN SOME OTHER BIBLE VERSION, YOU MIGHT FIND IT RENDERED AS, MY

TEACHING IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS WHO SENT ME. THAT'S BECAUSE THE WORD DOCTRINE HERE LITERALLY MEANS INSTRUCTION OR TEACHING. AND IT WAS THAT TEACHING THAT GUIDED THE CHURCH IN ITS INFANCY in PASSAGES LIKE ACTS 2:42 THAT SAYS, AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND IN PRAYERS. YOU SEE, THEIR TEACHING HAD AUTHORITY BECAUSE IT WAS GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, ACCORDING TO 2ND PETER 1:20-21. IN 2ND THESSALONIANS 2:15 AND 3:4, PAUL AFFIRMS THAT THE APOSTLES' TEACHING CAN BE IN THE FORM OF COMMANDS AND TRADITIONS THAT MUST BE ADHERED TO BECAUSE THEY HAVE DIVINE AUTHORITY TO MANDATE IT. SO DOCTRINE THEN PERTAINS TO THINGS THAT JESUS AND THE APOSTLES TAUGHT, MANY OF WHICH ARE OBLIGATIONS AND PATTERNS THAT ALL CHRISTIANS MUST KEEP AND FOLLOW. NOW, SECONDLY, DOCTRINE CAN ALSO BE EQUATED TO GOD'S WILL. IN PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS, HE WROTE, HOLDING FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD AS HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT, THAT HE MAY BE ABLE BY SOUND DOCTRINE BOTH TO EXHORT AND CONVICT THOSE WHO CONTRADICT, TITUS 1:9. YOU SEE, SOUND DOCTRINE MEANS THAT TEACHING IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND IT'S GROUNDED IN SCRIPTURE. IT ALSO IMPLIES THAT THERE IS DOCTRINE THAT EXISTS WHICH IS NOT GOOD AND SOUND. SO PAUL IS EXHORTING TITUS TO MAINTAIN AND ADHERE TO THE PATTERN OF BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES AND TENETS OF THE FAITH AND THE INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMANDS THAT WERE LAID DOWN BY THE INSPIRED MEN OF GOD WHO GUIDED THE CHURCH IN FULFILLING GOD'S WILL. NOW, THIRDLY, OPINION ENTERS INTO THE PICTURE WHEN WE HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO CARRY OUT THOSE COMMANDS AND TRADITIONS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE BIBLE. WHILE WE HAVE DIRECT COMMANDS AND EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW, WHICH WE CAN BE CERTAIN ARE ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL, HOW WE FULFILL THOSE COMMANDS SOMETIMES REQUIRES A JUDGMENT CALL ON OUR PART. HERE'S ONE EXAMPLE FOR YOU: WE KNOW THAT WE ARE TO PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EVERY FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM ACCORDING TO ACTS 20:7 AND 1ST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 11. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXACTLY HOW WE ARE TO DISTRIBUTE OR PARTAKE OF THE ELEMENTS PERTAINING THAT MEMORIAL FEAST. DO WE ALL GATHER AROUND A TABLE OR HAVE THE ELEMENTS BROUGHT TO US? DO WE USE ONE CUP OR MULTIPLE CUPS? ARE WE TO STAND OR SIT OR KNEEL? MUST IT HAPPEN BEFORE THE SERMON OR AFTER THE SERMON? SO YOU SEE, WE HAVE TO MAKE A FEW JUDGMENT CALLS CONCERNING HOW WE'RE GOING TO FULFILL THE COMMAND OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER DURING WORSHIP. NOW, AS A RESULT, THERE ARE SOME CONGREGATIONS WHO WILL DECIDE TO DO IT ONE WAY, AND OTHER CONGREGATIONS MAY CHOOSE TO DO IT ANOTHER WAY; BUT IN EVERY CASE, IT'S A MATTER OF OPINION OR A JUDGMENT CALL ON HOW TO FULFILL THE COMMAND PROPERLY. AND IT'S THESE TYPES OF JUDGMENT CALLS WHICH ARE SIMPLY ONE'S OPINION ABOUT HOW TO EFFECTUATE A DIVINE COMMAND THAT CAN TURN INTO A MATTER OF CONTENTION OR EVEN CAUSE DIVISION AND BECOME THOSE TESTS OF FELLOWSHIP. I STILL THINK THAT THOMAS CAMPBELL HAD THE RIGHT IDEA WHENEVER HE WROTE, IN MATTERS OF FAITH, UNITY; IN MATTERS OF OPINION, LIBERTY; IN ALL THINGS, LOVE. AND HE'S SO RIGHT. YOU SEE, AS LONG AS A CHURCH ISN'T CHANGING THE COMMAND BY ADDING TO OR TAKING AWAY FROM IT, THEN THOSE JUDGMENT CALLS SHOULD NEVER BECOME A SOURCE OF DIVISION AMONG THE BODY OF CHRIST. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

>> LET'S BE SURE TO KEEP THAT DISTINCTION CLEAR AND CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR THE DOCTRINE, JUDE 3, BUT HAVE LIBERTY IN MATTERS OF OPINION, ROMANS 14. 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 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 AND WE WON'T PESTER YOU WITH SOLICITATIONS. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. WE'D LOVE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, AND WE MAY DO SO DURING OUR PROGRAM. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. JIM DEARMAN IS GOING TO JOIN 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 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 AT GNTTV.ORG. JUST CLICK WHERE IT SAYS BIBLE COURSE, FILL OUT THAT INFORMATION, AND WE'LL MAIL IT TO YOU. ONE WAY THAT PEOPLE LISTEN TO GOOD NEWS TODAY ON TRUTH.FM, LISTEN TO IT IN THE CAR WHILE THEY'RE TRAVELING FROM PLACE TO PLACE. YOU CAN LISTEN TO IT, SHORT SEGMENTS; WHEN YOU GET WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU'VE HEARD A COMPLETE MESSAGE. GIVE IT A TRY, TRUTH.FM. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT SLEEPING LIKE A BABY.

>> ARE YOU SLEEPING LIKE A BABY EVERY NIGHT? WELL, BUY OUR NEW MARBLE MATTRESS, AND WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP FOR AS LONG AS YOU OWN IT, OR YOUR MONEY BACK. EVER HEAR SUCH A COMMERCIAL APPEAL? OF COURSE NOT. PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS KNOW THAT CONSUMERS WANT COMFORT, NOT PAIN. THAT'S WHY CARS ARE ADVERTISED AS QUIET WITH A SMOOTH RIDE; CLOTHES ARE PROMOTED AS NOT ONLY GOOD LOOKING, BUT COMFORTABLE. WE WANT COMFORT. YET MOST PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE FORGETTING ABOUT THE ULTIMATE COMFORT THAT AWAITS THE TRUE FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST WHEN THIS LIFE IS OVER. IT'S IRONIC THAT THE WORLD IS SO CAUGHT UP IN THE CRAZE FOR COMFORT NOW WHILE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR AN ETERNITY OF PAIN AND PUNISHMENT LATER. HEAVEN IS REAL, AND IT IS A PLACE OF COMFORT BEYOND COMPARE OR COMPREHENSION; BUT HELL IS JUST AS REAL, AND IT IS A PLACE OF PAIN AND PUNISHMENT BEYOND COMPREHENSION. THINK ABOUT IT: FOR WHICH COMFORT SHOULD WE BE STRIVING?

>> I WOULD ADD TO WHAT JIM SAID THAT THERE IS TRUE PEACE WHEN WE'RE HEADED FOR HEAVEN. THANKS FOR THOSE THOUGHTS, JIM. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE ANY OF OUR SEGMENTS OR PAST PROGRAMS, YOU CAN SEE THEM ON OUR WEBSITE. JUST CLICK ON ARCHIVED AND CURRENT PROGRAMS ON THE BLACK BAR AT THE TOP. WE ALSO HAVE AN APP FOR YOUR PHONE. JUST GO TO THE APP

STORE, DOWNLOAD IT FOR FREE. WE HAVE A CHANNEL AVAILABLE FOR BOTH ROKU AND APPLE TV. YOU CAN ALSO HEAR GOOD NEWS TODAY ON TRUTH.FM. YOU CAN START OFF EVERY DAY WITH GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME PODCAST. SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN LISTEN TO GOOD NEWS TODAY WHENEVER YOU WANT. NOW, FREDDIE CLAYTON JOINS BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE GIVING OUT THEIR BEST PARENTING ADVICE IN FABRIC OF FAMILY.

>> FREDDIE CLAYTON, SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK ON THIS SHORT SEGMENT OF FABRIC OF FAMILY. I WANT TO KIND OF PICK YOUR BRAIN A BIT AND SEE WHAT YOUR THOUGHTS ARE REGARDING PARENTING, BUT SPECIFICALLY ADVICE. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO GIVE US ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO DO THIS OR DO THAT; AND IN PARENTING, ALSO WE GET A LOT OF ADVICE; SOMETIMES IT'S HELPFUL, SOMETIMES IT'S NOT REALLY HELPFUL. BUT IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, WHAT IS MAYBE THE BEST ADVICE - AND I KNOW YOU'VE RECEIVED A LOT OF GOOD ADVICE, BUT WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE BEST ADVICE THAT SOMEONE HAS EVER GIVEN ME REGARDING MY PARENTING?

>> I'D SAY - AND THIS IS BY OBSERVATION. I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE EVER ACTUALLY RECEIVED IT FROM SOMEBODY, MAYBE HEARD SOMETHING ALONG THE LINE IN A SERMON, BUT IT'S BE HONEST WITH YOUR KIDS. WHEN YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, THEN YOU OWN UP TO IT, YOU ADMIT THAT YOU ARE WRONG.

>> DOES THAT SHOW WEAKNESS ON OUR PART?

>> IT ACTUALLY SHOWS STRENGTH. IT ACTUALLY SHOWS THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU'RE NOT PERFECT. AND OF COURSE, ONE OF THE TRAGEDIES I THINK OF POOR CHILDREN SOMETIMES IS THAT THEY ARE LED TO BELIEVE THAT PARENTS DON'T MAKE MISTAKES, THAT ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE HONEST; AND THEN WHEN THEY REALIZE THEIR PARENTS ARE NOT AND THAT ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE NOT WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE, THEN IT CAN HAVE A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON THEM, BECAUSE IT SOMETIMES WILL SEEM AS THOUGH REALLY NOBODY'S TRYING. BUT THE BEST THAT YOU CAN DO AS A PARENT IS BE HONEST WITH THEM, TELL THEM YOU JUMPED THE GUN ON A MATTER, YOU OVEREXERTED YOUR AUTHORITY IN A MATTER, YOU WENT OVERBOARD IN YOUR PUNISHMENT OF THEM. AND OF COURSE, THAT'S SIMPLY RECOGNIZING YOUR OWN FRAILTY AS A PARENT, THAT YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING, THAT YOU'RE JUST LEARNING AS YOU GO ALONG, TOO, BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN THE POSITION THAT YOU'RE IN NOW, RAISING KIDS. YOU'VE BEEN ON THE CHILD SIDE OF IT, BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS POSITION, SO YOU'RE DOING THE BEST YOU CAN. AND ALL OF US KNOW THAT IF WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN, WHEN WE DO MAKE A MISTAKE, THE BEST THING FOR US TO DO IS SAY I MADE A MISTAKE AND I'M SORRY.

>> YOU KNOW, THAT OLD SITCOM I THINK ABOUT, HAPPY DAYS, AND YOU HAD THAT CHARACTER, FONZIE.

>> YES.

>> AND HOW FONZIE WOULD ALWAYS, WHEN HE WAS PRESENTED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING THAT HE WAS WRONG, HE'D SAY I WAS W-W, AND HE COULDN'T GET THE WORDS OUT.

>> EXACTLY.

>> AND I THINK THAT'S TRUE. AS PARENTS SOMETIMES, WE HAVE THAT DIFFICULTY AS WELL. BUT I THINK THE SUBJECT OF HUMILITY IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN. AND WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT ADMITTING WRONGDOING OR WE MADE A MISTAKE, DOES THAT NOT TEACH HUMILITY?

>> OH, ABSOLUTELY. IT'S RECOGNIZING THAT WE'RE ALL IN THE PROCESS OF GROWING. I MEAN, WE'RE GROWING PHYSICALLY, AND WE DON'T REALLY HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT VERY MUCH. WE JUST WANT TO GROW. BUT AS IT RELATES TO GROWING EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY ESPECIALLY, THEN THAT TAKES FORETHOUGHT AND PLANNING. AND SO WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN. AND REALLY, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THAT'S ALL THAT GOD EVEN EXPECTS OUT OF US, IS TO DO WHAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO, RECOGNIZING OUR FAILURES AND DOING BETTER FROM THEN ON.

>> BECAUSE WE'RE KIND OF SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR THEM AS THEY GROW; AND IF THEY SEE IN US OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACKNOWLEDGE WRONGDOING, WOULD THAT NOT ALSO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THE SAME.

>> ABSOLUTELY. YOU KNOW, WHEN I KNOW THAT I'VE DONE SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG, I FEEL ASHAMED THAT I BROUGHT SHAME AND REPROACH UPON GOD. NOW, THAT SAME TYPE OF FEELING A CHILD SHOULD FEEL WHEN HE DOES SOMETHING THAT'S CONTRARY TO WHAT HIS PARENTS WANT HIM TO DO. IT HURTS THE PARENT TO SEE HIM GO THROUGH IT, BUT HUMILITY WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A PART OF GROWING UP.

>> GOOD ADVICE. I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING TIME TO SHARE THAT WITH US TODAY. AND ALL PARENTS CERTAINLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING WRONGDOING. WE EXPECT OUR CHILDREN TO; WE SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE AND ALSO BE WILLING TO DO THE SAME.

>> AMEN.

>> THANKS A LOT.

>> SPECIAL THANKS TO BOTH BARRY AND FREDDIE FOR THAT EXCELLENT ADVICE. IF YOU EVER HAVE A QUESTION YOU'D LIKE TO ASK US, WE'RE READY TO OPEN UP THE BIBLE TO GIVE YOU AN ANSWER. SEND US A LETTER OR AN EMAIL WITH YOUR QUESTION, AND WE'LL GET YOU THAT ANSWER. WE MAY EVEN ANSWER IT DURING OUR PROGRAM. IF YOU LISTEN TO PODCASTS, WE'VE GOT GREAT NEWS FOR YOU: GOOD NEWS TODAY HAS THREE DIFFERENT PODCASTS. THERE IS A NEW EPISODE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIME THAT COMES OUT EVERY MORNING AND IS A GREAT WAY TO START YOUR DAY IN THE WORD OF GOD. WE ALSO HAVE A WEEKLY PROGRAM CALLED GOOD NEWS TODAY WEEKLY, AND ANOTHER PODCAST ENTITLED SOUND WORDS WITH JIM DEARMAN. ALL OF THESE PODCASTS ARE AVAILABLE WHEREVER YOU GET YOUR PODCASTS. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO GUYTON MONTGOMERY AND TROY SPRADLIN.

>> NOW WE HAVE A VERY SERIOUS AND SOBERING BIBLE QUESTION FOR GUYTON AND TROY, ONE THAT BRINGS OUT SOME PAINFUL EMOTIONS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED IT. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU, AND WE HOPE THAT THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION HELPS BRING YOU SOME COMFORT. WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUNG CHILDREN THAT DIE?

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

>> WHAT'S THE QUESTION TODAY, GUYTON?

>> IF YOU COULD GO BACK AND BE A CHILD AGAIN, WOULD YOU?

>> I THINK I WOULD, BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY THINGS I'D LIKE TO DO AGAIN THAT I JUST CAN'T DO NOW.

>> I JUST WANT THE ENERGY.

>> THAT'S MY WHOLE POINT RIGHT THERE.

>> MAN, ON SUNDAY, I SEE THESE LITTLE KIDS, AND THEY JUST RUN ALL AROUND, AND I'M LIKE, MAN, I WISH I HAD THE ENERGY.

>> WOULDN'T THAT BE GREAT?

>> YOU KNOW, YOUTHFULNESS AND CHILDREN ARE JUST REALLY A GREAT BLESSING FROM THE LORD, THE BIBLE TELLS US.

>> AMEN.

>> AND A QUESTION IS ASKED TODAY THAT MAYBE TO SOME PEOPLE MIGHT BE DISTURBING TO THINK ABOUT, BUT IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUNG CHILDREN THAT DIE. AND THE QUESTION IN PARTICULAR SAYS, DO SOULS OF THE ONES THAT HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY HEAD TO ABRAHAM'S BOSOM? HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY THIS WITH LUKE 16:19-31 AND ECCLESIASTES 12:7 AND FOLLOWING? AS FAR AS TO ANSWER IT, AND I DON'T WANT TO TRY AND SOUND SMART-ALECKY. I NEVER TRY TO DO THAT, BECAUSE EVERY QUESTION IS A GOOD QUESTION. BUT I WOULD JUST SAY THAT IT'S GOING TO GO TO THE SAME PLACE THAT EVERY SOUL DIES. THERE IS NO DISTINCTION IN SCRIPTURE. ALL WE HAVE IS LUKE 16. AND THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT HELPS ME KNOW THIS, IS BECAUSE IN LUKE CHAPTER 16, IT'S TOLD TO US THEN THE EXPLANATION THAT THE SOULS GO TO THE HADEAN REALM. AND THERE'S TWO PLACES THERE: THERE'S THE PLACE OF TORMENT, BUT THERE'S ALSO THE PLACE OF PARADISE CALLED ABRAHAM'S BOSOM. AND SO IF THEY'RE NOT OF THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY - AND THAT'S KIND OF A WHOLE OTHER QUESTION, THEN THEY WOULD BE IN WHAT WE REFER TO AS A SAFE CONDITION, AND SO THEY WOULD GO TO THE SAME PLACE OF ABRAHAM'S BOSOM. NOW, AS FAR AS THE ECCLESIASTES 12:7 AND FOLLOWING, IT TALKS ABOUT THE IDEA OF THE BODY RETURNING TO THE EARTH.

>> YEAH. IT SAYS, THEN THE DUST WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH AS IT WAS, AND THE SPIRIT WILL RETURN TO GOD WHO GAVE IT, WHICH KIND OF GIVES THE ANSWER RIGHT THERE.

>> YEAH. WELL, AND THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF IS IF MAYBE THEY THOUGHT MAYBE IN THAT SITUATION, THE SPIRIT'S GOING DIRECTLY TO GOD.

>> OH, INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE HADEAN REALM?

>> BUT I WOULD SAY THAT THAT'S ACTUALLY APPLICABLE TO ALL PEOPLE IN ECCLESIASTES 12; AND SO RETURNING TO GOD IS THAT AWAITING PLACE IN THE HADEAN REALM THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY. SO WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE THAT ARE NOT TO THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY? THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENS TO THOSE THAT ARE OF THE AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR LUKE 16 AND ECCLESIASTES 12 FOR BEING ABLE TO GIVE US THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE.

>> AMEN.

>> TO THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE SUFFERED IN THIS WAY, YOU HAVE OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO BE ABLE TO JOIN THEM. AND THAT WE FIND IN THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH IS WHY WE ALWAYS ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK EVERYTHING YOU HEAR ABOUT RELIGIOUS MATTERS AGAINST THE SCRIPTURES LIKE THEY DID IN BEREA IN ACTS 17:11. IF YOU NEED TO WATCH OR LISTEN TO OUR PROGRAM AGAIN, YOU CAN HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELF. WE HAVE OUR TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR APPS OR OUR WEBSITE, OR YOU CAN HEAR IT AGAIN ON OUR WEBSITES, THE APPS, OR THE 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.

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY