

>> 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 LINEUP. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, AND THAT CONSISTS OF A SCRIPTURE READING, BEAUTIFUL SINGING, AND A BRIEF STUDY OF THAT SCRIPTURE. TODAY WE'LL BE LOOKING AT HEBREWS 13:5-6, A PASSAGE THAT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD BEING OUR HELPER. GET OUT YOUR BIBLES, TURN TO HEBREWS 13. I'M GOING TO MEET YOU THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. FOLLOWING OUR DEVOTIONAL TIME, JOE GUY JOINS US, AND HE'S TEACHING US ANOTHER TRUTH FROM THE TIMELESS TEXT. HE'S HELPING US UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS ON OUR BATTLEFIELD. JIM DEARMAN WILL JOIN US WITH SOME SOUND WORDS ABOUT STEEL AND VELVET. WE'LL SEE WHAT THAT'S ABOUT IN JUST A MOMENT. KEE FORD SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ROLES WITHIN THE HOME IN FABRIC OF FAMILY. CHAD DOLLAHITE JOINS US FOR JUST A MINUTE, AND HE'S HELPING US UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS THAT THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD. AND IN OUR FINAL SEGMENT, WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR ANTHONY DISMUKE AND TROY SPRADLIN: IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, WHY DO YOU BOTHER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GOD'S HELP IN OUR LIVES TODAY, WHICH SHOULD BE A GREAT COMFORT TO ALL OF US. WELL, I HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR BIBLE OPENED UP TO HEBREWS CHAPTER 13, WHERE WE READ BEGINNING IN VERSE 5, LET YOUR CONDUCT BE WITHOUT COVETOUSNESS; BE CONTENT WITH SUCH THINGS AS YOU HAVE. FOR HE HIMSELF HAS SAID, I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. SO WE MAY BOLDLY SAY: THE LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT FEAR. WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?

>> (SINGING)

>> THE BOOK OF HEBREWS WAS ADDRESSED TO HEBREW CHRISTIANS WHO WERE AT RISK OF FALLING AWAY. THEY HAD THE POTENTIAL TO NEGLECT THEIR SALVATION, AS HE WARNS ABOUT IN HEBREWS 2:1-3. SO THIS IS A LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO TEACH THEM. AND THROUGHOUT THE BOOK, HE'S EXPLAINING WHY THE NEW TESTAMENT SYSTEM IS BETTER THAN WHAT THEY HAD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. OUR PASSAGE UNDER CONSIDERATION TELLS US THAT WE NEED TO BE CONTENT WITHOUT COVETOUSNESS. THAT WORD COVETOUSNESS, FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY. 1ST TIMOTHY 6:10 WARNS US ABOUT THAT, THAT THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL. AND WE NEED TO BE CONTENT, SATISFIED AND THANKFUL THAT OUR NEEDS ARE BEING MET; NOT WHINING ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T HAVE, BUT THANKFUL FOR WHAT WE DO. AND THEN HE QUOTES A PASSAGE FROM JOSHUA 1:5, I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. PSALM 139 TEACHES US THAT WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM GOD, EVEN IF WE WANTED TO. HE IS THERE FOR US. HE IS AS SURE AS GRAVITY, AS THE SUN RISING IN THE EAST EVERY MORNING. HE'S AS PREDICTABLE AS THE ASPECTS OF HIS CREATION. THEY'RE EVIDENCE OF HIS FAITHFULNESS. AND HE SAID, I WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU. THAT'S A POWERFUL PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE, THAT OUR ALL-KNOWING, ALL-POWERFUL, EVER-PRESENT, AND EVER-FAITHFUL GOD HAS PROMISED TO BE THERE FOR US. OUR JOB IS TO DO THE THINGS HE COMMANDED US TO DO TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. JOHN 8:31, IF YOU ABIDE IN MY WORD, YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES INDEED. JAMES 1:22, BE DOERS OF THE WORD, NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES. YOU SEE, WE NEED TO PRAY LIKE JESUS IN LUKE 22:42, NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS BE DONE. TRUST IN HIM. HE WANTS TO HELP US. HE KNOWS BETTER THAN I DO WHAT'S BEST FOR ME. AND ONCE YOU'VE DONE WHAT

YOU CAN DO, LET GO, AND THEN LET GOD. AND HE PROMISES TO BE OUR HELPER. HE'S GOT THAT PROMISE TO KEEP. HE'S GOING TO KEEP THAT PROMISE. BUT YOU NEED TO DO YOUR PART. LET GO AND LET GOD. AND HIS HELP COMES TO US IN DIFFERENT FORMS. IT COULD BE THROUGH OTHERS, IT COULD BE THROUGH HIS CHURCH, IT COULD BE THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGING. OFTENTIMES HE HELPS US IN A WAY THAT WE DIDN'T EXPECT OR FORESEE. SOMETIMES THAT ANSWER IS NO, AND WE NEED TO ACCEPT THAT ANSWER AND TRUST GOD. HE SAYS, I WILL NOT FEAR. WHY NOT? WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME? WHEN WE'RE IN GOOD STANDING WITH GOD, WE'RE GOING TO HEAVEN, PERIOD. THERE IS NOTHING THAT ANYONE OR ANYTHING CAN DO TO TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU. NOW, YOU CAN TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOURSELF BY NEGLECTING YOUR FAITH OR DRIFTING AWAY, LIKE HE WARNED IN CHAPTER 2, VERSES 1 THROUGH 3, BUT NOBODY CAN TAKE IT FROM YOU. AND ONCE WE GET TO HEAVEN, WE'RE THERE ETERNALLY, AND NOBODY CAN TAKE HEAVEN AWAY FROM US. WHEN WE HAVE THAT ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, THE TROUBLES OF THIS WORLD GET A WHOLE LOT SMALLER, GET A WHOLE LOT EASIER TO DEAL WITH. WE NEED TO TRUST GOD. HE'S PROMISED TO TAKE CARE OF US, SO WE NEED TO LET GO AND LET HIM DO HIS THING. HE'S PROMISED TO HELP US, BUT WE'VE GOT TO STAY OUT OF HIS WAY, ALLOW HIM TO DO WHAT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO. THESE BLESSINGS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL THAT ARE FAITHFUL TO HIM. BUT WHO ARE THE FAITHFUL? WELL, THOSE ARE CONFESSING BELIEVERS THAT ARE PENITENT, ACTS 2:38, AND HAVE HAD THEIR SINS WASHED AWAY IN BAPTISM, ACTS 22:16, AND CONTINUE TO WALK IN THE LIGHT, 1ST JOHN 1:6-10. THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE FAITHFUL ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, NOT MAN'S OPINION. IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE THOSE THINGS, YOU CAN DO THEM TODAY AND ALLOW GOD TO BE YOUR HELPER AND FULFILL ALL THOSE GREAT PROMISES. IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE THEM, THOSE PROMISES ARE NOT YET YOURS. BUT REALIZE, YOU CAN DO IT AND BE HIS TODAY. AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY. WELL, IT'S TIME TO HEAD OVER TO THE PASTIME PORCH, WHERE JOE GUY IS WAITING FOR US WITH ANOTHER TRUTH FROM THE TIMELESS TEXT. GOD IS ON OUR BATTLEFIELD.

>> SAY, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD PEOPLE SAY ABOUT A PROBLEM THEY'RE HAVING THAT I'M JUST GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO THE LORD? IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK THEY CAN JUST SIT BACK AND LET GOD JUST TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING OR THAT GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF A PROBLEM THE WAY THAT THEY THINK THAT HE SHOULD. I HAVE A GOOD FRIEND WHO WILL OFTEN SAY VERY WISELY THAT GOD WILL FIGHT YOUR BATTLES FOR YOU, BUT HE EXPECTS YOU TO BE OUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD. SUCH AN EXAMPLE OF THIS TRUTH IS IN 2ND CHRONICLES 20, WHERE THERE'S A STORY OF KING JEHOASHAPHAT. JEHOASHAPHAT WAS ONE OF THE GOOD KINGS OF JUDAH. AND IN 2ND CHRONICLES 20, HE IS FACING A BIG PROBLEM. THE PEOPLE OF MOAB, THE PEOPLE OF AMMON, AND THE PEOPLE OF MOUNT SEIR HAD ALL BANDED TOGETHER TO INVAD AND DESTROY JUDAH. SO WHAT DOES JEHOASHAPHAT DO? IN VERSE 3, IT SAYS THAT HE FEARED AND SET HIMSELF TO SEEK THE LORD. HE PROCLAIMS A FAST AND GATHERS ALL THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH TOGETHER, EVEN THE LITTLE CHILDREN, AND THEY ALL COME TO SEEK THE LORD. IN VERSES 6 THROUGH 12, JEHOASHAPHAT LEADS THE PEOPLE IN PRAYER TO GOD, NOTING HIS POWER AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR THEM IN THE PAST AND HOW THE PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO BE FAITHFUL AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS THEY'RE FACING; AND THEY RECOMMIT THEIR FAITH IN HIM, KNOWING THAT THEY COULD CRY OUT TO HIM AND HE WOULD HEAR THEM AND SAVE THEM. THEY DIDN'T TELL GOD EXACTLY WHAT THEY THOUGHT HE SHOULD DO; THEY SIMPLY ASKED FOR HIS HELP. IN VERSE 15 COMES GOD'S ANSWER: DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR THIS BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT THE LORD'S. NOW, A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD STOP RIGHT THERE AND SAY, SEE, I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. GOD WILL DO IT ALL FOR ME. BUT WE SEE THAT THAT IS NOT EXACTLY THE CASE. BEGINNING AT VERSE 16, GOD TELLS THE PEOPLE TO GO

OUT AND MEET THE OPPOSING ARMIES. HE TELLS THEM THEY WON'T NEED TO FIGHT, BUT THEY MUST GO OUT, GET INTO FORMATION LIKE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, THEN STAND STILL, HE SAYS, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD. WHAT HAPPENS? BEGINNING AT VERSE 20, IT SAYS THE PEOPLE GOT UP EARLY. AND AS JEHOSEPHAT ENCOURAGED THEM TO BELIEVE, THEY WENT OUT SINGING AND FORMED UP ON THE BATTLEFIELD, OUTNUMBERED BY THE ARMIES THEY FACED. WHAT HAPPENED? WELL, GOD CAUSED THE PEOPLE OF AMMON AND MOAB TO TURN ON AND DESTROY THE PEOPLE FROM MOUNT SEIR, AND THEN THE MOABITES AND THE AMORITES FOUGHT AND DESTROYED EACH OTHER. ALL THE PEOPLE FROM JUDAH FOUND WERE THE DEAD BODIES OF THEIR ENEMIES ALL OVER THE BATTLEFIELD. EVEN THOUGH IT MADE NO SENSE TO GO OUT AGAINST A LARGER ARMY, THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH TRUSTED GOD. THEY DIDN'T SIT BACK BEHIND THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM AND SAY, WELL, LET GOD TAKE CARE OF IT. THEY SOUGHT GOD, LISTENED TO HIM, AND WERE OBEDIENT TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS. THEY WENT OUT ON THE BATTLEFIELD, AND GOD TOOK CARE OF ALL THE REST. GOD'S TIMELESS TEXT TELLS US THAT HE HAS GIVEN US UNDERSTANDING AND ABILITIES AS WELL AS STRENGTH AND WISDOM THAT HE EXPECTS US TO USE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. WE, TOO, SHOULD WALK BRAVELY OUT INTO OUR OWN BATTLES, KNOWING THAT HE IS WITH US. I'M JOE GUY. THANK YOU FOR VISITING.

>> GOD IS ON OUR SIDE, BUT WE MUST JOIN HIM ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THANKS, JOE. ONE WAY THAT YOU CAN BE PRESENT ON THE SPIRITUAL BATTLEFIELD IS TO SPEND TIME STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD. WE OFFER A FREE BIBLE COURSE TO HELP YOU DO THAT VERY THING. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU OUR CONTACT INFORMATION, THEN 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 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 GET 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 CONTAIN EXCELLENT BIBLE LESSONS. TRUTH.FM. NOW HERE'S JIM DEARMAN WITH SOME SOUND WORDS FOR US ABOUT STEEL AND VELVET.

>> THE AMERICAN POET AND BIOGRAPHER, CARL SANDBERG, ONCE PAID TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN A UNIQUE WAY. HE WROTE, QUOTE, NOT OFTEN IN THE STORY OF MANKIND DOES A MAN ARRIVE ON EARTH WHO IS BOTH STEEL AND VELVET, WHO IS AS HARD AS ROCK AND SOFT AS DRIFTING FOG, WHO HOLDS IN HIS HEART AND MIND THE PARADOX OF TERRIBLE STORM AND PEACE UNSPEAKABLE AND PERFECT, END QUOTE. WELL, THOSE WORDS ABOUT LINCOLN MAY HAVE ALREADY SUGGESTED TO YOU THAT ANOTHER BEING ARRIVED ON EARTH LONG AGO WHO WAS BOTH MAN AND GOD AND WHO MANIFESTED A SPIRIT OF STEEL AND VELVET TO PERFECTION. HE DID NOT MINCE WORDS WHEN HE CONDEMNED THE PHARISEES AND HYPOCRITES WHO CONSTANTLY TRIED TO TRICK AND TEMPT HIM. HOWEVER, HE SHOWED TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION TO THOSE HEARTS WHO WERE

OPEN TO THE TRUTH HE CAME TO REVEAL. HIS CHURCH OF CHRIST OVER WHICH HE REIGNS HIS HEAD TODAY MUST EMULATE THAT SAME BEAUTIFUL BIBLICAL BALANCE, NEVER COMPROMISING TRUTH, AND DEMONSTRATING COMPASSION FOR THOSE IN NEED.

>> WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DESCRIPTION OF OUR LORD. THANKS, JIM. WHY NOT KEEP THE INFLUENCE OF GOOD NEWS TODAY HELPING YOU EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK? YOU CAN WATCH OUR PROGRAMS ON DEMAND IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS. WE HAVE APPS FOR YOUR SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS. WE ALSO HAVE APPS FOR THE ROKU, FIRE TV, GOOGLE TV, AND APPLE TV. ALL OF THEM ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE. YOU CAN SEE ENTIRE PROGRAMS OR INDIVIDUAL SEGMENTS FROM ANY OF THOSE APPS. NOW KEE FORD SITS DOWN WITH BARRY GILREATH, AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ROLES WITHIN THE HOME.FABRIC OF FAMILY.

>> KEE, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU WITH US AGAIN ON FABRIC OF FAMILY. AND WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT A QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN RAISED TO US, AND IT DEALS WITH THE FACT, SOMEONE WANTED TO KNOW, DOES THE BIBLE PROHIBIT A WOMAN WHO IS MARRIED FROM WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOME, OR IS SHE ONLY TO FULFILL THAT ROLE WITHIN THE HOME? WOULD IT BE SINFUL FOR HER TO GO OUT AND HAVE A CAREER OR HAVE A JOB OUTSIDE THE HOME? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT? BECAUSE THIS DOES COME UP FROM TIME TO TIME.

>> YOU KNOW, TO SAY SOMETHING IS SINFUL, IT'S GOING TO BE SINFUL WHEREVER IT IS. IF IT WAS 10 YEARS AGO, 100 YEARS AGO, IT'S GOING TO BE SINFUL. AS FOR MY HOME, WE HAVE A BUNCH OF CHILDREN, SO MY WIFE DOESN'T WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME. SHE TAKES CARE OF THE HOME AND SHE TAKES CARE OF THE CHILDREN. SHE DOES THOSE THINGS.

>> SHE'S GOT HER HANDS FULL.

>> YEAH, SHE DEFINITELY HAS HER HANDS FULL. SO WHEN WE LOOK AT IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF, CAN A PERSON PURSUE A CAREER, DO THAT, I DON'T THINK THAT THE BIBLE GOES AGAINST THAT.

>> THERE'S NOTHING THERE THAT SAYS YOU CAN'T DO IT. YOU KNOW, IT JUST EMPHASIZES HOW THAT WE HAVE ROLES WITHIN THE HOME. AND OF COURSE, OVER IN TITUS 2:3 AND FOLLOWING, WE READ THERE CONCERNING HOW THAT THE OLDER WOMEN ARE TO TEACH THE YOUNGER WOMEN TO BE KEEPERS OF THE HOME. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S LIMITED ONLY TO THE HOME. THAT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, THEIR SPIRITUAL OBLIGATION BY GOD. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, AS YOU SAID, THERE'S NOTHING THAT WOULD PROHIBIT SOMEONE FROM DOING BOTH.

>> NOW, I'LL SAY THIS: IF THE SECULAR WORK STARTS TO OVERTAKE THE MOTHER FROM CARING FOR HER CHILDREN AND DOING THESE THINGS THAT THEY'RE BECOMING AN OVERWHELMING THING, YOU KNOW, THAT CAN BE A PROBLEM.

>> YES.

>> AND SO ONE HAS TO BE CAREFUL WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO, THE BALANCE THAT HAS TO BE THERE.

>> YEAH. AND THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE FOR MEN.

>> FOR MEN, TOO.

>> WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HOME. BUT IF THE SECULAR WORK IS HURTING THE FAMILY, THEN THAT WOULD BE WRONG FOR HIM TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME IN THE SECULAR FIELD AND TO NEGLECT HIS DUTIES WITHIN THE HOME. WHAT ABOUT LYDIA IN THE NEW TESTAMENT? LYDIA WAS A SELLER OF PURPLE. WE READ ABOUT HER IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

>> YES, SIR.

>> HERE WAS SOMEONE WHO OBVIOUSLY WORKED OUTSIDE THE HOME. AND SHE HAD PEOPLE LIVING IN HER HOUSEHOLD, BECAUSE WE READ RIGHT AFTER THAT, THAT SHE WAS CONVERTED AND SO WAS HER HOUSEHOLD. I THINK ABOUT THE WORTHY WOMAN IN PROVERBS CHAPTER 31. SHE'S PUT UP ON A PEDESTAL AS BEING AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER WOMEN.

>> SHE WORKED.

>> SHE WORKED. SHE MADE THINGS. AND DOESN'T IT SAY SHE SOLD THEM IN THE MARKETPLACE?

>> YES.

>> AGAIN, I DON'T THINK THAT SOMEONE WOULD BE CORRECT TO DRAW A HARD, FAST LINE AND SAY, YOU KNOW, IF A WOMAN WORKS OUTSIDE THE HOME, THAT'S SINFUL. NO. THAT'S ACTUALLY GOING ABOVE WHAT GOD SAYS IN HIS WORD. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO FULFILL THAT DUTY IN THE HOME.

>> YES. AND I'LL SAY THIS: THE HOME SHOULD BE THE FIRST THING.

>> THE PRIORITY.

>> THE PRIORITY, THE PRIMARY THING. WE DO NEED TO HAVE MORE CHRISTIAN WOMEN LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HOMEMAKER.

>> YES.

>> YOU KNOW, I THINK ABOUT THE FACT SO OFTEN WE GET CONFUSED WITH JUST OUR ROLES, I SHOULD SAY, THE MAN SHOULD JUST GO OUT THERE AND DO YARD WORK, THE WOMAN SHOULD DO THIS. WE HAVE SET THESE THINGS. IN MY HOUSE, I COOK, I CLEAN. MY WIFE DOES THE SAME THING. BUT I BRING UP THAT POINT TO SAY THIS: A LOT OF TIMES, WE HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMING OUR YOUNG WOMEN TO JUST GO OUT THERE AND PURSUE DEGREES AND THINGS LIKE THAT, WHICH IS NOTHING - AGAIN, WE'RE NOT SAYING THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT; BUT WE DO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE GOOD, STRONG CHRISTIAN HOMES.

>> BECAUSE THE ROLE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN BOTH TO MEN AND WOMEN ARE WONDERFUL ROLES AND IMPORTANT ROLES, AND WE NEED TO FULFILL THOSE ROLES. SO I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT OUT AS WELL. WELL, HOPEFULLY, THAT'S HELPED TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION FOR SOME WHO ARE WATCHING OUR PROGRAM TODAY. THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US, KEE.

>> YES, SIR.

>> THANKS, GENTLEMEN. LET'S NOT GO BEYOND WHAT'S WRITTEN EITHER TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT, PROVERBS 4:27. NOW CHAD DOLLAHITE JOINS US

FOR JUST A MINUTE, AND HE'S HELPING US UNDERSTAND WHAT SCRIPTURE MEANS WHEN IT DESCRIBES THE LORD AS A SHEPHERD.

>> MAY I HAVE JUST A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME? A LITTLE BOY GOT UP IN CLASS ONE DAY TO RECITE THE 23RD PSALM FROM MEMORY. HE BEGAN, THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. BUT THEN HE FORGOT WHAT CAME NEXT. SO THE FELLOW THOUGHT IF HE STARTED OVER, IT WOULD HELP. SO HE CONTINUED, THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. STILL NOTHING. SO HE TRIED AGAIN. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, AND HE STILL DIDN'T HAVE IT. FINALLY, THE EXASPERATED LITTLE FELLOW EXCLAIMED, THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, AND THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW. YOU KNOW, THOUGH, ISN'T THAT THE GIST OF PSALM 23? WHEN WE MAKE THE LORD OUR SHEPHERD, WE HAVE ALL WE EVER NEED BOTH IN THIS LIFE AND IN THE NEXT. HE WILL TAKE CARE OF US NOW AND IN ETERNITY. HOWEVER, WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HIMSELF IN JOHN 10:27. HE SAYS, MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME. MANY CLAIM THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, BUT THEY DON'T FOLLOW HIS VOICE. HIS SHEEP, HIS DISCIPLES, IN OTHER WORDS, FOLLOW HIS VOICE HOWEVER. WHEN THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, WELL, THAT TRULY IS ALL I'LL EVER NEED. IS HE YOUR SHEPHERD? I'M CHAD DOLLAHITE, AND THIS IS JUST A MINUTE.

>> WHAT A COMFORTING DESCRIPTION OF OUR LORD. THANKS, CHAD. 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, AND START EVERY DAY WITH A DAILY DOSE OF GOOD NEWS. IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL GIVE OUR BIBLE QUESTION TO ANTHONY DISMUKE AND TROY SPRADLIN.

>> (SINGING)

>> NOW WE HAVE A BIBLE QUESTION FOR ANTHONY AND TROY: IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, WHY DO YOU BOTHER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK?

>> TROY, TODAY WE ARE FACED WITH A QUESTION THAT IS A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TO ONE THAT WE'VE ANSWERED BEFORE; AND DUE TO OUR ANSWER, NOW THEY HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.

>> OKAY. WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

>> THE QUESTION IS, IF WE DON'T BELIEVE IN MIRACLES BEING PERFORMED TODAY AND WE DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT, THEN WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE SICK?

>> OH. WELL, THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. IT'S A QUESTION THAT I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE CONCERNING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, BECAUSE OF WHAT WE SAID IN OUR LAST ONE, BASICALLY TO SMARIZE, IS THAT GOD CAN STILL DO MIRACLES; BUT MIRACLES THAT ARE DONE BY MAN, THOSE DON'T HAPPEN ANYMORE.

>> RIGHT. AND SO TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION AS WE BEGIN, THERE'S A LOT OF REASONS WHY WE PRAY TO GOD, RIGHT? ONE, WE PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE THANKS.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> WE PRAY TO GOD TO GIVE THANKS. 1ST THESSALONIANS 5. 1ST THESSALONIANS 5 TELLS US THAT WE OUGHT TO DO THAT, WE OUGHT TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD. IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS, FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU. SO WE OUGHT TO GIVE THANKS, AND SO WE

PRAY FOR THAT. BUT WE ALSO PRAY TO VENT TO GOD AT TIMES, TO TELL HIM OUR CARES, OUR SORROWS AND THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH. SO WE DO THAT AS WELL. WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THE WELL-BEING OF EACH OTHER. WE ALSO THEN ASK FOR THINGS IN OUR PRAYERS AS WELL. AND LASTLY NOTED, JAMES TELLS US THAT WE ALSO OUGHT TO PRAY FOR THE SICK. SO THAT'S GIVEN AS A COMMAND IN JAMES 5, FOR US TO PRAY FOR THE SICK. SO WE DO THOSE THINGS, RIGHT, BECAUSE THEY ARE GIVEN AS A COMMAND AND BECAUSE WE HAVE HUMAN COMPASSION.

>> AMEN. EXACTLY. SO WHY DO WE PRAY? BECAUSE IT'S A COMMAND, BECAUSE WE HAVE COMPASSION, BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE REASONS YOU LISTED THERE. AND JESUS ALSO GAVE US THAT EXAMPLE OF PRAYER AS WELL. HE PRAYED TO THE FATHER, AND YET HE COULD DO MIRACLES, AND YET HE PRAYED.

>> RIGHT. AND WE ALSO UNDERSTAND AS CHRISTIANS THAT GOD HAS REVEALED UNTO US THAT THE PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AVAILETH MUCH.

>> AVAILETH MUCH, THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

>> THROUGH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

>> THAT'S RIGHT. SO WE HAVE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK. SO THE QUESTION ALSO, I THINK IS SAYING, WELL, YOU'RE ATTRIBUTING HEALING OR ATTRIBUTING COMING BACK FROM BEING SICK AS A MIRACLE. WELL, NO, NOT NECESSARILY. GOD HAS THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS THAT ARE WORKING. AND SO WE STILL NEED TO PRAY. IT MAY NOT BE THE ANSWER THAT YOU WANT, BUT GOD WILL ANSWER OUR PRAYERS. THAT'S WHAT JESUS SAYS, THAT WE PRAY KNOWING THAT HE WILL ANSWER US.

>> RIGHT. AND SO WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH SICK PEOPLE, OR MAYBE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO HAVE SURGERY, PART OF OUR PRAYER IS THAT WE PRAY FOR THE DOCTORS.

>> GOOD POINT, YES.

>> THAT HE WILL BE WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING THE SURGERY. WE PRAY THAT MEDICINES WILL BE EVOLVED TO BE ABLE TO HELP IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. SO IT'S NOT THAT A MIRACLE IS TAKING PLACE; GOD IS USING THOSE DOCTORS, THE MEDICINE, AS INSTRUMENTS TO DO HIS WILL. AND SO THAT'S WHY WE PRAY IN THAT POSITION. GOD IS NOT MOVING THE DOCTOR'S HAND TO DO SOMETHING MIRACULOUS; BUT WE DO PRAY THAT THEY'VE TAKEN THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS AND DONE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAKE SURE THEY'LL BE IN THE BEST CONDITION POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SURGERY OR THAT THE MEDICINE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE REALM OF WHICH IT'S NEEDED.

>> AND AS YOU SAID, EVEN IN THAT SAME BOOK OF JAMES, TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PRAY FOR THE SICK, BEFORE THAT, HE ALSO SAYS THAT WE ARE TO DO THINGS AS GOD WILLS, BECAUSE IT ALL COMES DOWN TO GOD'S WILL.

>> RIGHT. AND ULTIMATELY, THAT'S JUST WHAT IT IS.

>> THAT'S RIGHT. AMEN.

>> GOD CONTINUES TO HELP US TODAY. HE'S NOT GOING TO LEAVE US, BUT HE'S GOING TO CARE FOR US. HE'S AS TENDER AND CARING AS VELVET AND AS STRONG AS STEEL. HE'S OUR SHEPHERD, AND HE ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS PROVIDENTIALLY TODAY. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ALWAYS CHECK ALL RELIGIOUS TEACHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD TO SEE IF THIS IS SO. IF WE TEACH IT OR ANYBODY ELSE, MAKE SURE YOU'RE READING AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS, NOT SOME MAN'S OPINION. IF YOU NEED EXTRA TIME TO CHECK THE SCRIPTURES OF OUR PROGRAM, LISTEN AGAIN. REMEMBER, WE LOVE YOU, WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN.

>> SINGING: GOOD NEWS TODAY