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By Seth Halpern, Editor

‘Erosion’- it’s a term that I have not thought much about until recently. Although I knew what it meant, thanks to the Oroville Dam and Spillway, I have learned more than I ever thought I would about the nation’s tallest dam . The recent spillway failure which caused the displacement of nearly 200 thousand people in a chaotic and uncontrolled evacuation was primarily caused by erosion. Simply put, the spillway was letting out water and the water eroded part of the spillway which caused big problems. With that and the failure of the emergency spillway as well, our lives and our communities went on hold. I know there’s more to it but that’s the gist of it. Soon after the panic and the many hours in

traffic, the blame game began. Who was responsible for this crisis? Why wasn’t it taken care of long ago? Is it safe to come back? Are we sitting ducks? These and many other questions proceeded and are still being discussed as we continue our lives on hold even as I write these words. God is not surprised nor responsible for the crisis but He is always present in our time of difficulty if we choose to seek Him. While we are filled with a combination of emotions from Anxiety to Anger, from Fear to Frustration, there are many lessons to be learned and points to ponder.

As I reflected on this crisis and the erosion, I couldn’t help but see the obvious parallels to other areas of our lives. This may be the latest but not our

only experience with “erosion”.

Our society has been experiencing an “erosion of values” for some time. Morality and values have changed (evolved?) over the past decades and what used to be unthinkable is now the norm in society as illustrated by the political hot buttons of traditional marriage, abortion on demand, religious tolerance and pornography/obscenity/profanity rampant in our media and entertainment, just to name a few. Biblical and Traditional values have been replaced by liberal and secular values. The recent evacuation prompted me (and I’m sure many of us) to consider what is really important and of real value. As we rushed to find some necessities, throw them into the car and find our way out of the area, we and everyone else had to

think about what was most important. What was irreplaceable? Many times, I have watched the news as they interview someone who survived a disaster but lost all their possessions and each time they stated that all they need are their loved ones. Nothing else mattered. Isn’t that the truth.

There is also an “erosion of Trust”. We have heard so many conflicting reports about the dam, evacuations, road closures, etc that we don’t know who to trust. Facebook is full of opinions, accusations and blame, skepticism, cynicism and conspiracy theories. Some say things are safe and others say the dam will fail. Who to believe? Are the leaders and experts

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## ... Involve Me ...

By April James

How often do we rush right into our day, or projects, never giving the Lord a second thought or asking Him what He thinks about what we are planning to do? After all – we planned it so well! Do we ever feel that nudging, nagging feeling inside - not knowing what it's about; or have a fleeting thought that perhaps we should do something different but don't want to entertain a change to our plans; and then trivialize or dismiss the feelings – only later to have regrets at not paying attention to the inner voice?

What if we were given the following challenge, would we accept it?

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*“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water”* (Psalm 63:1)

## The Sun and the Son

By Josh Vanassche

*“He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, not ever will.” (1 Tim 6:16).*

This winter season has been rough for Californians. There has been endless rain. While the rain can be a great blessing, I miss the sun! After weeks of dealing with gray skies and sodden earth, I was relieved when the sun shined on me. As I closed my eyes and lifted my face toward the majestic ball of light, I could feel my face heating up as my body was absorbing the cornucopia of provisions it gave my desperate body. Forgetting the direction to which I was looking I opened my eyes directly into the sun. Suddenly, my head dropped towards the ground as my eyes burned and watered, seeing red and white flashes of light.

According to scientists, the sun provides us many benefits such as vitamins for our skin; promotes wound healing; helps to regulate body temperature, and even eases depression. Beyond that, it takes away gray skies and clears the land from over-saturation. It's obvious that the sun is important to our survival and health; we can't live without it. While it

provides much, it also commands respect. Because we can't look at it directly, we can't describe what exactly this ball of light looks like, and we can't approach it because we would die instantly. We can't describe it and we can't approach it, but we know it provides vital elements for survival and happiness. Perhaps God created the sun in this way as a lesson for us.

While the sun provides for our bodies, God provides for our soul. Although we can't fully describe Him and we cannot physically approach Him, we know he is there. Yet, there are times in our lives when we think he is not there. There are times when we have seemingly endless cloudy or rainy days when we think the sun will never return. However, the sun faithfully rises everyday and provides for all life just like Jesus. Remember that there are times when life needs clouds so the rain can come and the sun, although present, appears to be gone and missed. We sometimes feel that God is gone while the clouds of trouble, despair and depression rain down on us. God uses these moments to remind us of His love and provision and to strengthen our faith, just as the clouds and rain they bring are

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### Prayer Calendar for March 2017

- 7-Mar Missionaries -Fruit, Provision
- 8-Mar Local Schools- Students, teachers, and parents
- 9-Mar War-torn nations- pray for peace & protection especially for civilians
- 10-Mar Children and Children's Ministries
- 11-Mar Flood Victims- pray for provision to rebuild
- 12-Mar Global Persecution-Safety/Courage of Believers
- 13-Mar Local officials and community leaders
- 14-Mar Middle East - For the peace of Jerusalem
- 15-Mar ISIS/Terrorism- pray for wisdom & strong leadership to eradicate it
- 16-Mar Homeless/Poor - Twin Cities Rescue Mission, A Hand Up, Salvation Army
- 17-Mar A Woman's Friend - Unborn children/Pregnant Women
- 18-Mar President Trump- God's Wisdom in decisions & communication
- 19-Mar Christian Businesses-Ambassador Sponsors & others.
- 20-Mar Spring! Pray for new beginnings!
- 21-Mar Singles, Single Parents, Divorce healing
- 22-Mar Orphan children- Samaritan Village (see p. 3) and other orphanages
- 23-Mar First Responders-Police, Firefighters, EMT, TIP
- 24-Mar Local Pastors and their families
- 25-Mar Hollywood- May God to touch influential people
- 26-Mar Sex Trafficking - pray for victims
- 27-Mar Adoptive families & birth moms
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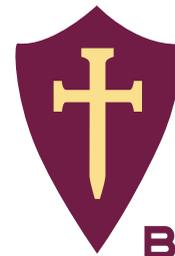


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## Spring—A Time Of New Beginnings

By Dr. Ronald Harden, President  
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Spring has sprung! I am fond of this time of year as our days get longer and more sun-filled. It's also a time of renewal. The planted bulbs bring forth their beautiful flowers! One of my favorite scriptures, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away and behold all things have become new!"

When I think of that newness, I flash back to when we used to take photos with a Polaroid camera. When you first took the photo, it simply showed a blank white image, yet over a period of time, the person's likeness came into view. That's what this great scripture represents in who we were before coming to know God and how the old moral and spiritual standards begin to fade away. Now, the new moral and spiritual standards that we have in God are beginning to come into

greater and fuller focus. It's that time of new beginnings.

This renewal happens to us morally, intellectually, spiritually, socially and even physically. It is wonderful how all the differing elements of life are so important to God that He's concerned about each and every area! At this time of year, some of us are still keeping up our New Year's resolution to exercise (some of us are not), but it does not mean we cannot restart. In the time of difficulty, we do not need to give up, but we need to press on in the things that are right. Our lives go through different seasons; some of us even have winter seasons where positive things may not seem very visible on the outside. Yet, it is in the wintertime that our roots are growing deeper, so that now (with the times of growth assuredly coming), we will have the proper foundation to build upon it. As we look and see our new or renewed life coming forth, it is in spring we have renewed

energy and encouragement that indeed we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us.

I know how important it is at this time of year to make sure everything is ready. It will not be long until we will have to be pulling the weeds that so easily grow during harvest. I encourage you to clean out those things that are not really important for you and your life. Some of those things may be good, but they end up consuming too much of your time. Let's take this time of year to refocus our attention. Even the last book of the Bible admonishes us, as the Lord Himself speaks, "Behold I am making all things new." During this time of spring and new beginnings, let's ask the Lord to help us to make our long term and short-term relationships newer and fresher! Let's ask God to give us the desire to encourage others in what they're doing to accomplish what God has in store for them. I close with a passage from the Amplified Bible, this paraphrase attempts to amplify the original language so we get a better understanding and richer appreciation of the Word of God. "Therefore if any person is in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the



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## LIFE MATTERS presented by Yuba-Sutter Right To Life

### Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Ending Abortion in Yuba City in 2017

By Wynette Sills

Planned Parenthood at 430 N. Palora Avenue kills babies up to ten weeks of pregnancy through the Abortion Pill. We are all “busy”, but surely we would try to save a life! What would we do if it was our daughter going in there, all by herself, making the decision of life or death for our grandchild? Your help is needed!

Here is a Comprehensive Strategic Plan for ending abortion in our community, with ten things we can do to help women and save lives:

1. The most important thing to do is be present at 430 N. Palora Ave in a peaceful, prayerful, compassionate, kind, life-saving manner, helping women who are facing the many challenges of an unsupported pregnancy by connecting her with helpful organizations such as A Woman’s Friend (See AWomansFriend.org). From March 1st to April 7th, Christians will be praying along the public sidewalk at 430 N. Palora Ave, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, taking shifts to cover the 45 hours a week. See 40DaysForLife.com/YubaCity for details and to sign up for an hour a week. Invite

your church!

2. Heal the wounded. Make sure every church has information to help our sisters (and brothers) sitting in the pew, who have been hurt by abortion. See AWomansFriend.org for resources. Place “Hurt by Abortion? Call 24 Hour Helpline 530-741-0556 for Help” message in every church.

3. Awaken the church to the atrocity of abortion, the power of prayer and the love of adoption. By our silence, we are complicit. Apathy and “busy-ness” are our biggest obstacles. We have 100 churches in our region. If every church helped fill an hour a week at the 40DaysForLife.com/YubaCity schedule, the schedule would be filled! Place 40 Days for Life flyers in every church bulletin and announce the invitation from every pulpit. Invite your Pastor to participate!

4. Defund the abortion giant Planned Parenthood, which commits 1/3 of all US abortions, nearly a thousand abortions each day, and receives over a million dollars a day of our tax-payer funding. Ask Congressman Garamendi to re-direct those millions of dollars to non-killing Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers. See GetYourCare.org Encouraging

everyone you know to go elsewhere for their healthcare, such as AmplaHealth.org at 1000 Sutter St., Sutter County Health at 1445 Veteran’s Memorial Circle in Yuba City, or Yuba County Health at 5730 Packard Avenue, Suite 100, in Marysville. Without clients, especially without abortion, Planned Parenthood will close, as they have elsewhere.

5. Make sure your church is considered the first-place-to-turn refuge for women facing an unexpected pregnancy, rather than a source of judgement and condemnation. See EmbraceGrace.com as an example. Make sure every church has “Pregnant? Need Help? Call 530-741-0556” information, encouraging women to find help and resources at A Woman’s Friend. Invite A Woman’s Friend to speak at your church, volunteer and donate so that they are well equipped to assist women. Place “Pregnant? Need Help?” signs (available at HH76.com) throughout our community so that women know help is available.

6. Contact every local high school to make sure Planned Parenthood is taken out of our schools. Find out who serves on the school board at each school. Make sure life-affirming information is in each campus Health Center. Help start a Students for Life Group on each campus.

7. Contact local businesses, especially those located near 430 North Palora and invite them to join the coalition against abortion. Contact AmplaHealth, Sutter

County Health, WIC, local pediatricians and Ob-Gyn doctors, the County Welfare office, homeless ministries, drug and alcohol recovery ministries, and youth programs, to make sure we are reaching abortion-vulnerable members of our community with life-affirming resources.

8. Contact our Yuba City Council Members and Sutter County Board of Supervisors to make sure no local funds ever go to Planned Parenthood. Find out where each of our local politicians stand on abortion. Assemblyman James Gallagher and State Senator Jim Nielsen are very strong supporters of life. Unfortunately, Congressman John Garamendi, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Kamala Harris are extremely pro-abortion.

9. Protect and Promote Life in your own family. Make sure your children and grandchildren know that you are a resource that they and their friends can go to for help. Many Christian young women have abortions to avoid having to tell their parents.

10. If you have been hurt by an abortion, speak out against abortion using your own experience as a way to connect with young mothers in crisis.

*Go to SilentNoMoreAwareness.org for resources and speak up as someone who has walked in the shoes of the young mothers we are trying to reach, with love, empathy, compassion, healing, hope, and help.*

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covering things up? We need to choose our sources from many. Before this crisis, the topic was Trump, before him Obama. There is much false news amidst the truth. We don't trust our leaders or our news anymore. Oftentimes with good reason but it still shows our erosion of Trust. Personally, I had confidence in the updates by Assemblyman James Gallagher and Bob Harlan. I want to thank you gentleman for your level-headed, clear, honest information. Many of us relied on your expertise. We who are rooted in Christ know that He is Truth. We can be confident in what the Word of God says. However, we need to stop and take the time to do so. If we want to hear from the Holy Spirit and wait for direction from Him and His Word then we will need to take the time in the midst of chaos.

Then there is the "erosion of faith". Like the erosion of values, and truth our society has become so secular that faith is often laughed at and the Bible is not taken seriously. God is not welcome in anything that is related to the public or government arena. "Separation of church and state" is the ignorant cry. (I say "ignorant" because as you may or may not know, there is no reference to that statement in our constitution) God is

sometimes "allowed" in during a personal or community crisis or tragedy. Prayer vigils are then encouraged and endorsed. God is only supposed to be around to comfort us but not to guide, direct, or challenge us. The erosion of faith is evident within the Church as shown when pastors refuse to bring up uncomfortable topics such as abortion or homosexuality or any type of sin. Relativism has seeped into the church and brought with it a "Live and Let Live" doctrine. "Jesus loves me so don't judge me" Sometimes it's ignorance, sometimes it's fear of losing parishioners. Many churches have lost their biblical stand. Thankfully, there are many solid churches in our area, as well. Erosion of faith can also be seen in individuals during a time of potential crisis like the one we are currently in. On the night of the mandatory evacuation, there was hysteria. I would expect this from the world but not from those who know the Lord personally. 1 Thes 4:13 states that we don't grieve as those who have no hope. Although it is referring to grieving, I think the principle applies that we know the One who created us, rescued us and has a place for us with Him in Heaven. So, why do we panic like those who have no hope? We should be around to help those who can't help

themselves. We should be like the the crew on the sinking ship that helps the others to safety. Pastors should be as the ship's captain making sure that their flock is safe. Instead it was "every man for himself" I was disheartened as I saw Facebook posts from different churches and their members. It did not appear to me to be a community of believers taking care of each other, but rather "Who do I know that I can run to for safety?" Please understand, I don't know everyone's situation and yours may have been quite different. I also realize that we were all caught off guard thrust into a devastating situation. I'm not saying that we should not go to "higher ground" or safety for our family. Of course we should. I just want to ask if we put our faith into action. It also made me think about how we deal with the "end of the world" scenario. Do we allow ourselves to be run by fear and dread. I confess that there were moments when I read some doomsayer posts and became filled with fear and dread. I thank God that those times were short-lived. If we believe in God and know that our salvation is in Him and with Him for all eternity, then I think we should have a different outlook in these times. Many of us (myself included) watched and read the news and updates on the dam levels

and river levels. We need to be alert and informed. We need to be vigilant. Yet, I wonder if we study God's Word with the same urgency. I wonder if we listen as closely to the Holy Spirit as we did the press conferences. Jesus said to fear not the one who can kill the (physical) body, but fear the one who can kill the body AND the soul. Do we have our priorities straight. Now, we don't want anyone to perish in floodwaters so we are quick to alert others and evacuate. Why are we not so quick to alert and rescue someone from impending doom in Hell? No one likes to talk about Hell and most preachers don't preach about it. But, while we watch the urgent work being done to fix the spillway and the levees, shouldn't we, His people be taking the opportunity to "fix" the impending doom of our loved ones and others before it's too late. I'm excited that they are hurriedly trying to mitigate and repair the erosion damage to the spillway. However, our society and even our own lives are eroded with something called sin. There is only one way to "mitigate" that damage. His name is Jesus Christ who paved the way to Heaven for each of us by his sacrificial death.

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is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come

back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[e] so that we could be made right with God through Christ." 2 Cor. 5:18-21 Now, that is an "update" worth sharing!  
*(Ed Note: if you would like to talk to someone about Jesus and how He can change your life, please contact one of the churches listed on p. 3 or Serving Our Savior at 530-671-3303)*

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needed to strengthen trees.

If you're experiencing any major issues in your life, remember that God is real even though you can't physically see him or approach him. He may seem absent at times but that is because he is using your struggles to glorify Him and

to bolster your faith. God will clearly reveal himself to you at the right moment like the sun reveals itself as it evaporates the clouds and rain allowing the earth to produce much fruit again!  
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# EDITORIAL

## THE GIFTS OF LIBERALISM

BY JON SKILLMAN

“For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths,” 2 Timothy 4:3, 4. When I read these verses the other morning I thought...the time has indeed come. The secular progressive liberals have gathered around them a great number of teachers, lawmakers and judges who are saying exactly what their itching ears want to hear. They have turned away from the truth and to worldly myths. Unfortunately, they have taken society along with them.

By definition, a liberal is: 1) Open to new behavior. 2) Willing to discard traditional values. 3) Lacking moral restraint. 4) Loose. So let's take a look at just how our secular progressive liberal friends have discarded traditional values in order to make new behavior acceptable.

Traditional value: Do not murder. Worldly myth...it's a woman's right to choose. This is probably the biggest and most grievous myth the secular progressives have put upon our culture. Traditional value: Marriage is between one man and one woman. Worldly myth: Marriage is between any combinations thereof. This little gem was perpetrated on society to legitimize sodomy through the perversion of Holy matrimony. Traditional value: God created us

male and female. Worldly myth...you are what you think you are. So our liberal lawmakers make it legal for an anatomically correct adult male to use the lady's room and/or locker room. The logic behind this lulu of a law is; if he thinks he's a she it would be awkward and an invasion of his privacy if he is required to use the men's room. Well what about the privacy of my wife and the awkwardness put upon my granddaughters when a 6' 4", well 6' 7" in heels, comes a waltzing through the door? This is pure insanity!

Liberalism has also gifted us with political correctness, a generation of Snow Flakes, micro aggression, a public system of indoctrination and the belief of an inalienable right to not being offended. Liberals pride themselves as being; loving, tolerant and open minded. But recent events have brought a new vividness to their true colors. Although name calling, fearmongering and character assassination remain a mainstay in the liberal arsenal, their claims of love and tolerance are being negated by their reaction to losing the election to a conservative. The worm has turned and they are throwing a hissy-fit. They have become the haters and pillars of intolerance. It's like they've never lost or experienced adversity before. Maybe a participation trophy might help soothe their angst...then again, maybe not.

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## THOUGHTS ON THE SHACK

The Shack will already be released in theaters by the time this issue hits the streets. I have not yet seen it but I did read the book several years ago. I have been quiet about The Shack since the buzz began at the announcement of the film. I wrestled with whether to add my input to the debate because I believe that my purpose is to focus on points that unite rather than divide. I have great respect for people on both sides of the controversy and I don't want to stir the division.

That said, I feel that I need to make a few points. The Shack was the first fiction book that I had ever read cover to cover. The topics of suffering, forgiveness and God's love are communicated in such a powerful way that God used it to impact my life and relationships. I have to say, it was difficult to put the book down and I couldn't wait to read the next chapter the following day.

Even at that time, before it had become an international bestseller, there was controversy. "How can God be a black woman?" "Is everyone saved?" "Why doesn't it talk about Sin?" These are valid concerns and with the abundance of printed and visual media spouting heretical ideas, it is something to consider.

I had the opportunity to meet and interview the writer and found him to be honest and surprised by his own "fame". He set out to write a story for his children about forgiveness and God's mercy. Somehow, it caught fire and the rest is history.

There is a poetic license in all art including movies. We were rightly outraged by movies like "Exodus" and



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Noah which purported to be based on the Bible but were poorly made fairytales. The Shack, however, is not trying to serve as a theological source. It is about one man who suffered greatly and how he learned to forgive.

I think that those who are rooted in Christ and grounded in His Word will see the metaphors for what they are. It's true that someone who does not know the Bible well might misunderstand some things about God and use The Shack as a source of "doctrine". That would be a huge mistake, but I believe the same can be said for countless other situations. That same person could listen to half of a good sermon, all of a bad one, watch a TV show or listen to some Christian songs and leave with wrong theology. God is bigger than this movie/book. Each of us is responsible for seeking the truth. If we want the truth, it will cost us time and effort to seek it. Remember, God promises "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart". (NASB) Jeremiah 29:13 So, even though there is disagreement about The Shack and some (maybe you) are worried about what it teaches, I would say, watch it or read it and see for yourself. I found it to be a powerful story of forgiveness and love.



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