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Christian World, Now is YOUR Time to Denounce Antisemitism

Dr. Michael Brown
The Line of Fire

As followers of Jesus we are often grieved over the compromise and cowardice of previous generations of American Christians.

With righteous indignation, we say, "Had I lived in the days of slavery or segregation, I would have taken a stand. I would have spoken up!"

In the same way, we decry the compromise and cowardice of European Christians during the Holocaust, stating with deep conviction, "I would have been like Dietrich Bonhoeffer! I would have acted like Corrie Ten Boom!"

In the process, we condemn our own compromise and cowardice today.

This is reminiscent of the Lord's words to the religious hypocrites of His day, when He said,

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build

of those who murdered the prophets. Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!" (Matthew 23:29-32)

Not many days later, some of these same men were complicit in the death of

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tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants

the Son of God, the preeminent Prophet sent to Israel.

Today, when university protesters celebrate the death of Jews, shouting, "We are Hamas," it is time for Christians across the nation to speak up on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

Today, as these same protesters chant, "Hamas make us proud, kill another soldier now," Christians must shout even louder, "This must stop on our campuses, and it must stop now."

The New York Post noted that, "One Jewish Columbia University student was repeatedly kicked in the stomach during the protests, and an agitator reportedly told her to 'kill yourself.'"

"Billionaire Bill Ackman posted about the protests on X, asking, 'How would @Columbia respond if the students took over campus in support of the KKK and called for the genocide of other ethnic minorities? Would @Columbia continue to support

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THE PEN

By Paula McBride

My niece, Elsie, recently turned nine years old, and she is already writing a book. Her typewritten first chapters are single-spaced and several pages long, yet I read every word because her plot was compelling. Her protagonist, Trey, begins as an arrogant kid who hates animals because they are stinky. Trey's life is changed when he is rescued by a wondrous stallion during a coyote attack. A bond is forged between horse and boy, and the story continues.

Authors have a unique perspective from which they build their stories. Often, though not always, they know the beginning and the end of the action. They know where the story takes place and who the characters will be. Authors know the events that will occur: problems and solutions, conflicts and resolutions. They know in advance if there is a moral to teach or a lesson for the reader to learn. Elsie may not know she knows these things, but she is certainly well on the way toward mastering her craft.

Have you considered that our lives are stories and we have an Author? The writer of Hebrews 12:2 encourages us to look to Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith" (KJV). God told Jeremiah that before he was formed in his mother's womb, he was known (15:2), and the Psalmist wrote "you know everything about me" (139:1 NLT).



We are not random beings. When we regard God as the author of our story, we are challenged to put down the pen we are using to create our own destiny. We may have found that doesn't work very well anyway. How much better to let God have the pen. After all, He chose our setting--where we were born. He wrote into our stories the characters who would influence us for good or for harm. He allowed problems and created solutions. In the midst of conflict, He wrote in the resolution. He knows how we began, and He knows the end of our story. Best of all, He gets into the story with us, even with all its problems, and will never leave or forsake us.

Sometimes we don't like the direction God is taking in our story. We think the problem isn't fair or the conflict is too hard to handle. We are free to take up

the pen and try to write ourselves out of the mess. God is not an Author who forces His will. He gives us time to make mistakes, knowing our faith will fail. When we are ready to acknowledge that His story is best and hand the pen back over to Him, our Author is ready to erase our failure.

In Elsie's story, the magnificent stallion was ready to give his life for the arrogant boy, Trey. In our story, it is our Author who sacrificed His life to erase our sin and failure. The whole story of history is His. When we put the pen into the nail-scarred hand of Jesus and let Him write our story, we can live with hope and peace. We've been given promises about our ending. We will live eternally in heaven with the One who knew us before we were born.



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Graduation: Celebrating Life's Transitions

By Christy Boals

Grace Filled Purpose

It's that time of year again—graduation season! From kindergarten to college, students across the country are stepping into new chapters. This spring, my family and I are celebrating two high school graduations, and I'm achieving a longtime goal: graduating from college. As diplomas are awarded and students ponder their future paths, the air buzzes with excitement and possibility.

Reflecting on graduations, I've come to see that these milestones aren't confined to spring. Life is a series of graduations, big and small. Babies transition from one type of food to another—some baby food brands even label their products as "graduates." This concept of graduation is evident in the growth and development at every stage of life—from childhood to adulthood, from living solo to marriage, and from entering the workforce to parenting and beyond.

While graduations are often joyful, they can also bring a mix of emotions, including loss or anxiety about the unknown. Sometimes, standing at



the threshold of a new beginning can feel like teetering on the edge of a cliff, searching for a bridge. Amid the celebrations, there's an underlying pressure to map out the future, often spurred by well-meaning inquiries from friends and relatives.

In these moments, it's comforting to remember that God accompanies us through every season and every transition. He holds our past, present, and future, guiding us even when the path ahead is unclear. I often envision my life as a narrow, winding trail up a cliffside. At times, I'm so cautious that I barely breathe, afraid of deviating from the path. Yet, when I pause to lift my

eyes to God, I'm reminded that He leads me to expansive places where I can breathe freely and move forward without fear.

So, to all celebrating a graduation—toss your cap high! Revel in your achievements and embrace the next phase of your journey. As God once reassured me, "You know the steps; let me lead."

"The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though they may stumble, they will not fall, for the LORD upholds them with His hand."

Psalms 37:23-24

Did You Know?

- At his baptism, Jesus was publicly declared as God's Messiah (John 1:31-34). He identified himself with our sin in his baptism. Jesus had no sin of his own and so could become the substitute for the sins of humankind (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- John's Gospel includes no parables, but has many metaphors about ordinary things, such as water, harvest, bread, light, a shepherd and a grain of wheat. These are used to convey spiritual truth.
- No one knows the precise date of Jesus' return. He said that this date was not known by the angels or even by himself, but only by the Father (Matthew 24:36).
- The level of literacy among the Jews was among the highest in the Roman Empire.
- Jesus experienced temptation in a more profound and deeper way than anybody else. He alone endured every temptation right through to its depths without giving in part way through (Hebrews 4:15).

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- 2-May **Pastors-** That God would give them strength, courage and wisdom to speak the truth from the pulpit
- 3-May **Pray for China, Sudan, North Korea and other nations** that God would intervene and the leadership would restore civil rights
- 4-May **Homeless- Safety, health and provision-** Twin Cities Rescue Mission, other local homeless ministries. Safety from summer heat.
- 5-May **World Affairs-** Pray about international activities that point to the Last Days
- 6-May **Israel-** Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem-and for an end to the war against in Gaza- the destruction of Hamas and the protection of civilians as well as limited Israeli casualties
- 7-May **Veterans-** Pray for all those who served our country and their families to get the assistance they need
- 8-May **Mental Health-** Pray for the millions of people who struggle with Mental Health/ Illness issues and suicidal thoughts, that they would receive support & treatment
- 9-May **The Economy-** Pray for the underemployed, unemployed and struggling small businesses- Pray for financial stability and resources
- 10-May **Global Revival-** Pray that our global chaos would lead multitudes to repent and follow the Lord!!
- 11-May **Local city/county leaders-** Wisdom for leading our community
- 12-May **Mothers' Day-** Pray for all moms young and old who helped to raise their children right. Thank God for moms!
- 13-May **Local Ministries-** Pray for continued financial support and volunteers to meet needs (see page 3)
- 14-May **California-** pray for our Godly representatives (including James Gallagher and Doug LaMalfa) to fight against liberal and harmful state policies.
- 15-May **Pray that fathers** would give Godly wisdom and have a positive impact and influence on the lives of their children
- 16-May **Pray against anti-smitism** around the world especially on our nation's college campuses
- 17-May **Life-** Pray that abortion clinics would be shut down that people would choose life for their babies.
- 18-May **Human Trafficking-** Pray for the freedom, healing and restoration of survivors and for traffickers to repent
- 19-May **Pray that God would show Himself to Pres. Biden** and he would radically change his life and leadership
- 20-May **Discipleship-** Pray that believers would seek to follow Jesus and become more like Him every day!
- 21-May **The Persecuted Church around the world.** Pray that believers would stand strong in the midst of brutal persecution
- 22-May **Pray that children of fatherless homes** as well as those in foster care would feel loved and protected by adults as well as the Lord
- 23-May **Restore America!** Pray against the divisiveness and violence in this nation
- 24-May **Addicted-** pray for those under the control of substances that they would surrender to the Lord pursue and receive the treatment they need
- 25-May **Race Relations-** Pray for Race relations in our nation. Pray for understanding and collaboration between races and an ease of racial tension
- 26-May **Pray for each of us** to be bold by the Holy Spirit to speak and act in accordance with God's Word and His Way!
- 27-May **Memorial Day-** Thank God and pray for all who served and died serving our nation in the military
- 28-May **Seniors and Elderly-** Pray for renewed physical and mental strength.
- 29-May **Pray for your neighbor-** for opportunities to serve them, pray with them and share the Gospel with them!
- 30-May **Schools-** Pray for the removal of harmful and Godless curricula that will cause confusion in children
- 31-May **Disabled-** that they would receive the assistance and support they need

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the demonstrations on the basis of a commitment to free speech or would the University's code of Conduct suddenly have operative impact?"

According to the Post, another Jewish student at Columbia said that "anti-Israel protesters snatched and burned his Israeli flag, then struck him in the face with rocks during campus unrest over the weekend."

Other Jewish students, and at least one Jewish professor, Israeli-born professor Shai Davidai, were actually blocked from entering the campus. In fact, the moment Prof. Davidai discovered his entry card had been deactivated was captured on video. He later posted on X, "Earlier today, @Columbia University refused to let me onto campus. Why? Because they cannot protect my safety as a Jewish professor. This is 1938."

Things got to the point that, on Sunday, the campus's Orthodox rabbi issued a call for all Jewish students to leave campus for their own safety – and this, just one day before the eve of Passover. And all this, on just one of a growing number of campuses marred by ugly, anti-Jewish protests.

Christian friends, this is happening today, in our country, on our campuses, on our watch. How can we be silent? Earlier this month, I was visiting some



Indian Christians who live in Texas, showing them footage of the protests outside the Israeli embassy that I encountered last month.

Their son, a college student said, "That's how my university looks." This was in Texas!

His parents added, "This is what's happening in our younger children's schools too."

I ask again: How can we be silent? I ask the same question of my Christian friends in Europe, where your Jewish neighbors are increasingly fearing for their lives.

Remember that these protests are not a simple matter of fair-minded people raising concerns about the suffering of non-combatant Palestinians as Israel

wages war against Hamas.

No. These are frontal assaults on Israel as a nation and ugly attacks on the Jewish people as a whole. These are calls for the death of the 'evil occupiers' and for the elimination of the 'wicked colonizers.'

These are rallies celebrating the demonic actions of Hamas. After the Holocaust, Rabbi Ephraim Oshry, one of the few Lithuanian rabbis who survived, wrote:

"Another shocking surprise for us was the position taken by the Lithuanian populace—our 'good' Christian neighbors. There was literally not one gentile among the Christians of Slobodka who openly defended Jew at a time when Slobodka's ten thousand

Jews, with whom they had lived together all their lives, were threatened with the most horrible pogrom imaginable."

Where are these "good Christian neighbors" today?

More forcefully still, Jewish philosopher Eliezer Berkovits wrote,

"After nineteen centuries of Christianity, the extermination of six million Jews, among them one-and-a-half million children, carried out in cold blood in the very heart of Christian Europe, encouraged by the criminal silence of virtually all Christendom, including that of an infallible Holy Father in Rome, was the natural culmination of this bankruptcy. A straight line leads from the first act of oppression against the Jews and Judaism in the fourth century to the holocaust in the twentieth."

These words may sting, but they are true, at least in terms of professing Christians. Why is it only the tiniest minority who, historically, have said to their Jewish neighbors and colleagues, "If they come after you, they will have come after us as well"?

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Not My Burden: Reflecting on 27 Years with the Christian Community Network

As leaders or contributors within ministry, many of us are familiar with the challenges and anxieties that such roles can bring. This November marks the 27th anniversary of the Christian Community Network (CCN), formerly known as CBA. Over the years, we've experienced significant highs and challenging lows. I am profoundly thankful that throughout these times, God has sustained us with the support of dedicated board members and our general membership. The impact of Covid was evident, with only a handful of members able to attend meetings. My constant prayer has been for God's guidance: if He wishes our work to continue, we will persevere; if not, then we will gracefully conclude. By God's grace, here we are, 26 years later, still standing. I extend my deepest gratitude to the Lord for His enduring mercy.

Recently, during one of my devotions, I encountered a simple yet transformative idea that alleviated the burden I often feel in leading the CCN: The success of CCN is not my burden to carry—it belongs to Jesus. This realization does not imply that our leadership team can afford complacency; rather, we must actively lead with intention. Our responsibilities include growing our membership, recruiting speakers, and maintaining a focus on Jesus through prayer and worship. We also face the



tasks of addressing challenges and resolving conflicts. Nonetheless, if we fulfill our roles faithfully and with the right motives, we can trust God to be the foundation of our ministry.

Consider this as you reflect on all that you feel called to do: "Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and trusts the One who is leading." (Inspired by Oswald Chambers)

Let us draw strength from Matthew 11:28-30, which reminds us:

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This passage encourages all of us who are weary and burdened to find solace and rest in Jesus, reinforcing the idea that the burdens we carry in our ministry are ultimately managed by Him.

David Kugelman is the president of the Christian Community Network. All are invited to the Tuesday lunch meetings in Yuba City. For more information, contact "Kug" at (530) 632-9292.



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If you would like to experience the peace and transformed life that God can provide through Jesus Christ and you are willing to commit your life to the only one who can truly set you free from your sin, you can pray to the Lord right now and ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Because of what His Son, Jesus, did by dying on the cross, your sins will not be held against you by God anymore. You can experience freedom for the rest of your life on earth and then have a life in Heaven with God for eternity. God's part of the deal is already done. Your part is to confess your sins, repent (or change your ways) and believe that He is Lord. If your life is out of control, let Him take over control.

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MIGHTY HOPE!

By Kristina Geddert

I am a family photographer who offers free family portraits to families with medically complex babies and toddlers (ages 0-5) via my Mighty Hope Photography program. Mighty Hope is my modern-day Nineveh and I am modern day Jonah, who initially ignored God's call until tossed into a figurative ocean and then saved. Here is my story.

In 2012 as a college student, I was praying at night before bed. I had read the story about the golden talents, and asked God what he wanted me to do with my talents. I immediately got heart races and like a bolt of energy went through me, and knew without a shadow of a doubt that I was supposed to take pictures of families whose kids were in the hospital. Wow! God had really spoken to me and made it so clear! I felt absolutely convicted that this was God's plan for me.

Except that by that next morning, I'd already managed to explain it away. I'd had an unusual amount of caffeine that day and I convinced myself that the heart races were actually an adverse reaction to the caffeine and the rest was just in my head. I then went downstairs and told my family the funny story about how I had had too much caffeine, got crazy heart races and managed to convince myself God was convicting me to take pictures for free of kids with cancer. My family chuckled. It was by far the more logical explanation of course. What connection did I have with medically complex families? Exactly zero. What connection did I have to family portraits? Barely any. I'd never photographed a family before and was just barely starting to get into photography at all, mostly taking pictures of flowers. So random. I literally told that "funny story" for years, even at Bible study! That funny

time I tricked myself into thinking God was clearly telling me his plan for me.

Eventually I forgot about it and it was laid to rest...until my son Levi was born at just 28 weeks gestation in 2022 and I was thrown headfirst into the storming ocean that is the medically complex world. Extremely critical for months, my son spent 3 months in the Sutter Sacramento NICU and then 3 additional months at home on an oxygen machine.

medical issues.

Through all of the issues, God was there every step of the way, with multiple miracles keeping both of us safe. The whale swallowed Jonah. Here is just one of many: I had been having some serious complications but had normal blood results when I was transferred from Rideout to Sutter Sacramento before giving birth. During the transfer, my blood results were lost and had to be

I shudder to think what could have happened if I had been admitted with my normal blood results and how long it might have taken to diagnose the problem.

It was during this time, now working as a professional family photographer, that I once again felt called to photograph other medically complex families and Mighty Hope Photography was born.

If you are a family with a medically complex baby or toddler (ages 0-5), please reach out to me at kristinageddertphotography@gmail.com to set up your free photo session. I would love to come alongside you to spread some joy, and maybe also give some advice on navigating life as a parent of a medically complex little one. You can read more at www.kristinageddertphotography.com

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Even once home, we were followed by a cardiologist, pulmonologist, gastroenterologist, and urologist, and had multiple doctors appointments every month (sometimes multiple a week), and continued to have multiple

retaken just two hours later at the new hospital. In just those two hours, my liver enzymes went from completely normal to 5x too high leading to a HELLP syndrome diagnosis and an immediate emergency c-section.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” When I ponder the pure and utterly unconditional love of God, my mind often thinks of children. I am sure many of us can reflect on special and meaningful moments of love and care with the children that surround us in our lives.

Psalm 127:3



MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE - Part 1 "8 Ways to Control Anxious Thoughts"

(A Note From the Editor: In this two-part series we will give you the tools to help you overcome or at least control your anxiety. Of course, Prayer is the first and foremost tool to bring healing. Here are the first four of the eight ways to control anxious thoughts.)

When you're anxious, you might feel like your thoughts and emotions are running wild. Known as Automatic Negative Thoughts or ANTs, these types of thoughts occur when we're anxious – and they are typically negative, untrue, and full of fear and worry. These thoughts need to be met with truth.

Your thoughts are like a conductor guiding the orchestra of your emotions, so you can help manage your anxiety by controlling your thoughts. In fact, one of the primary ways God changes us is by helping us change our thoughts. The Bible says, "Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think" (Romans 12:2 NLT). The apostle Paul saw the benefit of this. After telling the Philippians not to be anxious (Philippians 4:6-7), he then focused on their thoughts:



"Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8 NLT)

What is true?

This refers to whatever corresponds to reality. Jesus said that God's Word is truth (John 17:17), so identify passages from the Bible that speak to your situation and to God's character. Fill your mind with His Word and meditate on it regularly until it becomes an automatic response.

"I have chosen the way of truth; I have set Your ordinances before me" (Psalm 119:30 HCSB).

What is honorable?

Also translated as "noble," this refers to someone or something that is dignified or worthy of respect – the kind of character that leaders in the church should possess (see 1 Timothy 3:8,11; Titus 2:2). Being honorable relates to qualities of honesty, sincerity, integrity, faithfulness, self-control and trustworthiness.

"Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me" (Psalm 50:15).

What is right?

Also translated "just," this refers to what aligns with God's character, law, or standards. Anxiety can cloud our thoughts and intensify our emotions, so we may be tempted to do whatever

"feels right" to relieve anxiety. But what feels right and what is right are often different.

"Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight" (Deuteronomy 6:18).

What is pure?

This refers to whatever is holy or free from sin; whatever is uncorrupted and untainted by sin. God often uses trials and difficult circumstances to purify us and refine our character (see 1 Peter 1:6-7). Anxiety can lead us to God (running to Him for help and strength) or away from God (seeking to control things; seeking relief through escapism, busyness, drugs, alcohol, pornography, etc.). Allow your fears and worries to drive you to God.

"I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return" (Philippians 1:10 NLT).

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8: "... ANTISEMITISM"

"We are personally to blame. We all have to admit that if we, the entire Christian community, had stood up as one man and if, after the burning of the synagogues [on Krystallnacht, November 9, 1938], we had gone out on the streets and voiced our disapproval, rung the church bells, and somehow boycotted the actions of the S.S., the Devil's vassals would probably not have been at such liberty to pursue their evil schemes.

But we lacked the ardor of love – love that is never passive, love that cannot bear it when its fellowmen are in misery, particularly when they are subjected to such appalling treatment and tortured to death.

Indeed, if we had loved God, we would not have endured seeing those houses of God set ablaze; and holy, divine wrath would have filled our souls. . . . Oh, that we as Germans and as Christians would stand aghast and cry out ever anew, 'What have we done!' At every further evidence of our guilt may we repeat the cry."

It is my fervent prayer that Christians across America and around the world would not be silent today, would not lack that "ardor of love," would not have to say in retrospect, "Why were we so indifferent in the face of such evil?"

Today, when your life is not at risk for standing with the Jewish people and when concentration camps, torture,

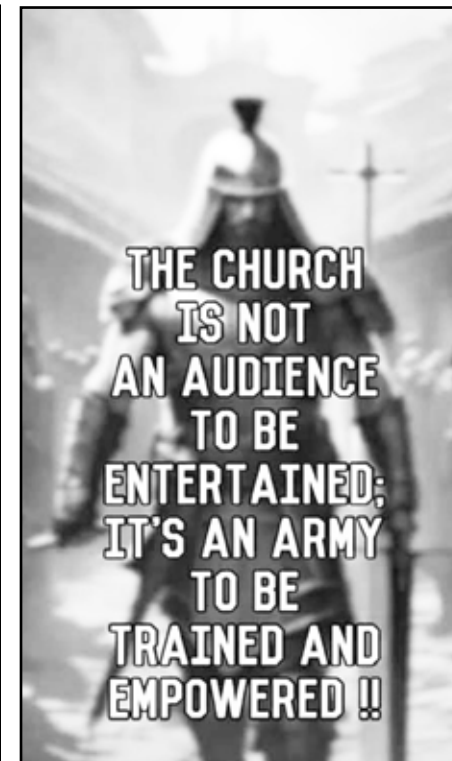
and starvation are not awaiting you for sheltering Jews, today is the time to stand up in every way you know how, from social media to the streets and from your place of business to the campuses, raising your voices to say to the Jewish people,

"You are not alone! We are standing with you! Never again!"

Can I count you in, today?

Then do whatever you can, whenever you can, wherever you can, however you can. And by all means, regardless of cost or consequence, do not be silent!

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Do You Know The Bible?

1. To which bereaved woman did Jesus say, "Don't cry!"?
2. When Dr. Luke described the healing of a man on the Sabbath, he diagnosed the man's illness, using a medical term found nowhere else in the New Testament. What was the illness?
3. Only one of Jesus' miracles is recorded in all four Gospels. Which miracle?
4. What is the Bible reference for the famous verse which begins, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..."?
5. After meeting Jesus, who said that he would give away half of his possessions to the poor?
6. Which Gospel starts with the words, "The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God"?
7. True or False? Chapter 17 of John's Gospel contains Jesus' longest recorded prayer.
8. To which woman did Jesus say, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering"?
9. What was unusual about the place where Jesus healed a little girl who was possessed by an evil spirit?
10. True or False? There is only one mention in the Gospels of a meeting between Jesus and the apostle Paul.

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Planned Parenthood Brought in \$2.9 Billion Last Year, Killed 1,075 Babies in Abortions Every Day

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey on June 24, 2022, Planned Parenthood aborted five percent more unborn children during the 2022-2023 fiscal year than the previous year and brought in more than \$2.9 billion in assets.

In the recently released 2022-2023 fiscal year annual report titled, "Above & Beyond," Planned Parenthood states it performed 392,715 abortions. That means Planned Parenthood killed 1,075 babies in abortions every single day even though the abortion giant claims its main focus is merely "women's health care." In other words, Planned Parenthood kills 44 babies every hour.

This provides further evidence that despite the fact that the High Court ruled there is no right to an abortion on a federal level, Planned Parenthood continues to make profit from abortions its top priority. However, in the annual report the abortion giant commiserates that "since the Supreme Court's decision to take away the federal constitutional right to abortion, more than 20 states have banned some or all abortions... the health care providers and staff at Planned Parenthood's nearly 600 health centers across the country have had the



most trying of times." However, the report brags that "demand at Planned Parenthood health centers in states where abortion is legal has soared by up to 700 percent."

"Above & Beyond" also shows that 34 percent of Planned Parenthood's revenue, \$699.3 million, comes from "government health services reimbursements and grants," or taxpayer dollars.

Even though it is the largest abortion provider in America, Planned Parenthood's annual report claims

that abortion is only four percent of the organization's "medical services" for the last fiscal year. However, Planned Parenthood arrives at this false statistic by dividing the number of children it aborted (392,715) for the year by the number of "services" the group provided (9.13 million). This means when a woman visits a Planned Parenthood facility to obtain an abortion, she is also given a pregnancy test, an STI test, a cancer screening and contraception. Therefore, the abortion procedure would be considered 20

percent of the "services" she received. This is why the group lists its annual "services" as much higher than the number of patients it saw last year (2.05 million). Using this deceptive formula, the report manipulates the data to make it appear as if abortion is a tiny percent of its "services," though a much higher percentage of actual patients who visit Planned Parenthood facilities are there, first and foremost, to obtain an abortion.

Planned Parenthood also has added another money maker in recent years. Forty-five affiliates offered hormones and puberty blockers in 2022 which makes it the second largest provider of harmful puberty blockers and hormone treatments in America.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, "Planned Parenthood's annual report reveals once again that its primary mission is making huge profit by aborting innocent babies. Abortion is not health care, and it certainly is not safe. It is the intentional act of killing a human being. That is human genocide for profit. Even though the High Court overturned the 1973 abortion decisions, we must now continue to fight to protect these helpless children."



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THERE IS NO DUAL CITIZENSHIP IN GOD'S KINGDOM

By Jon Skillman

One recent morning, one of my daily devotionals reminded me of something I sometimes forget...I am no-longer a citizen of this world. You know, we are in this world but not of this world.

The writer of Our Daily Bread devotional, Bill Crowder added a quote from C.S. Lewis that reminded me of my spiritual citizenship. "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

When I was born again, I first died to this world, then I was reborn into God's Kingdom. My passport now identifies me as a citizen of God, living as an alien in this world. The constitution governing His Kingdom (The Bible) tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2. This is a spiritual transformation that should cause us to think in the eternal, rather than temporal.

One example of this new way of thinking is, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." Why? Because "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (see Matthew 6:19-21). This doesn't mean we stop working, it means we switch our priorities. Yes, we still need to work to support

ourselves here on earth, but we build up our 401K in heaven. And we do this by doing God's work even though, we still reside in this world.

Here are a few excerpts from our new job description: "Love each other as I (Jesus) have loved you." John 15:12. "Carry each other's burdens..." Galatians 6:2. And this one requires a very strong work ethic; "...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..." Luke 6:27. Why must we do these things? Because "...we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God has prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.

On those occasions when I get too wrapped up in the affairs of this world, I need to be reminded of where my citizenship is and where my true allegiance lies. God's law mandates that I submit to the authorities of this world, (Romans 13:1) but only to the extent they don't come into conflict with God's law. At that point, God's law trumps man's...whether they know it or not...the creator rules over the created! Isaiah 29:16 explains it this way, "...Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'He did not make me'?"

Here is a wise warning from William Penn, "Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants."

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THAT SETTLES IT!

There is a little statement in Christian culture that goes like this: "The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it." I realize that this is somewhat of a declaration of the person's commitment to the Word of God. The problem that I have with it is that is not complete, and in my opinion, somewhat arrogant. It is like saying "Don't argue with me because I have the Bible on my side". This should be modified to- "The Bible says it (and rightly interpreted), I believe it. That settles it". The issue here is that we need to "rightly interpret" God's Word. Reading the Bible without the benefit (and responsibility) of using the principles and rules of "hermeneutics" (a big, technical word that means "interpretation") allows for each of us to have different meanings of what the text says. I am not referring to "application" which is where the Holy Spirit speaks to us personally about what we should do with what the Bible says. My experience shows me that many people go from reading directly to application. This is dangerous and can lead to a misreading of scripture. Think about it this way. Using the context (literary, cultural, geographical, etc) we need to understand what the writer meant and what the listeners (or readers) of the time understood it to mean.

The language of every generation is different from the last. If you don't



Seth Halpern - Editor

believe me, just talk to some Gen Z (or Gen Alpha) and Baby Boomers. This is one reason why we update Bibles for every new generation. If a few generations in the same location do not mean the same things when they speak, then how can we know exactly what was meant thousands of years ago in different cultures without doing a little study? We tend to fill in the blanks of what we don't know with our own experience and culture. Please understand- I believe that the Bible (interpreted correctly) is the true Word of God. I'm saying that we need to understand what it meant to the people of the time before we look for application for us personally from the Holy Spirit. A great resource that I would recommend is the book- *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* by E. Randolph Richards & Brandon J. O'Brien.

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Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

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