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A FATEFUL DECISION

The action, this month, taken by a local church to leave a mainline denomination in the defense of the gospel as it was written and our need to obey it, gives us a preview of a decision we must all make in our stand for Christ and His Word.

It seems there are many false ‘shepherds’ guarding the flock of God. Due to the failure of these ‘shepherds’, many are making the decision to leave to find a faithful body or just leave. What does the ‘shepherd’ failure look like: “Those in leadership throughout the country, including bishops, district superintendents, and clergy, have drifted into an emotionally driven, politically charged mindset that has led them to publicly announce their intentional defiance of the Book of Discipline. (The Wesleyan way of serving Christ through doctrine and disciplined Christian life.) They have also made bold statements, i.e., that in order to reflect and satisfy today’s cultural demands, the Word of God must be re-defined to include a sort of ‘pick and choose menu’ that can be ‘interpreted’ to mean whatever appeases the reader...but worse yet, some at the very top of the leadership ladder deny the immutable sovereignty of God, as well as the divinity of Christ. Those same leaders aggressively question the credibility and authority of the Scriptures when it suits their cause. They have in effect tried to neutralize the moral laws of the commandments and have claimed that because our human intellect has evolved to what it is today, God Himself lacks the understanding of His own creation. We should be asking, ‘what has happened to their faithfulness to the gospel,” writes a very concerned 50 year member.

Another failure of some false ‘shepherds’ has been open defiance of the sexual commands in the Word. A recent sexual failure in the largest protestant church in America has caused 500,000 members to leave the denomination in one year, actually losing 3 million members since 2006.a ‘one law for thee, another for me’ attitude. All of this has resulted in only 16% of Americans who say religion is the most important part of their lives, down from 20% a decade ago. Attendance post pandemic crashing 40 to 50% in many denominations and 31% of Christians become disaffiliated before they reach 30! (Dailymail.com James Reini, May 11 and May 16, 2023) Add to this in 2023 same sex marriage has received the blessing in the Church of England (Kurt Zindulka daily mail.com Feb 10, 2023) and German Catholic bishops have voted to bless same-sex unions (dailymail.com, Chris Tomlinson, Mar 11, 2023).All in defiance to the Word of God.

These ‘false shepherds’ were given a solemn warning of judgment many years ago that still stands today:(Ezek 34:10) Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. (Jer 23:1-2) Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, says the LORD. (Jer 25:34-37) Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, you principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and you shall fall like a pleasant vessel.35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD. (Rom 14:10-12) for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.11 For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.



THANK YOU: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wanted to write and once again than you for providing me with the 2nd book of the series! It is truly amazing the amount of grace and forgiveness that the Lord Jesus offered us in giving us the ability to have a second chance for the continuance of mankind. I am thoroughly enjoying learning more about my Lord. I still have so much to learn but already I am soaking all this up like a sponge. I give myself & God one hour every day specifically for Him and I feel like I am growing both spiritually as well as intellectually.

I loved reading how artistic the Lord was. Just knowing He formed man from the ground astounds me. And to top it off, He really put the thorn in our side (:) women!) by taking us through surgery. LOL. Don't tell my future wife I said that, whomever she may be, 'Lord willing'. It seems many mythological stories have some form of truth to their origins as well as a world wide flood to a tree having forbidden fruit and powerful side effects. I wonder what would have happened if woman fed us from the tree of life instead! What alternate set of events could have transpired!

Isn't it interesting that the wily serpent when speaking to Eve fumbled around what the Lord said? To confound her? Satan really did his homework...how much more should we as Christians also our home work. *Man's goings are of the Lord; How can man then understand his own way? Pro 20:24* Only with God can we fully understand events, dreams, and paths we take in our lives. But God doesn't tempt us, our own desires bring about temptation and in our weakened state, we choose to sin... You can't blame the devil if you're the one doing the sinning...

The Bible talks about being a witness for Him. I have now been awaiting trial for 13 months here in Duval, FL, and even though I know I am fighting to get my life back, even though I don't fit in here I have begun to realize maybe God put me here to be a witness while learning about Him and by trying to purge myself of cursing and 'manly talk' and reading my Bible every day, trying to be different, I will affect others.... Though I hope to obey God enough to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to make miracles happen.

God sent Jesus His son to earth, of no reputation (Phil 2:7-11), as unto a servant, as a fleshly man.. And he made miracles happen. He caused an entire world to remember Him!! I'm a simple guy with a big dream to be remembered for helping people, saving others, having a family, being someone used by God! So, as I learn from your lessons and teachings, I will continue to pass on this knowledge and blessings that your ministry give to me. Keep up the good work and God bless you whoever you are. Stay the course, keep the faith. You are making an impact on at least 64 other men here in my dorm, and also live of families they talk to as well and the other 5,000 inmates. Respectfully, BD, FL *The passionate fever is very obvious in the newfound faith and trust this man has found in God. Pray for him as the Lord teaches him and refines his character.*



A VOLUNTEER IN GLORY.... In 2016, our friend, Dr. Ed Danielson, more than 42 years in foreign missions, now retired at SIM, was recruited by Monie Motis to grade our Spanish lessons. Dr. Ed was so gracious and served with us until a few weeks before his death May 11. He served with us for 7 years until age 92! Here he is at 85 (2016) with our Spanish school director, Evangeline Johnson, now retired, receiving his orientation. I will always remember the grace and love he shared with the inmates as he graded.

It is hard to express my indebtedness to all our volunteers for their many years of hard work and dedication and, especially, their love for the Lord and His work. As with our faithful donors, without you, we could not exist. Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the ministry. We are in our 26th year as Little Lambs and the continued gratitude we see expressed by all our Lambs for their introduction into spiritual things and a relationship with the Lord excites us. As we celebrate Father's Day, always remember that our volunteers serve as surrogate fathers and mothers to those alone in prison or jail. As with Dr. Ed, as his own children testify, he was a wonderful father and he passed that on to the inmates as well as everyone around him. I pray that all you fathers find the grace and strength to be godly fathers in this time of a critical need for godly role models for our children. God bless all of you in this hour!

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