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“Serving God’s Servants”



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In the second half of July, I spoke a total of 18 times to about 160 teens one week at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp and another week to about 130 nine and ten year olds. That was a true test of my returning stamina while recovering from a health challenge. This was a rewarding time. Arnold was well received and we sensed God’s spirit working in the hearts of campers. There were first time decisions made to receive Christ.



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Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

- 3rd Monday monthly—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA (Hippe)
- July 10-15— Teen Camp, Cocolalla Lake, ID
- July 24-28— 9/10 Year Old Camp, Cocolalla Lake, ID
- August—September— Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Morris)
- September 24—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Hippe)
- November 4—ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

Do you need assistance with Creative outreach programs, AWANA or Kid’s Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid’s camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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BRUTAL FACTS OF LIFE

These brutal facts of life are difficult to consider but will help you get God’s best for your life. The sooner you face these truths and deal with them properly you will be able to focus on what’s most important. These facts are challenging to consider even from a biblical worldview, but when you do, life will take on greater meaning and purpose.

#1 DEATH IS FINAL.

Hebrews 9:27 “. . . it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,” There is no reincarnation, there is no second chance. Death is death. When we’re gone, we’re gone. Worrying about what will happen after you die or how you will be remembered is pointless. Invest your minutes on earth wisely. If you happen to believe there is no life after this life, there is no Heaven, there is no Hell, you’d better be right. You are going to die.

#2 EVERYONE YOU KNOW WILL DIE.

Don’t make life’s sole purpose about grieving over death. Certainly, you grieve at the death of those you love. The separation is not normal. You were not created to die. “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.” 1 Thessalonian 4:13 If you know Christ as your personal Savior, you have the confident assurance that you will be together with those you love.

#3 ETERNITY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

Live for today with eternity in mind. Someone has well said that life is the time God has given us to decide where we will spend eternity. The moment a believer in Christ dies, Paul has reminded us in 2 Corinthians 5:8 that being absent from the body, we are present with the Lord. God wants you to enjoy this life. Every day is truly a miracle. Think of all the things that could happen within your body, of which you have no control, things that could go wrong and end your life, a clogged blood vessel, a cell that reproduces out of control, a careless driver you can’t avoid. If you knew you had one week to live, how would that alter your activities? Every day is one day closer.

#4 THERE ARE NO BANK ACCOUNTS IN ETERNITY.

For many, the main goal in life is to have the largest bank account and retirement fund possible. “Retirement” is not a principle found anywhere in Scripture. Good stewardship is a principle found throughout God’s word. Neglecting God’s priorities leads only to emptiness. A retirement designed to invest in the lives of others is meaningful. To simply plan for a time where you do nothing is empty. Keeping eternity in view gives life the perspective God has designed for you to cultivate. “The LOVE of money is the root of all evil.” 1 Timothy 6:10 When you leave this earth, your bank accounts stay here for someone else. “For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world (1 Timothy 6:7). Where is the focus of your love and life?

#5 MONEY WILL NOT BRING YOU HAPPINESS.

Financial gain can bring momentary pleasure, but it fades. If money becomes your life’s goal, the result is slavery, bondage to the dollar, not freedom. Happiness is illusive and ultimately brings no lasting satisfaction. It is truly chasing the wind. God does not want us to be unhappy, He wants us to be holy. Joy is deeper than fleeting happiness. Joy is founded on a growing relationship with our Creator through Christ. Don’t waste your life’s energy pursuing happiness. John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” Enjoy the happy moments that surround you daily.

CONFRONT THE BRUTAL FACTS



FACTS + FAITH

Have strong faith yet confront facts of your current reality

#6 INVESTING YOUR MONEY IS A WASTE OF TIME.

Money is your life in a capsule form. Unless you have inherited your money or won the lottery, your earnings represent the time you have invested in your work. Investing money may free up your time to do more meaningful things like investing your time in others. Your time is the true currency of life. Wasting time is wasting money. Invest your time wisely. Investing in eternity will bring life's most meaningful rewards. Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#7 BELIEVING YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IS A FANTASY.

If you can believe you can do "anything" you set your mind to, you're wrong. You can't flap your arms and fly no matter how hard you try. Believing something to be true doesn't make it so. Belief must be based on evidence, truth. Believing a male can be a female or a female can be a male doesn't make it so. What is the evidence? Believing there is **NO** life after this life or there is **NO** Heaven or **NO** Hell doesn't make it so. Believing you can be good enough to enter Heaven on your own merit doesn't mean it will happen. Your guarantee of life after this life is the evidence of the empty tomb of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 15:10 "And if Christ has not been raised, then . . . your faith is in vain."

#8 WASTING YOUR GOD-GIVEN ABILITIES IS A MEANINGLESS ADVENTURE.

We all have some unique ability or passion. It may be simply caring about others. It may be serving in health care or vocational ministry, a nuclear scientist, a soldier or a teacher. If there is something you do well and are passionate about that, invest your life's energy in that. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going." Ecclesiastes 9:1

#9 FORGETTING WHO YOU ARE LEADS TO HEARTACHE.

As a believer in Christ, you are a child of God (John 1:12). The Holy Spirit indwells you and enables you to tackle any challenge you may face through His power, grace and strength." My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). The adage that God will not give you more than you can handle is not found in scripture. We are promised that God will always provide a way out of the temptation to sin (1 Corinthians 10:13). But sometimes, God will allow a life situation that is totally out of your control to give you the opportunity to trust Him. He affords you that moment in time to fully trust Him, not your own strength or cleverness. Remember you are God's son, God's daughter.

#10 YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS AND WORDS.

You cannot rightfully blame someone else or some unforeseen difficulty for your bad decisions. Sinful thoughts, words and actions are the result of a sinful heart. "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9) Be painfully honest with yourself and about yourself. When you have done wrong, said the wrong thing or not acted responsibly, take ownership of it. Make things right with God and others involved as soon as possible (1 John 1:9).

#11 YOU CAN'T MAKE EVERYONE YOUR FRIEND.

If you have your finger in the wind, you will not be able to put your finger on the immediate problem. The famous quote, ". . . You can't please all the people all the time" is so true. If you are trying to please everyone, you will please no one. Everyone will ultimately be frustrated with you because of some area of disagreement or misunderstanding. If you live by life principles gleaned from God's word, rather than majority opinion, you will please God and godly people. Matthew 4:4 ". . . It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

#12 FAILURE TO GUARD YOUR HEART BRINGS MISERY.

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." What you allow to enter your mind can ultimately control your heart (spirit) and your actions. When good, godly things fill your heart, words and actions follow. The same is true if you allow the opposite to fill your life. Choose your friends wisely because you will ultimately become like them. Your hearts will form a oneness. You will develop the same likes and dislikes, the same standards and the same worldview. It's a truth you can't avoid; it is always easier to pull someone down than it is to lift them up. Of all you guard, your marriage, your family, your bank account, your passwords, guarding your heart is most important. **(MORE TO FOLLOW IN OUR NEXT EDITION)**

**Continue to Pray for . . .**

- Pastor Kevin Che'n and his wife Janell, as they face Kevin's dialysis treatments and kidney transplant
- Country Bible Church in Dusty, WA as they seek a new shepherd for their flock
- Wisdom and health for our son, George II
- For direction with ongoing personal physical challenges. I am awaiting the doctors decision as to what to do next.

Thoughts from Dawna . . . Digging A Tunnel With A Spoon

I've lived most of my life believing that I'd know what to do when it came to making big decisions. I believe in God and that He speaks to me, so, if something was right or wrong, I'd just know. As a child I thought that when I grew up it'd be obvious what I would do for a living, who I should marry, and the same went for all the rest of whatever was supposed to happen after that. I focused on being truly excited when the things I wanted to have happen worked out, and then being graciously disappointed when the things I hoped would happen never did. In most ways I landed peacefully because, as it turns out, there isn't a lot of friction in life when you're decidedly happy with the ways things unfold in front of you. It's like finding the yellow brick road, you just follow follow follow follow.

**When Life's Doors Are Bolted Shut**

Like me, you might have made it through a significant part of your life without having to fight for much. There have been hardships along the way, but not the same as painful sacrifice to achieve a better long-term outcome. Most of us have designed a life where the things around us become progressively easier and more convenient. We're not invested in disrupting a pattern of comfort and ease with anything that creates conflict because we've spent our entire lives avoiding "difficult" and championing the blessings.

Then one day, the world changes so significantly that you're forced to experience things differently than you ever have. You're called to make modifications that are so substantial that the landscape of your life is no longer familiar. There may be abrupt shifts to your daily routines, change or loss of your most significant relationships, or a forfeiture of security in a career you worked your entire life to refine. It could be that the refuge you once felt in the world around you is no longer there.

The world began with not one paved road, it's easy to forget that. We haven't practiced pursuing outcomes that seem basically impossible, so when faced with that, we're crippled and distraught. Doors aren't always going to open in front of you providing a clear passageway to a better outcome, that's when it's time to sacrifice comfort and security. It is time to work so hard that you risk looking like a complete fool. It's time to experience the anguish of not knowing how to change something in your life, quite possibly the most critical piece of who you are. It's time to alter course even when you know it means you'll most likely lose everything or risk losing all of what's familiar to you.

We're used to a world of safe, comfortable, happy, self-proclaimed blessed and honored, church going, hand raising, microphone hugging, securely employed, vacationing, educated, motivational quote and scripture sharing conformists. Rules can be nice because they provide a clear path where you merrily do what you're supposed to do, but God's voice isn't more intelligible to a person just because they're following the rules. You are required to practice discernment in all things, even conventions you may have abided by your whole life. There may come a time when you realize you've got to forge a way that comes through absolute agony. When you've hoped and prayed that there could be another way, something more obvious and comfortable that would do less damage, but it isn't going to happen. It's time to start digging that tunnel with a spoon even though you're at the end of yourself from what the journey has taken out of you to get to this point. It may feel like the end, but it has been done before. You are not alone and there is restoration on the other side.

