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This is just a reminder that we are not to place our confidence in any government plan or program or any politician. Politicians and political parties will pass away, but the truth of God’s word will never pass away. Put a measure of confidence in leaders who place their faith in the truth of God’s word. Those who don’t, **DON’T**. It would be so refreshing to hear leaders ask, “What do you think God wants us to do?”



## 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)
- 3 Sundays/month through October—Wayne Morris, Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA
- September 4, October 2, November 6, —CBF, Kettle Falls, WA (Morris)
- September 18—Mending Fences, Spokane, WA (Hippe)
- October 1—Christ Fellowship, Spokane Valley, WA (Hippe)
- October 29 —ESM board meeting, New Hope Bible Church
- November 13—CBF Kettle Falls, WA (Hippe)
- December 4, 11, 18— CBF, Kettle Falls, WA (Morris)
- December 11— Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, 7 Bays, WA (Hippe)



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### WHO’S THE ENEMY?

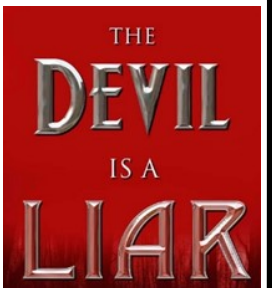
It would be great to focus on **THANKSGIVING**, **CHRISTMAS** and the **New Year**. I cannot. With our culture on the verge of moral collapse and our country in chaos economically, spiritually, and socially, I am compelled to speak to the truth. We have openly transgender men/women in leadership in our nation. We have openly homosexual men/women in positions of importance in our government and military. Why have transgender and homosexual lifestyles become a qualification for leadership? Is there anyone in the current administration in a leadership position who is openly a born-again Christian? If there is, I am unaware of that individual. I have no valid source to verify this, but I understand that our current leadership was encouraged to purge Christians from positions of influence.

By many, Christians are hated. That should come as no surprise. Jesus told his disciples to expect to be hated. Jesus said, “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 . . . because you are not of the world, . . . the world hates you. 20 . . . If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. . . 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know Him who sent me. 23Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24 . . . now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’ John 15:18-25

I grew up in a Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn setting in a small town in Central Illinois. My friends and I fished for bullheads, channel cats, carp and gar in the Illinois river. We caught pigeons under the railroad bridge that crossed the river. We played war in the local gravel pit area, hunted, camped, and swam in Senachwine creek where we caught buffalo carp and frogs. I could not have had a better childhood.

I have told students in my classes that I must be truly odd. Unlike many of today’s youth, it never occurred to me to be “bored.” There was too much to do, too many things to learn. Between sports, school, multiple jobs like mowing lawns, a paper route, and farm work, along with church activities chores at home and just having neighborhood fun, there was no time to consider boredom. With no internet, no cell phones, no video games, and no television for half my childhood, how could that be possible? Thankfully, the wheel had been invented shortly before my birth.

My dad and mom loved each other. My dad was a man, and my mom was a woman. Unlike our newest Supreme Court justice, I understood the difference. A biology degree was not required. Right was right and wrong was wrong. Left was left and right was right. Directions, right and wrong and personal identity were not determined by how one felt on a particular day or at a particular hour. Gender fluidity was non-existent. Our nation had a moral compass. Without a moral compass, with every man doing what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25), we have today’s chaos.



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I recently heard a male, pretending to be a woman, say that he wanted to be a mother. He knew that someday that would happen. He was recently seen by our President and praised for his lifestyle. That is delusional. There is a spiritual, mental, and emotional issue here. That man is wasting his life's energy on something that is never going to happen. What is the origin of such delusional thinking?

What is even more disturbing is that I am supposed to agree that such deluded thinking is perfectly normal and possible. If I don't agree, then I am the problem. We are told repeatedly to "follow the science." Then we are told that men can be women and women can become men. Men can even have babies. One can believe this lie, but the science says that is impossible. The truth is that no matter the hormone treatment, no matter the surgery, no matter the mental gymnastics, chromosomal makeup cannot be changed. That is determined by God at birth. The male chromosome is XY. The female chromosome is XX. That is "the science." That cannot be altered. Truth is truth. **"And for this reason, God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie . . ." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**

I realize this is referring to events after the rapture, but we see samples of this delusional thinking today.

When's the last time you saw a group of lions debating gender. When have you ever seen a male lion or dog or elk pretending to be a female? That is absurd. It's time to say that. We can say it kindly, but it must be said. It is not my concern what consenting adults do in private. I don't want to know. Keep it private. Why do some think it is necessary to flaunt abnormal sexual behavior and then to sell it as normal? Don't force me to accept the unnatural as natural. I will not.

Isn't that the point of a "gay pride parade," flaunting what they do in private. The openly lewd and vulgar displays at these events used to be grounds for arrest. Scripture is clear, **"Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."** Proverbs 16:18. Should there be a heterosexual pride parade? In some school districts, children are being subjected to these vile and explicit acts in class-rooms and libraries by teachers and "drag queens." There are books in some public-school libraries promoting this lifestyle and gender change with language so explicit that it was banned from being quoted in a school board meeting. Men pretending to be women, attempting to demonstrate this behavior as normal and perfectly acceptable, is not normal. How does God tolerate us?

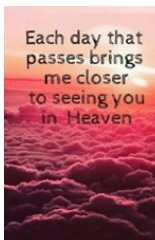
**"Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! For this reason, God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. Romans 1:24-28**



That baby in a manger, God in human form, humbled Himself to bring us freedom from the bondage of sin. He came to declare truth to a lost and dying world that is falling for a lie. This lie is from the "father of lies," Satan himself. He is **THE REAL ENEMY**. He is the one who is out to "steal, kill, and destroy." He loves chaos and confusion. In this setting, he works best. Remember who the real enemy is. Pray for and love those who are caught in his web of deceit. But for the grace of God, there go I.

### ONE DAY CLOSER TO HEAVEN

Remember that each new day is a fresh opportunity to serve God, to serve others and, because of Jesus, we are one day closer to Heaven and to those who have gone on before us. May the Holiday Season bring you opportunities to serve family and friends and to share the truth of the Gospel to those who need to hear. Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6



## Thoughts from Dawna . . . Are You Hurt or Are You Injured?

When you think about a person in Scripture who suffered in pain and shared those experiences most fully, you might think of Job. Job was a unique character, righteous and wealthy. He knew many luxuries that the world had to offer but overall, he feared God and shunned evil. Job faced the ultimate human sufferings at the hand of Satan. He personally knew the effects of physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual pain.



### ARE YOU HURT?

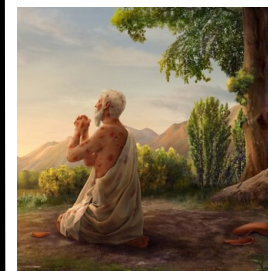
When my oldest son played football in high school, one of the most important things the coaches taught the boys at the beginning of each season was to know the difference between being hurt and being injured. Both hurt and injury cause pain but the reaction to each of these things should be different. When you play football, you're going to hurt. Practices are long and hard. Your muscles are going to scream in pain, resisting movement, and it'll hurt worse two days later. You'll be bruised, worn out, and feel physically broken. You are hurt, you are in pain, but you are not injured. You can continue to move forward even in the pain that's caused by being hurt.

### ARE YOU INJURED?

When injury happens, you are a victim to the result of that injury. The consequence of injury is that you must take time off to heal. Injury will stop you from playing football and in life, injury will stop you from doing the work you set out to do. Injury requires rest, recovery and healing which means the response to injury should be much different than the response to being hurt.

### THE MOST EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO PAIN

Just like being hit hard in the game of football, our everyday lives come with pain whether it's physical, emotional, or spiritual. However, ninety-eight percent of the time we are experiencing pain from being hurt but we react as though we are critically injured. That is, abandoning relationships, quitting jobs, outbursts of anger, and other forms of self-medication. These are all a giant overreaction to being hurt.



It is imperative to recognize that most of the hurt in our lives is something we can push through despite the pain. Like Job in the Bible said, *"Then I would still have this consolation – my joy in unrelenting pain – that I had not denied the words of the Holy One."* When you're ready to learn from and emulate a person who has experienced that kind of pain, read Job's stories. Focus on his words, actions, and responses to pain.

A football coach teaches his players that if you don't learn to understand the difference between being hurt and being injured, pain will take you out of the game every single time. Most importantly, pain is ever present if we're alive, and it's a waste of life if you allow it to diminish the work and productivity of a lifetime well-lived for God.

**Hebrews 12:11** *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

### PRAY WITH US

- **PRAISE:** Sprague Community Church has called their former pastor, Bob Bridges, to serve with them. Lord willing, November 13th will be his first Sunday back in the pulpit.
- **Pray for our son, "G2," who was hospitalized for several days in mid-October with a serious infection in both legs. Medications have been changed; he is still adjusting to side-affects.**
- **Continue to pray for God to help us plan for the future of ESM and a Timothy to partner with us.**
- **PRAISE:** All financial needs have been met for 2022. Thanks to you, our ministry is debt-free.

