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“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it. . .”

Isaiah 30:21

World War I, often called the Great War, was so horrible that people began to call it the “*war to end all wars*”. Learned men began to acknowledge the cost of war was just too great for men to use conflict as a reasonable means of settling their disputes. Weapons were becoming too destructive. Men were promoting the use of airplanes and chemical weapons against their enemies. Bombs were becoming more powerful.

Casualties were no longer restricted to the battlefields. Civilians were dying by the thousands. Surely, with all of man’s knowledge and evolutionary progress, he could find a way to avoid such carnage in the future. Countries should be wise enough to learn from history that war is a game where everyone loses.

However, man did not learn. In less than twenty years the seeds of World War II were already being sown. Then came the Holocaust and the wholesale slaughter of entire cities of civilians. Voices from the past were speaking; trouble was, no one cared to listen. It has been said: Wise

people learn from the mistakes of others, intelligent people learn from their own mistakes, and fools never learn from anyone.

Such is the history of mankind. There are voices that speak from behind us, and when we are willing to listen and learn, some of life’s most meaningful teachings come from those who speak from the past. They have traveled the very roads we are traveling now. They have a personal experience that can help guide us to make the right choices. All too often, we ignore their counsel and allow history to sleep undisturbed.



We can see this being played out in many aspects of life. Many professions use an apprenticeship program to train young workers. These aspiring professionals act as interns shadowing experienced veterans to learn from their experience and wisdom. This method is used in professional settings such as medicine, technical trades, and in the field of athletics and sports. Actually, it is pretty hard to imagine a situation when it would not be worthwhile to consider the first-hand experience of others.

The men who founded our great nation obviously felt that way. Men like Adams, Jefferson, and Washington believed that knowledge of the past was vital in making the right decisions in the here and now. They believed that a study and application of history was one of the most important things for citizens of a free republic to undertake. History embraced accurately and diligently could be utilized to help build a better society. To them, history was not mere academics; it also had a moral purpose. This was a concept they gleaned from their own study of history as they adopted the view of the classical Greek and Roman historians, like Herodotus, Thucydides, Livy, and Tacitus.

Of course, there is no shortage of history (*with varying degrees of accuracy*) available to the modern American. The library shelves are full of history books, and many sources of historic data can be found on-line. Furthermore, there are several history channels available on television today. You might say we are awash in information about the past. The trouble is history does not enter into the realm of our day-to-day decision making. We simply do not think about things historically. Most of our higher

educational institutions teach about how the world should be, rather than how it actually is. Therefore, there is very little personal connection to encourage the student to apply the lessons of the past in making decisions for today or plans for the future. When some event occurs, we simply do not consider the “history of the now”. The modern world suffers from a fatal delusion. We believe we are exempt from the lessons of history. For example, we may remember what happened when other nations devalued their currency or plunged into immorality, but we believe with our technology and modern way of thinking we will avoid those pitfalls. In other words, our great intellect has lifted us above needing the lessons history can teach us.

Many modern thinkers in the world of business, government, and theology do not believe the lessons of history apply to them. They think the future is like a blank canvas for them to create their own vision for the world.

Karl Rove, senior advisor to President George W. Bush once said:

“We’re an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you’re studying that reality—judiciously, as you will—we’ll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that’s how things will sort out. We’re history’s actors...and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.”

I guess that means our leaders feel they have the right to invent all sorts of programs and regulations to destroy our freedoms, hurt our children, destroy our economy, and even take our lives, and they will do it just because they can. After all, the old realities—the old rules of cause and effect—do not apply to them.

Franklin Roosevelt said, “*We have nothing to fear, but fear itself.*” His speech given at his first inaugural address on March 4, 1933 was a great motivational dissertation. However,





he was wrong. The Word of God teaches us the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord. The Almighty God is the first thing we should fear. I think the second greatest fear should be a fear of ourselves and the destruction we arrogant and foolish human beings are capable of.

The founders of our republic knew better. They understood the lessons of history remain constant because human nature has remained constant. Deep down we still think just like the ancient Greeks and Romans. We can still be kind, generous, and loving; just as we can also be wicked, selfish, and hateful. Humanity, with all of its good and bad is still very much present in these tabernacles of flesh.

If we start asking the right questions, there are countless life-giving lessons we can learn from our past. We might learn the great expense of our foolish decisions and bad habits. We could learn the folly of wasting resources

(money, time, energy, etc.) and yielding to temptation.

History is our opportunity to remind ourselves of who we are, what direction we are heading, and ask ourselves if that's the direction we ought to be going. History reminds us of the mistakes our ancestors made and gives us the opportunity to avoid those mistakes. History is the record of our triumphs, our failures, and our corrections. To ignore it, or to twist it, does a gross disservice to ourselves and to those who come after us. Without it, we will continue to make the same mistakes as our fathers did, and those mistakes will be magnified by the greater amount of damage we can do with it. Although we may not attain his age, with all of the history behind us, we should all have more wisdom than Methuselah.

About 75 years ago we stopped looking to the past for answers and started looking to the future. Politicians,

rather than looking to Jefferson or Adams, started looking ahead for direction. The Supreme Court, rather than look for precedents of the past, started interpreting law based on what sounded good to them in the now. Churches have done the same thing. Rather than accepting what has been proven, we decided that new stuff was better than the old. We ceased listening to the voices behind us. In Isaiah chapter 30, God describes what happened to Israel when the people refused to listen to the voice behind them.

Our Lord commands us to remember the days gone by:

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.”

Deuteronomy 32:7

Just like any accurate source of history, God's word is also a reliable voice from behind. Although written years ago, it is still very much relevant to our modern society. Although the Bible does speak of secular history, it speaks more of the unchanging nature of man. Man can learn much from studying what the Word of God has to say about him. We learn of man's strengths and weaknesses which have brought him success or failure. History, rightly understood and applied, can help us save ourselves from greater harm and help us build a better future for our children.



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Integrity

We must be beyond reproach in all our dealings with others. We must honor our promises and go the extra mile to minister to our listeners. We pay our bills and honor our commitments.

Depth

Each member of our team must be spiritually strong. Listeners will often look to us for guidance. The music programs we air should be, in many ways, like a church service. We must seek the Lord's will in everything that is said and in every song that is added



or deleted from our discretionary playlist.

Experience

Each member of our team should be proficient in his duties and knowledgeable in his presentation. It will take more than broadcast talent to do a good job at *GoMix*.

Approachability

Our audience needs to be able to get in touch with us. They need to feel we are accessible and in partnership with them. We don't just answer the telephone during a *Share-A-Thon*. We are a local ministry. Call-in contests and supporting local events are tools we can use to help make us more accessible to our listeners.

Compassion

Our audience is comprised of many hurting people. Often people tune in to *GoMix* because they are going through a crisis. We must be aware of this ministry opportunity. It is important to remember we are servants. If we minister to the hurting, we will never lack for a congregation.

Sustainability

Although funding is not our primary goal, our ministry operates without

deficits. When the lack of funding becomes an issue, assessments must be made as to why our financial picture has changed, and then wise and prudent corrective measures must be taken.

Personal

Generally speaking, people do not support ministries; they support people. If we are a personal, supportive ministry to our audience, our listeners will more than likely respond to our needs. People want and deserve news and weather information that affects them. Our listeners deserve our extra effort. They minister to us during the *Share-A-Thon*, but during the rest of the year, it is our responsibility to minister to them.

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Sheep in the Church or Goats at the Circus?

It breaks our hearts to consider all the Christians who attend church whose lives aren't being transformed by the Gospel. If we believe something beautiful, like the life changing message of Christ, but don't practice it, we're no better than the Pharisees Jesus criticized. Those highly religious people raced to make converts but never challenged them to conform their lives to God's Word. Jesus confronted these hypocritical church leaders saying, ***“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.”*** (Matthew 23:15).

Do you ever wonder why the church doesn't operate in power today? Why doesn't the church seem different from the world? It's because we've accepted a gospel of mixture, one driven by fleshly goals rather than Godly ones.

How can we preach a gospel of light when darkness is presented as the gospel? We're not the first generation to see this. **C.H. Spurgeon** saw the same temptation creeping into churches of his time. He wrote: ***“The Devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people with a view of winning them... The church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them... now she has***

adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

“My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work, why did Christ not speak of it? ‘Go ye, therefore, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’ Yes, that is clear enough; so, would it have been if He had added ‘and provide amusement for those who do not relish the Gospel’... I do not hear Him say to his disciples, ‘Run after these people that are leaving. Peter, tell them we will have

some different style of service tomorrow; something short and attractive with very little preaching...’

“Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to affect the desired end... Let the careless and the scoffer who thank God because the church met them halfway stand up, speak and testify... Let him stand up—but there are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts.”

Spurgeon's sermon includes a phrase that clearly describes many modern-day ministries: ***“The time will come when instead of shepherds feeding sheep, they will have clowns entertaining the goats.”***

Paul didn't leave Titus and his brothers behind in Crete to entertain the people, and Jesus didn't leave us on this darkened earth to amuse. We are here for a Godly purpose: to hear from God, and to live and speak His holy word to cut through the culture with conviction and power.

At **GoMix**, although we hope our listeners find blessing in our programming, we are not here to entertain; we are here to inspire. We must not reduce His Word to a performance where listeners are impressed by human talent or skill. You see, even if the circus is held in the church—it is still clowns entertaining the goats.

He Is Our Sun & Shield

Dr. Glenn Mills

“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

Psalm 84:11

All through the Word of God we find promises of what He can and will do based on the fact of Who He is. His Word reveals He is a sun and shield. Sounds good, but what is this really saying. Well, we all know the Sun gives warmth and light. When it is really cold out, it feels good to be in a warm place because it gives us comfort. The wonderful presence of God also gives us comfort far beyond anything this world can give.

God gives us His Holy Spirit, also known as our Comforter, to help us in our daily walk with Him. Even when we are facing hard times, we have comfort and peace when we put our trust in God. Also, because the Sun gives light, it gives life. Most things need light to grow. Science has proven people

are emotionally affected when sunlight is restricted in some way. Jesus is the “light” of the world. The Bible also tells us He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (**John 14:6**). God is referred to in **Psalm 84** as a sun because He is the true-life giver.

The Scripture also says God is our shield. A shield does three things. One, it represents authority and position. Often in the early years of history, armies would have their emblem on their flags and their shields. The Bible teaches we are the army of God, and we march under the banner of Jesus Christ. We are marked and sealed by the Holy Spirit of God, and every enemy is aware of His authority in our lives.

Second, the shield represents God’s protection. He loves each of us with an unconditional love. He watches over us every moment and defeats every enemy that would try to harm us in any way. Last of all, the shield is a covering. Many times, during battle the shield was used in hand to hand combat to



block the enemies attack. When the enemy would attempt an air attack with darts or arrows, the shield was held over the head to block the attack. God's presence shields us from every attack. Praise God, He is our Sun and Shield.

We also see in the Scripture He gives grace and glory to His Children who live right. Grace is His unmerited favor and blessing. While we do not deserve it, His love for us provides it due to His love for us. Glory means abundance, wealth, honor, and treasure. When we live right in God's eyes, He shares His glory with us. Everything we need is in who He is.

In closing, the Scripture also reminds us that *"no good thing will God withhold from them that walk (live) uprightly."* What is good? God is good. Jesus said there is no one good but God. Therefore, anything that is considered good has to be Godly. To be Godly is to be like

God. God tells us here He will not hold back anything His presence and power can provide if we will live holy, just, and right. He has freely given us total access to all He is and has if we will live right according to His Word.

I pray today you will take this message to heart and allow it to become a part of who you are becoming in Christ. God loves us so very much and desires to bless us when we live in accordance to His Word. I encourage you to study the Word and seek to know Who God truly is and what He desires to do with you and through you. When God referred to Himself as *"I AM"*, He was simply saying, I am whatever you need, whenever you need it, if you will obey My Word and trust Me.



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I love my country! America, in spite of her problems, is still the greatest land on earth. There are so many freedoms we still possess. Where else can you go to church and worship God without fear of reprisal? We are still able to homeschool our children or send them to a private school that teaches about Jesus. We are blessed with Christian music and preaching on radio and television. For the most part, we are able to come and go as we please, purchase things we wish to purchase, and go on trips without fear of harassment by the government.

Sadly, over time, many of our freedoms have been violated. We

have to fight for the freedoms our forefathers purchased with their blood. Our constitution has been misinterpreted so many times. The freedom to bear arms is constantly questioned, and obviously, the freedom of speech depends on the speaker. Our government is trying to legislate what we eat and what we build on our own property. What has happened to our country? Why have we eroded to this point?

When I look around, my biggest concern is the evil in our land. I cannot help but believe our country is in a downward spiral because the morals of our great country are decaying. The *“if it feels good, do*

it” syndrome is rampant. I call it the *“I, me, my epidemic.”* A majority of the people in our great land have become very selfish, from the leaders of our country to the man or woman on welfare. Most people are not looking at what is good for the next generation. Don’t you find that ironic?

Independence Day, July 4th, is celebrated with fireworks, parades, cookouts, and many other festivities. Don’t we realize there would be no Independence Day if our forefathers only thought of themselves? All of the signers of the Declaration of Independence gave up their wealth and position when they signed the

document. Why would they do this? They were looking to the future. These men wanted to “... *secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity.*” Our republic was formed as a nation of laws with the Bible as its guide. What if our forefathers had been selfish?

What if John Hancock had said, “*I will not sign the Declaration of Independence. I may lose my wealth! I will be a wanted man. No way will I sign.*” What if Thomas Jefferson had been too busy to draft the Declaration of Independence? Maybe he had more important things to do. He was a very busy man. What if each forefather, I cannot bring myself to call them politicians, had wanted something in our founding documents that looked out for their personal interests?

It saddens me every time I hear or read the news. Rarely is there something to be celebrated. I realize our government has a lot of improving to do, but it seems there is no respect left among our politicians. Many people do not like our president, but just as many did not like our previous president. It seems that the office deserves more respect than it is given. A constant battle is going on in Washington as well as our state governments. The past election in North Carolina’s government is a prime example. In my humble opinion, our new governor is in office for one of the most selfish motives there is—financial gain. Over half of North Carolinians were more concerned about the sports events and losing financial revenue than the safety of our women and children. What has happened to America?

There was a time when people left their cars and houses unlocked. My father-in-law used to leave the keys in his truck when my husband was a child. We wouldn’t dare do that now. We have home invasions, and people being shot at Walmart or in the middle of the mall. When my husband was young, everyone owned a gun, but there were no school shootings. There were very few murders. Not like today. Every time you listen to the news, multiple murders have been committed. Marriage is no longer sacred; it is dispensable. People are not only marrying the same sex, but they are marrying animals, trees and even themselves. Sickening, isn’t it.

The moral character of our nation has taken a nose dive. Where did it begin? Perhaps it was when Americans began to discard the philosophies of our forefathers. Our country was built on the principles of the Bible, yet our leaders are doing everything they can to remove God’s Word from our land. The Ten Commandments have been removed

from our schools because we are afraid someone will obey them. Prayer has been removed from our schools, as well as from important meetings which determine the future of our country. We have been chastised for putting manger scenes on public property. This cannot be! How could God have been kicked out of our land?

Is it because He has been kicked out of our homes? Our country was built one family at a time. Each family was determined to teach their children the right way to live. No, not all families were Christian, but most families followed the moral precepts on which our country was founded. Parents took their role seriously. They knew they had to be examples and make sacrifices for the good of their children. I am not talking about buying them a phone or taking them to Disney World. I am referring to life lessons that need to be learned.

The values of honesty, integrity, hard work, responsibility, and





accountability among others are not stressed today. It amazes me how parents will get so upset when their child lies to them, yet some parents lie all the time. How many parents lie to pay a child's rate for their thirteen year old at the movies or a restaurant? How many parents call in sick at work to go to the beach? Do you know how often parents do their children's homework and have them turn it in as their own? I believe this is called cheating as well as plagiarism. I have even had parents write students' punishment for them. I am thankful I don't see this often, but it is a shame it happens at all.

What about hard work? Do we teach our young people the value of hard work? Do you ever wonder why people cannot manage but one thing at a time? Do you ever wonder why adults feel so entitled? They haven't been taught how to work hard. I have observed that many children don't know how to clean up after themselves, nor do they have chores assigned. It is sad when a sixteen year old has never mown a yard or washed a dish. Mama is still doing their laundry,

and all they have to do is ask for money as if it grows on trees.

Do we teach our children responsibility or accountability? How can we when we don't take responsibility for our own actions? I know there are legitimate times when we can't meet our obligations, but we should face it. We shouldn't have to be chased down. If you owe money, go in and face the business you owe. Don't run and hide or change the mailing address. Keep your word. Parents make so many excuses for their children's behavior. Just admit! My child is a sinner just like me, and we are working on it.

There are so many other examples I could give, but less you tire of my soap box, I will wrap it up. What has happened to America? Our homes are not following the precepts of God's Word. Spoiled and untrained children are not held accountable for their actions. They are not taught the difference in right or wrong. Selfishness controls their every action. These young people have grown up to be our politicians and judges. So, many Americans as well as our leaders now have the

philosophy, if it is right for me, it is right for the rest of the country. It is no wonder that America is in trouble.

America is still the greatest land on earth. Committed Christians must stand and be heard. If we are to save America, we must raise our children on the precepts of the Scripture and follow them ourselves. We must hold our leaders accountable and pray for our nation. This will truly make America great again. It is the only way!

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14

God Bless America!



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And Finally...



International Joke Day...

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"

M. S.

Question - What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? Answer - Ruth-less.

J. I.

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor, and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor, and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

J. D.

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and

gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

"No!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the children answered, "No!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta 'be dead!"

L. K.

A man and a friend were playing golf one day. One of them stops mid-swing when he sees a long funeral procession on the road by the course. He takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows in prayer. His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I've ever seen. You truly are a kind man!"

The man replies, "Yeah, well, we were married 35 years."

B. B.

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