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How to Prepare for the Coming Second American Revolutionary/Civil War  PART III

I have a lot of interchange with Christian leaders as well as leaders in other fields. Since having the dream about the coming second American Revolutionary/Civil War, I’ve talked with many about it. To my surprise, I have yet to get a skeptical response. Some replied that they believed that something like this was coming for some time. So I wonder if in some things, I can be slow to see what is obvious to others and need dramatic dreams like this to wake me up.

With most of the revelations I’ve had of coming major events, some have happened pretty fast, which I consider to be within a couple of years. Others took decades to unfold. For this one, I do not want to speculate. Yet, until I am given a specific timing, I look for signs to indicate the timing. The signs that I have seen indicate to me that this is unfolding faster than I expected. This is my opinion, not revelation. However, to let you in on what I’m thinking at this time, I think this is likely to unfold in just a few years, or even a couple of years. It would not surprise me if it broke out at any time.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The first sign I looked for with regard to this was anger on the right beginning to spill over into violence. Conservatives tend to be more reserved and law-abiding. President Nixon called them “the silent majority” because they tended to be reticent to even protest. This is not to imply that there are not right wing extremists and organizations, but for the most part, conservatives tend to be far more reserved. When a recently arrested Coast Guard officer was found with weapons and plans to attack leftist leaders, we of course prayed that this was an isolated incident of one troubled man. Yet, when
we start to see a trend of this type of thing, we should take it as a sign that worse is near.

The second sign I have looked for is the assault on our southern border to grow, along with reports of a deep darkness manifesting in extremely cruel and evil attacks on people. This is because of a series of dreams I had a few years ago about an onslaught of deep darkness coming across our southern border. I now understand that this was related to what I saw in my dream about the coming revolutionary/civil war. As The New York Times recently reported, what is being done to many in the caravans, especially to women, indicates a new level of deep darkness and demonic depravity.

In the dreams I had about our southern border, the new level of demonic evil created such an outrage at our federal government for allowing this to happen that federal agents and authorities had to flee from many states. This caused the federal government’s authority and influence to be radically reduced and even rejected altogether by some states. As the demented cruelty of some in these caravans becomes wider known, it could well create a flashpoint for this.

Of course, we should pray that all the evil and attacks on our country are reduced. Even though I was shown that this revolutionary/civil war is inevitable, we can decrease its violence, destruction, and human cost by obeying II Chronicles 7:14. We must turn to The Lord even more resolutely than those turning to the demonic.

We need to let our congressmen and senators know that we expect them to do all that they can to secure our southern border as quickly as possible. We should pray earnestly that everyone now seeking to obstruct this would repent and change their stand or get removed from office. If they don’t, so much evil and depravity will be manifested that Americans will turn on those who stand in the way of protecting our own people, and it will not be pretty.

The issue of securing our southern border is obviously exacerbating the division between the political right and left at this time. There is a real danger that the level of violence that Americans are becoming subjected to by those infiltrating the southern border will be turned into rage and violence against our government leaders that allowed this to happen. In the dream, this rage was a main factor that precipitated the turning of the states against the federal government. It seems to me that the pressure from this is growing faster than I anticipated.

In the vision I received in 1987 that I wrote about in The Harvest, I saw a hot war along our southern border. In 1987, this seemed unlikely—now it seems almost inevitable. What I saw in that dream was a pitched battle between armies, not just rising violence. Obviously, the U.S. could easily prevail in such a conflict, but the ultimate consequences would still be bad for all.

THE MAIN THING

Most prophecy, including biblical prophecy, tends to be more general than specific. This keeps us seeking The Lord and depending on The Holy Spirit, who does not just give us guidance but is our Guide. While prophecy normally points us in a general direction, we must get closer to The Lord and resolutely follow Him to stay on track. Therefore, the main way that we prepare for anything is to get closer to The Lord.

We can know every detail and the timing of what will happen, but this will not benefit us if we are not abiding in The Lord. This is not to say that strategies and plans do not have their place, but if we put our trust in them in place of The Lord, they will likely lead us to be in the wrong place and do the wrong things. As we are told in Revelation 19:10, “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” As Francis Frangipane likes to say, “We are called to follow Emmanuel, not a manual.”

I belabor this point purposely when addressing prophecies like this because we will not be prepared, or in the
right place doing the right things, if we give more attention to knowing what will happen than we do to getting closer to The Lord and following Him. As the times unfold, it will be increasingly critical that we know Him for ourselves, not just follow others who know Him. We must care enough about knowing Him and His ways that we make the sacrifices to search them out.

It is essential that we do all that we do in faith and are not led by fear. We will grow in faith if we obey The Lord’s three instructions for facing the troubles at the end of the age, which I will continue to repeat. They are: 1) stand up, 2) look up, and 3) rejoice. Those who have true faith in The Lord will stand for Him and His truth regardless of the cost. We have this faith by seeing Him and where He sits above all rule, authority, and dominion. If we see Him, we cannot help but rejoice because we know of the victorious conclusion to all things. All of this trouble is evidence that our redemption is near.

THE MOST IMPORTANT REVELATION

Our joy is the primary barometer for how we know that we are in fact abiding in The Lord. In Psalm 16:11, we are told that “in Your presence is the fullness of joy.” If we are abiding in His presence, joy is the sure evidence. If we are depressed or increasingly gripped by fear at the things that are coming upon the world, then we are not abiding in His presence, where there is “fullness of joy.”

So am I saying that being happy is one main way we get ready for what is unfolding? Yes! As we are told in Nehemiah 8:10, “Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” The joy of The Lord is our strength because there is only one place that we can get that joy—in His presence. Many things can steal our joy if it is based on anything else, but if it is the true “joy of The Lord,” the only thing that can steal it is for us to drift from His presence.

The joy of The Lord is not superficial giddiness—it is much deeper and more profound. Joy is not our goal, but it is the fruit of accomplishing our main goal—to get closer to The Lord. When we start losing this joy it should be an alarm that we are drifting from His presence. He will never leave us or forsake us, so it is never The Lord who moves, rather it’s us.

When we are abiding in The Lord and His joy, we will see with a different perspective. As we are told in James 1:2, “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials.” It is not normal to consider trials joyful, but we will when we abide in The Lord. We will see problems as opportunities to get excited about instead of annoying or frightening catastrophes.

Peter said that the testing of our faith was more valuable than gold. If we believe this, we should get as excited about a test of our faith as we would if we found a bag of gold. Is that how we react to trials? If not, it should reveal how far we are from abiding in Him.

In His Service,

Rick Joyner

I Corinthians 15:58
Biblical Worldview: What Does it Mean and How is it Applied?

By Don Brown

On America Now, our weekly MorningStar television show, we often remind our viewers that we examine events “through the lens of a biblical worldview.” That phrase, “biblical worldview,” gets bandied about, often in evangelical circles. It’s sometimes cited as the standard on how we should think philosophically and how we should approach things in our personal lives and in government. But what does it mean? Why is it important?

The three basic building blocks constituting the core foundation for a biblical worldview philosophy include: (1) application of biblical principles, (2) an understanding of biblical prophecies, and (3) recognizing the preeminence of Israel as blessed among nations. In this article, we will examine the application of biblical principles as a foundational basis for a biblical worldview. These biblical principles apply to certain biblical core values applied to individuals, the church, and governments. We must understand the different applications of biblical worldview to the individual and biblical worldview to the government.

The first, non-negotiable building block of a biblical worldview recognizes the inerrancy of Scripture, divinely and perfectly-inspired by the Holy Spirit. Every word of Scripture exudes truth. Within this recognition of biblical principles, two concepts support the philosophy of biblical worldview. These biblical principles can be separated into (1) personal biblical principles, and (2) national biblical principles.

**PERSONAL BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES**

A crucial distinction exists between **biblical conduct expected of individuals** versus **biblical standards applying to government**. Let’s first examine the basic application of biblical principles applying to individuals as set forth under the Scriptures.

A personal surrender to the ultimate supremacy and lordship of Jesus Christ marks the irreconcilable cornerstone of biblical worldview. A biblical worldview first recognizes Jesus Christ as the living King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the Ruler of all nations. It acknowledges His resurrection from the dead and His coming return to judge the earth and then to establish His eternal kingdom.

Within the recognition of Jesus’s supremacy, comes recognition that Jesus Christ provides the only road to heaven. Jesus alone represents our sole lifeline to salvation. That love embraces prayer, fasting, and a personal commitment to communion with God, studying His Scriptures, and hearing His word. Our ultimate destination in heaven or hell depends solely upon our acceptance or rejection of Jesus, the living Son of God.

Following that commitment to Jesus, other personal biblical principles govern how we deal with one anoth-
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The Ten Commandments, found in Exodus 20, also sets out the other great principle governing personal conduct. Liberals have waged war against the Ten Commandments for years in court and successfully removed them from American public schools. Apparently, such radical notions for personal conduct such as “Do not kill,” “Do not steal,” and “Do not covet” are overly offensive to liberals. Yet, these personal biblical principles, beginning with the Kingship/Lordship of Jesus plus personal Christian guidance for living in the “one another verses,” the Sermon on the Mount, and the Ten Commandments constitute much of the personal biblical principles underscoring the first component of a biblical worldview.

NATIONAL BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Separate from personal biblical principles, the Bible also recognizes government and sets forth certain national principles in the proper operation of government. God establishes and rules over governments. He establishes kings, removes them, and gives them wisdom (see Daniel 2:21). In the New Testament, God establishes government as an instrument to execute wrath against evildoers (see Romans 13:4-5).

We see many other instances of governments throughout the Bible. A biblical worldview of nations recognizes that sometimes God uses armies and the military might of one nation to inflict His wrath on other nations that embraced massive sin. We see in Isaiah 13:5 that the Lord grows up an army of Medes and Persians to strike His wrath against Babylon for her sin. God also punished Israel because of her sin (see II Kings 17:18-20).

Enemies of the Gospel and the Constitution have twisted personal biblical principles as set forth in the New Testament and have misapplied those principles to justify insidious governmental power grabs. For example, Jesus said, “I was hungry and you fed me” (see Matthew 25:35). The great prophet Isaiah proclaims, “feed the hungry, and help those in trouble” (see Isaiah 58:10). These principles apply to individual believers and to the church. They are not directed at government, nor do they justify the creation of a governmental welfare state. But socialists, progressives, and liberals have twisted such verses to justify wasteful, cold-hearted governmental spending programs, leading to more governmental corruption and enrichment while expanding the waistlines of political fat cats. Charitable love must be given in the name of Jesus Christ, not government. Charity glorifies Him to bring others to salvation. It’s the role of believers and the church, not government, to show Christ-centered compassion to others.

As a classic example of the dichotomy between personal biblical principles and governmental biblical principles, Jesus said “If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also” (see Matthew 5:39 NIV). “Turn the other cheek” is directed to individuals, not the government. By contrast, as we pointed out, Romans 13 makes punishment a governmental role against the evildoer (see Romans 13:4).
The concepts of punishing someone versus turning the other cheek are diametrically opposite, aimed at two different audiences. One is aimed at individuals and the other at government. This underscores the stark differences between personal biblical principles and governmental biblical principles under a biblical worldview.

Liberals advocate socialism, arguing for governmental welfare spending based on verses like “feed the hungry” and argue against military expenditures based on verses like “turn the other cheek” (see Matthew 5:39) and “Love your enemies” (see Matthew 5:44). From those verses, they glorify governmental socialism and condemn military expenditures and readiness. Socialism is good, they claim, and the military is evil and should be de-emphasized.

Yet Jesus looked at a Roman military officer, who would kill if so ordered, and proclaimed, “Never have I seen such faith in all of Israel” (see Luke 7:9). This is hardly a condemnation of the military. If we understood that the “one another” verses do not apply to government, we could save billions on fraudulent welfare spending and curb governmental bureaucratic corruption.

The Bible throughout defines the role of governments (justice and protection) and warns against governmental corruption. “A king who sits on the throne of justice disperses all evil with his eyes” (see Proverbs 20:8). “But when the wicked rule, the people groan” (Proverbs 29:2). Many of these references to “the king” are interchangeable into modern-day parlance to mean “the government.” Proverbs 29:4 proclaims that “the king gives stability to the land by justice, but a man who takes a bribe overthrows it.” That’s the government’s role—to provide stability and dispense equal justice for all.

Proverbs 29:14 calls upon governments to judge fairly, that “if the king judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.” Again, it’s government’s earthly role to judge and administer justice fairly, with governments using truth (not fake-news or propaganda) as their standard. Nowhere does Scripture mandate that government become a welfare factory to pass out free goodies to its citizens.

Despite the difference between personal and governmental biblical principles, government nonetheless should not embrace evil. When governments embrace evil—like Nazi mass-murder during World War II, Western governments embracing abortion, or European nations like Belgium and Holland legalizing euthanasia—those governments, consistent with history, may fall or even face the wrath of God.

So, while a biblical worldview does not recognize the government’s role to become a social welfare factory, we also recognize our responsibility to oppose evil within the government, as did Dietrich Bonhoeffer when he stood alone against the Nazis. In opposing governmental evil, under a biblical worldview, believers are commanded to, “put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil” (see Ephesians 6:11, ESV). Note that no exception eliminates the believer’s mandate to stand against the devil’s evil schemes within government. Believers must stand against evil everywhere, even within the government, if necessary.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, remember that biblical principles remain as the first building block of a biblical worldview, with separate biblical principles applying to individuals and churches versus the biblical principles that apply to governments and nations. Believers must first apply biblical principles to our own lives, starting with our submission to the Lordship of Christ, the most important of all biblical principles. At the same time, we understand that these principles do not apply to government, which is God’s instrument for justice and for administering His wrath.

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Many signs point to the fact that we are in the end times. With the increase of abortion, a multi-billion dollar pornography industry, the legalization of same-sex marriage, and gender confusion, the evidence for the maturation of the tares is seen and heard with the outcries of lawlessness throughout our nation. But as the tares mature, the wheat is maturing also. We must not be ignorant or fatalistic of the times.

Satan’s great wrath against God and His offspring (those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus) is coming upon us with great force because the devil knows his time is short. Satan often preemptively strikes to circumvent a mighty move of God. In these end times, we see the enemy coming in to steal, kill, and destroy humanity’s true identity and the rising up of the manifested sons and daughters of God.

The search for one’s identity has been the primary quest for life’s meaning throughout the ages. Who are we? Why are we here? From the very beginning when God created man, He revealed the answers to these questions. He did not leave us to speculate, but led us right into the heart of identity—Himself (see Genesis 1:26-27).

Through this passage we know that understanding male and female puts us closer to knowing and seeing God. He took the invisible reality of Himself in masculinity and femininity and made it visible by creating male and female. “The more nearly we function in His image, the more nearly we reflect both the masculine and the feminine in their proper balance—that is, in the differing degrees and aptitudes appropriate to our sexual identities as male and female.” Gender is a transcendent symbol of the image and likeness of God. It is no coincidence that the enemy seeks to frustrate gender wholeness. It is an attack on the very core of our being.

The identity of God does not change (see Malachi 3:6, Exodus 3:14, and Hebrews 13:8). Created in His image, neither does ours. In fact, the definition of identity points to this constant. Identity is “the state or fact of remaining the same one or ones, as under varying aspects or conditions” (www.dictionary.com).

We also know of God that there is none like Him (see II Samuel 7:22; Psalm 89:6-8; Isaiah 46:5). Identity also conveys individuality. In support of this concept, identity is defined as “the condition of being oneself or itself, and not another” (www.dictionary.com).

Therefore, we must go back to the very beginning to see how God establishes our being and reveals identity. When God created Adam, He placed him in the Garden of Eden. In the center of Eden were two trees symbolizing two opposing kingdoms. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents introspective self-centeredness, and the Tree of Life represents freedom and eternal life in God-centeredness. In one kingdom we find those who live life for themselves apart from God, and in the other kingdom we find those who live in concert and relationship with Him.

God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge and warned him that in doing so it would surely result in death. However, before the Fall, we have a
beautiful illustration of Adam acquiring knowledge the way God intended—through relational intimacy with Him, partaking of the tree of life. In this relationship God reveals to Adam his identity.

Before the creation of woman in Genesis 2:18, God recognizes that Adam's self-sufficiency or aloneness is not good, therefore He plans to make him a helper. God's intention was not to solve this problem in isolation, but in relationship and communication with Adam. So God causes all the living creatures to come to Adam. By naming them, Adam begins to recognize and establish identity for every living creature. In this process, God reveals to Adam his own identity. Furthermore, God reveals the wisdom that it would be good for Adam to have a helper, which is confirmed in Adam's response in verse 23, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” God enables Adam to discover for himself the value and longing for a mate who is complementary in nature. Karl Stern explains it like this:

Unity arises out of polarity. The highest expression of this is the idea that man is androgynous (male-female) in his origin and his final destination. The most famous presentation of this idea is found in Genesis when God created man in His image, “male and female”—before the separation of Eve out of the body of Adam. This, according to Christian tradition, indicates the androgynous nature of the Godhead Himself—meaning, again, that here polarity in union is the expression of fullness of being.

God did for Adam what Adam had just done for the animals. God recognized, shaped, and established Adam's identity. The Lord took woman out of man; one became two. This signifies the anatomical nature of gender—female and male.

This is also the first mention of marriage in Scripture. From this time forward, man will hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is healthy gender unity exemplified in the flesh, with sex symbolizing the act of becoming whole. In Genesis 2:25, we see gender wholeness expressed mentally, psychologically, behaviorally, and anatomically—“The man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.” It is here we see God establishing objective gender identity.

The Lord blessed them with life and the activity of creation by declaring, **“Be fruitful and multiply”** (see Genesis 1:28). Satan's present-day curse is to produce a gender-confused, same-sex married, abortion-minded, lawless generation whose diseased desires give birth to sin and mature unto death (see James 1:15). These cords of death now encircle and bind a generation from living in the fullness of God's blessing of life.

Since mankind is created male and female in God’s image, it is no wonder Satan has led such an all-out assault to cultivate gender confusion and defile the one flesh union. Society today has not only reconciled evil with good but has constructed a new moral law of self-worship saying, “I will define the truth of who I am, and you must bow the knee to this definition with unquestioning acceptance.” For some time, society has been marginalizing religion and pushing God further away from our private and public lives. In this way, we could say that society has not only tasted, but has feasted on the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

This identity crisis is clearly seen on Facebook, where people pick from fifty-eight gender identities, choosing up to ten genders to identify themselves. If one protests these custom gender options too limiting, a free-form space is provided for one to self-ascribe their gender identity. In addition, it is no coincidence that we see the ripening of this deadly fruit in some of our most esteemed universities who accommodate and mandate special treatment for all self-made gender identities. These institutions of “higher learning” propagate encumbering confusion.

Despite the chaos, the spiritual reality remains: male/female gender identity goes beyond itself and is rooted in the image of God. “Gender participates in the mystery of being itself. And in the anguish of the human person—stretched to whatever degree between being and nonbeing—his or her masculine or feminine identity and the balance with its polar opposite are always to be reckoned with.”

Only our Creator can make and establish our being. As we abide in union with God, He takes us on the journey of discovering who we are created to be and reveals to us the mystery of being. God's perfect love rids us of confusion and aligns us in proper relationship between masculine and
feminine. He brings low where we have over-identified with either and fills every place of deprivation.

I believe the Lord is raising up a company of end-time prophetic evangelists who seek to find the lost identities inside of people to bring them home. As kingdom grave robbers, they snatch people from the grave and raise them to life. As a prophetic people, they see what the Father sees and release His creative word with power, calling forth their true identity to be established. With the eyes of Jesus, they look past the defenses of aggression and pride, and into the depths of the lost heart’s cry for freedom.

The enemy is working hard to oppress and destroy the greatest generation creation has ever seen. Let us not be discouraged as we see the wheat and tares growing together until the harvest. Rather, let us press on to become all God created us to be. Just as He did with the first Adam, God is faithful to reveal and manifest our true identity through relational intimacy with Him. As we forsake the fruit of self-centeredness and partake of The Tree of Life (Jesus), we will become the transcendent proclamation of God’s glory as His sons and daughters.

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BY JIM BUCHAN

After Jesus rose from the dead, the tomb was empty and some people thought His body may have been stolen. That was totally incorrect, of course, but I can understand how some people might have come to that conclusion.

Lately, I’ve been thinking about the body of Christ described in the New Testament, and I’ve begun to think the unthinkable: I’m beginning to wonder if the body of Christ really has been stolen in our day. Here’s what I mean…

Paul’s letters give a very vivid description of the church as Christ’s body. Instead of being a mere organization or club, he saw the church as a living, breathing organism. Just like a human body, the body of Christ wasn’t to center on just one or two gifted individuals, nor even on just a few types of spiritual gifts. No, the body would only work properly as long as it...

All Scripture references are New King James version.
realized everyone was gifted—for “the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all” (see I Corinthians 12:7).

At times there were public “equipping” teachings in the early church, such as when Paul left the synagogue in Ephesus “and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus” (see Acts 19:9). Yet Paul also describes a completely different kind of setting for the body of Christ—one that is extremely difficult to find these days:

Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification (see I Corinthians 14:26).

Have you seen anything even remotely like this in recent years? If not, I ask you again: Has the body of Christ been stolen? Of course, we still are the body of Christ in some kind of theoretical or theological sense. However, let’s be honest about the kind of church life promoted by most congregations today: The body of Christ has been replaced by the audience of Christ.

This has tragic ramifications. No longer must every member of the body function according to their gifts. A few gifted individuals occupy the stage, and the remainder fills the seats of the audience. At best, these “ordinary church members” function as ushers and parking lot attendants. Even if we consider this part of the “gift of service,” where are the other gifts of the Holy Spirit in our church life?

And what about you who are from Pentecostal or Charismatic backgrounds? Can you really say your “body life” is any better than the audience-oriented churches I’ve described? Perhaps you have a Sunday show that is more energetic than those from traditional or evangelical backgrounds, but in all likelihood, it’s a show nevertheless—much different than the kind of body described by Paul.

There’s an old adage I try to live by, but it’s difficult in this case. According to the adage, we shouldn’t criticize anything unless we can offer a solution. Ideally, we should be modeling how to do things better. I admit, I don’t have much of a solution in this case, and I can’t really say I’m doing things any better in my own life. But I’ve tasted of the body of Christ in the past, and I miss it. I long for a community of believers who are building their lives together, discovering their gifts, and turning the world upside down for Jesus.

What about you? Are you satisfied with the kind of church life you’re experiencing? Or perhaps, like me, you’re feeling like the women who wanted to see Jesus’ body on resurrection Sunday: “They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus” (see Luke 24:2-3). How sad. They couldn’t find the body of Christ.

Churches love to claim they are doing something “new,” but usually they’re just modeling themselves after some other church they’ve visited or read about. Join me in praying for God to do something truly “new,” bringing us back to something very old: the many-membered, multidimensional, supernatural body of Christ.

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The need for self-awareness has become more and more crucial as our planet becomes more globalized. Every day, we find ourselves interacting with people that have significantly different cultures, upbringings, backgrounds, religions, ideals, likes, and dislikes.

Cultural biases are perhaps the deepest level where we need to reorient our perspective. Our world has been crafted from a young age with literally thousands of cultural preferences of which most of us remain unaware. Cultural differences are so pervasive that we receive impressions from parents, teachers, co-workers, television, films, billboards, advertising, and other means in both overt and covert ways.

It has been my experience that many individuals cause themselves and those around them a great deal of pain and abrasion when they lack self-awareness. They are not aware that their view of the world is simply their own personal perspective. There is an overwhelming need to force their views and opinions on others. This view is colored by prejudices, background experiences, education, inner wounding, and cultural perspectives. When they interact with others, they do not recognize that they have biases, so they are continually confronting people and being confronted themselves. They find it difficult, if not impossible, to see the viewpoints of others or admit when they are wrong.

However, through self-awareness you become aware that you have not been objective about how you have viewed the affairs of life. I’m sure we would all be able to identify people who had different levels of success in many arenas, but were defeated in the area of self-awareness. They were like bulls in a china shop—trampling on people, their ideas, and their perspectives. They seem either victimized or tyrannical. They were unable to be proactive because they were putting the blame on others around them whom they feel simply “don’t get it.” Meanwhile, they lack the ability and the skill necessary for self-awareness.

I have often used third party objectivity to aid me in my interactions. This can provide the needed perspective to vastly increase self-awareness. The power of taking a few simple steps that open us up to honest communication is a profound advantage in every area of our lives—from interaction with our children to interaction on business or social levels, from public speaking to interpersonal communication. The key is gaining self-awareness—the ability to come outside of your personal perspective and view a conversation or setting with third party objectivity.

In His service,

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As the world around us crumbles into moral decay, we—the body of Christ—are called to shine brighter and brighter as we see the day approaching. Jesus will return, and His bride will be ready. But first we must arise and fight the battle before us in obedience to the King of kings and in unity with one another.

We have been preparing for many months for Partners Weekend 2019, and the time is at hand. Everything about this highly anticipated event is over the top, but most important of all, this gathering is a call to action. Join us for a strategic time of encouragement, preparation, and camaraderie at the 2019 Partners Weekend, featuring powerful speakers like Cindy Jacobs, Lance Wallnau, Dave Yarnes, and Rick Joyner.

*USA Today* describes Lance Wallnau as one of only three evangelical leaders to accurately predict Donald Trump's presidency from the moment he began his campaign. His bestselling book, *God's Chaos Candidate*, as well as his broadcasts and viral media influenced 3-5 million undecided evangelical voters. Dr. Wallnau has continued to create a high water mark with his insightful views about what is really happening in the world and in the church.

Cindy Jacob’s ministry, Generals International, exists for the purpose of training up generals in the kingdom. Cindy is a prophet, speaker, teacher, and author with a heart for discipling nations in the areas of prayer and the prophetic. She was called by the Lord when she was nine when He urged her to read Psalm 2:8: “Ask of me the nations for your inheritance.” That small seed planted many years ago has grown into an international ministry reaching into over one hundred nations.

Rick Joyner has authored more than sixty books including The *Final Quest Trilogy*, *There Were Two Trees in the Garden*, *The Fire on the Mountain* series, and *Army of the Dawn*. Rick’s most recent message is about America at war—a second Revolutionary/Civil War. He is calling the church to walk in her calling, in unity, and to be the bride for whom Jesus gave His life. He is Founder and Executive Director of MorningStar Ministries.

Dave Yarnes, Vice President of MorningStar Ministries, represents a unique voice in the church today. He is a serial entrepreneur, and for the last thirty years, he has established or owned businesses like award-winning hotels and restaurants, a nationally chartered bank, and a performing arts center. Dave is also missions focused and is involved in developing micro-financing for those struggling in poverty in India, Africa, and South America. His missional interests extend into housing, education, healthcare, and a wide range of relief efforts.

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An Important Word

Throughout the first half of this year, MorningStar has engaged in consistent fasting and prayer. At the Lord’s direction, we completed a twenty-one day fast in January, and shortly after that, we felt the call to a forty day fast. Every Monday through Friday from 6am to 9am during the fasts, many prayed together at the Bob Jones Vision Center. Wednesday night prayer meetings in the Atrium also started early in the year. The atmosphere around MorningStar began to change, and it continues to change.

Consistent messages seemed to flow from one prayer meeting to the next. In a Staff Chapel meeting in March, a staff member received an award for implementing a recycling program. Then in the Wednesday night prayer meeting, another staff member received the prophetic meaning of recycling. A word of strong encouragement for those over fifty emerged:

_Things that are recycled retain their identity, but they are formed into something that will be used differently than in the past. Recycling can be viewed as a form of restoration. Many who refire rather than retire find themselves doing things they never dreamed of._

Small Is the New Big

Rick Joyner began teaching about the necessity for Fire Teams—groups of two to six people. In battle, a fire team (when properly trained and led) is incredibly effective and is considered to be the most lethal single unit on the battlefield.

MorningStar Fort Mill Church has begun to establish fire teams through home groups, which we call Connect Groups. The Church saw the need for strong, smaller, and more relational groups. In home groups, the Lord will help us form into small fire teams to be more prepared for the days ahead. We are seeking to be closer to the Lord and closer to each other.

There are Connect Groups in Fort Mill and Charlotte with new groups forming every week. View a listing of the Connect Groups here: MorningStarFortMill.com/profile/connect/

There are also online Connect Groups for those who watch MorningStar TV. Please contact us at Partners@MStarM.org or call 803.547.8495 for more information. There might be a MorningStar Connect Group you can connect with no matter where you are.
Intimacy with God. What is it really? Is it just daily devotion, worship, a time set aside for the Lord from our busy schedule? While these are components of intimacy with God, is there more?

Recently, the Lord brought more to my attention. Our lives are often so busy and scheduled that everything becomes compartmentalized—even God gets put in a compartment. Have you ever finished your devotional time and thought, “I’m glad I got that done. Now I can go on with the rest of the day”? I have and I’m not proud of it. In an intimate relationship like a marriage, if you love your mate, you want them to include you. I would be really upset with my husband if I was just a slot in his schedule. Real intimacy includes the one we love. The Lord wants us to include Him.

Romans 12:1 says, “So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering” (The Message). To put it simply, invite Jesus into everything you do. We know that God is omnipresent, yet He does not force His way in. Intimacy with God is not about performance, it is about letting Him into the real you. “Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door I will come in” (see Revelation 3:20). Will we open the door and let Him in?
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