

“Let Him do to me as seems good to Him” 2 Samuel 15:1-37 4/09/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Let Him do to me as seems good to Him" in 2 Samuel 15:1-37 To Online Word's sheep, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In verse 21, "But Ittai answered the king and said, 'As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be,'" what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verses 25-26, "Then the king said to Zadok, 'Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me *both* it and His dwelling place. ²⁶ But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,' here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him,'" what do these mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 31, "Then *someone* told David, saying, 'Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom.' And David said, 'O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!'" what did Jesus say about the conspiracy? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, in 2 Samuel 14:33, "So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom," Absalom killed Amnon who had raped his sister Tamar, and Absalom first fled for 3 years in the land of the Geshurites, his mother's family, and was called back into Jerusalem by David, stayed for 2 years there, and he did not see David for 2 years, but now and finally, through Joab's reconcile strategy, they met each other face to face as it seemed reconciled in the cross-references of 2 Sam 13:14, 28-29, 37-38, "¹⁴ However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her. ²⁸ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, 'Watch now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant." ²⁹ So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled. ³⁷ But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day. ³⁸ So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there 3 years," and 2 Sam 14:28, "And Absalom dwelt 2 full years in Jerusalem, but did not see the king's face."

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

¹ After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. ² Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the

1-6 = (Absalom went to the capital city gate to steal the people's hearts from the king David as an apparent kind and just judge was delegated by the king in the manner of saying and kissing. Many were fooled but later he was disclosed as an evil ruler.)

king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel." ³ Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your case is good and right; but there is no deputy of the king to hear you." ⁴ Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice." ⁵ And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. ⁶ In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

⁷ Now it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD.

⁸ For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, 'If the LORD indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.' ⁹ And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

¹⁰ Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'" ¹¹ And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and did not know anything. ¹² Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city—from Giloh—while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people with Absalom continually increased in number. ¹³ Now a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom."

7=---pass after 40 years...Absalom said to the king... let me go to Hebron...the vow (After about the 40th year of David's reign toward the end of the reign of David, Absalom asked David to let Absalom go to Hebron according to his vow. Hebron was Absalom's hometown and was David's 1st reigning place for 7.5 years of total a little over 40 years reigning period. 2 Sam 3:2-3; 2 Sam 5:4-5')

8-9= (Now Absalom was in Jerusalem. Now Absalom was serving the Lord according to the previous vow in Geshur – that's a lie. But David allowed that Absalom went to Hebron)

10-13= (A few spies of Absalom throughout all the tribes of Israel made a propaganda of Absalom the ruler in Hebron, but 200 men invitees did not know his conspiracy against David the king. Ahithophel was persuaded to join into the conspiracy. The conspirators grew in number. David heard that many Israelites were with Absalom)

¹ 2 Sam 3:2-3 Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; ³ his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur; 2 Sam 5:4-5 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

14 So David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

15 And the king's servants said to the king, "We are your servants, ready to do whatever my lord the king commands." ¹⁶ Then the king went out with all his household after him. But the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house. ¹⁷ And the king went out with all the people after him, and stopped at the outskirts.

18 Then all his servants passed before him; and all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath, passed before the king.

19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why are you also going with us? Return and remain with the king. For you are a foreigner and also an exile from your own place." ²⁰ In fact, you came only yesterday. Should I make you wander up and down with us today, since I go I know not where? Return, and take your brethren back. Mercy and truth *be* with you."

21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be." ²² So David said to Ittai, "Go, and cross over." Then Ittai the Gittite and all his men and all the little ones who were with him crossed over.

14-17= (David decided to flee hastily from Jerusalem because (1) David and innocent inhabitants might have been killed, (2) Jerusalem city might have been stricken or destroyed, and (3) David hoped to return to Jerusalem if the Lord permitted, by leaving 10 concubines to keep the palace. David left from the palace, followed by all his household, and David stopped at the outskirts or outsides of Jerusalem city)

18-20 = (All his servants passed before David. Also many gentile loyal servants passed before David, such as all following servants of Cherethites, Pelethites, and 600 Gittites from Gath city, the all from Philistine territory where David had been hiding from Saul. Ittai the Gittite was persuaded to go back his home mercifully and truly by David, not to follow David the wanderer or escaper)

21=Q1 ...As the Lord lives..as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there ...your servant will be (I will be with you, in death or life. Ittai's tremendous commitment of love to David the king and to God the Lord, like Ruth. God commanded Israel to destroy pagan gentiles but to welcome foreigners who might obey God *Ruth 1:16-17; Exo 23:9; Deu 10:19;*²)

² *Ruth 1:16-17* But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."; *Exo 23:9* Also you shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt; *Deu 10:19* Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people crossed over. The king himself also crossed over the Brook Kidron, and all the people crossed over toward the way of the wilderness.

24 There was Zadok also, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar went up until all the people had finished crossing over from the city.

25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place. 26 But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,' here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him."

27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer?" Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 See, I will wait in the plains of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." 29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And they remained there. 30 So David went up by the Ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went barefoot. And all the people who were with him covered their heads and went up, weeping as they went up.

23= ...all the country wept with a loud voice...crossed over the Brook Kidron....toward the way of the wilderness (This sad procession was going upon the mount of Olives, Kidron valley, its bottom the brook Kidron, and towards the Judean wilderness *Psalm 23:4*³)

24= (Zadok the priest was bringing the ark of the covenant after David, with Ahiathar the priest and all other Levites)

25=Q2 ...Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If ...favor.....He ...bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place (David told Zadok the priest to bring the ark of God back into the temple of God in Jerusalem city. If God gives favor to David to return to Jerusalem, he will see the ark of God and the temple of God in Jerusalem. The ark of God is the reminder of God's presence. The ark of God reminded people of conscious hearts of God's presence. The ark of God can't be substituted for the substance of the conscious hearts of God's presence. For example, the bronze serpent was the reminder of God's judgment against sin. So, to look at the bronze serpent was the reminder of God's judgment against sin to be forgiven by faith. Therefore, bronze serpent can't be substituted for the substance of God's judgment against sin to be forgiven by faith. Because of people's substitution or worshipping the bronze serpent, Hezekiah broke it in pieces - "Nehushtan." Jesus also cited the lifted up serpent in Moses for the substance of faith in Jesus who was lifted up on cross to forgive our sins and give every believer eternal life; whatever substance is belonging to Jesus Christ can't be substituted for any made things or creatures *Numbers 21:8-9; 2 Kings 18:4-6; John 3:14-15; Col 2:16-17*⁴)

26=Q2 But if He says....I have no delight in you, here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him (That's David's total trust in God with all his hearts; whatever the Lord leads me, let Him do it to me wherever He brings me either to Jerusalem or to another place)

³ *Psalm 23:4* Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁴ *Numbers 21:8-9* Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived; *2 Kings 18:4-6* He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan. ⁵ He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him. ⁶ For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.; *John 3:14-15* And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life; *Col 2:16-17* So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ..

31 Then *someone* told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!"

32 Now it happened when David had come to the top of the mountain, where he worshiped God—there was Hushai the Archite coming to meet him with his robe torn and dust on his head. 33 David said to him, "If you go on with me, then you will become a burden to me. 34 But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I was your father's servant previously, so I will now also be your servant,' then you may defeat the counsel of Ahithophel for me. 35 And do you not have Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? Therefore it will be that whatever you hear from the king's house, you shall tell to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36 Indeed they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send me everything you hear."

37 So Hushai, David's friend, went into the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

31=Q3...Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom....turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness! (Ahithophel was the former counselor for David, but now for Absalom; a non-enemy now reproaches David; a former familiar friend to eat together has lifted up his heel against David. Jesus implied Ahithophel with Judas Iscariot as a betrayer, by quoting this particular Psalm as a prophecy of the betrayal of Jesus Christ by Judas Iscariot *Psalm 55:12; Psalm 41:9; John 13:18-19*⁵)

32-39= (David worshipped at the top of the mount of Olives; And he set up 4 spies for the chain of messages— (1) Hushai as a counselor of Absalom to defeat the counsel of Ahithophel, it became true later, (2) Zadok and Abiathar the priests as recipients of any messages from Hishai at the palace ruled by Absalom, and (3) Ahimaaz and Jonathan the sons of the priests as the deliverers of the messages or messengers from the priests; And so David has been reported after Absalom came into Jerusalem)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expositional Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28). **All quotations are taken, except King James Version (KJV), from New King James Version (NKJV),**

⁵ *Psalm 55:12* For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him; *Psalm 41:9* Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me; *John 13:18-19* "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Who can be against the Word (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Bible)?

The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

****It (390 AD, before the birth of Catholic church about 500 AD) is a reference to understand "the principles of the doctrine of Christ" in Hebrews 6:1-2 and 2 John 1:9, not the Bible per se. The "Holy Universal" doesn't mean "Unholy Ecumenical."***

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and you will be saved.

1. God's Love

- a. **Love** (John 10:10b)
"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
Jesus loves you. He wants that you may live life more abundantly, experiencing love, happiness, peace, and the fulfillment of your life purpose.
- b. **Image** (Genesis 1:27a)
"God created man in His own image."
God created you in His own image to be His friend, being communion with God.

2. Man's problem

- a. **Sin** (Romans 3:23)
"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
You are sinful (contrary to God's will) and imperfect but God is holy and perfect, becoming the separation between you and God.
- b. **Death** (Romans 6:23a)
"The wages of sin is death."
The separation of sin is spiritual death.
- c. **Judgment** (Hebrews 9:27)
"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."
After you die, you will face the judgment of eternal spiritual death penalty.

3. God's remedy

- a. **Love & Death** (Romans 5:8)
"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
God loves you and lets His sole son, Christ, die for you on cross with shed blood.
- b. **Bridge** (1 Peter 3:18a)
"Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."
Upon Christ's death, He paid the eternal spiritual death penalty for your sins. And so Jesus Christ made the bridge between you (Man) and God.

4. Man's response

Belief & Eternal Life

(John 3:16) *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

(John 5:24) *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."*

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4) *"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"*

Repent you original sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, who died on the cross with shed blood for your sins and was buried, and rose again the third day. And you will be saved. Now you have eternal life as a gift from God. Let Christ control your life daily.

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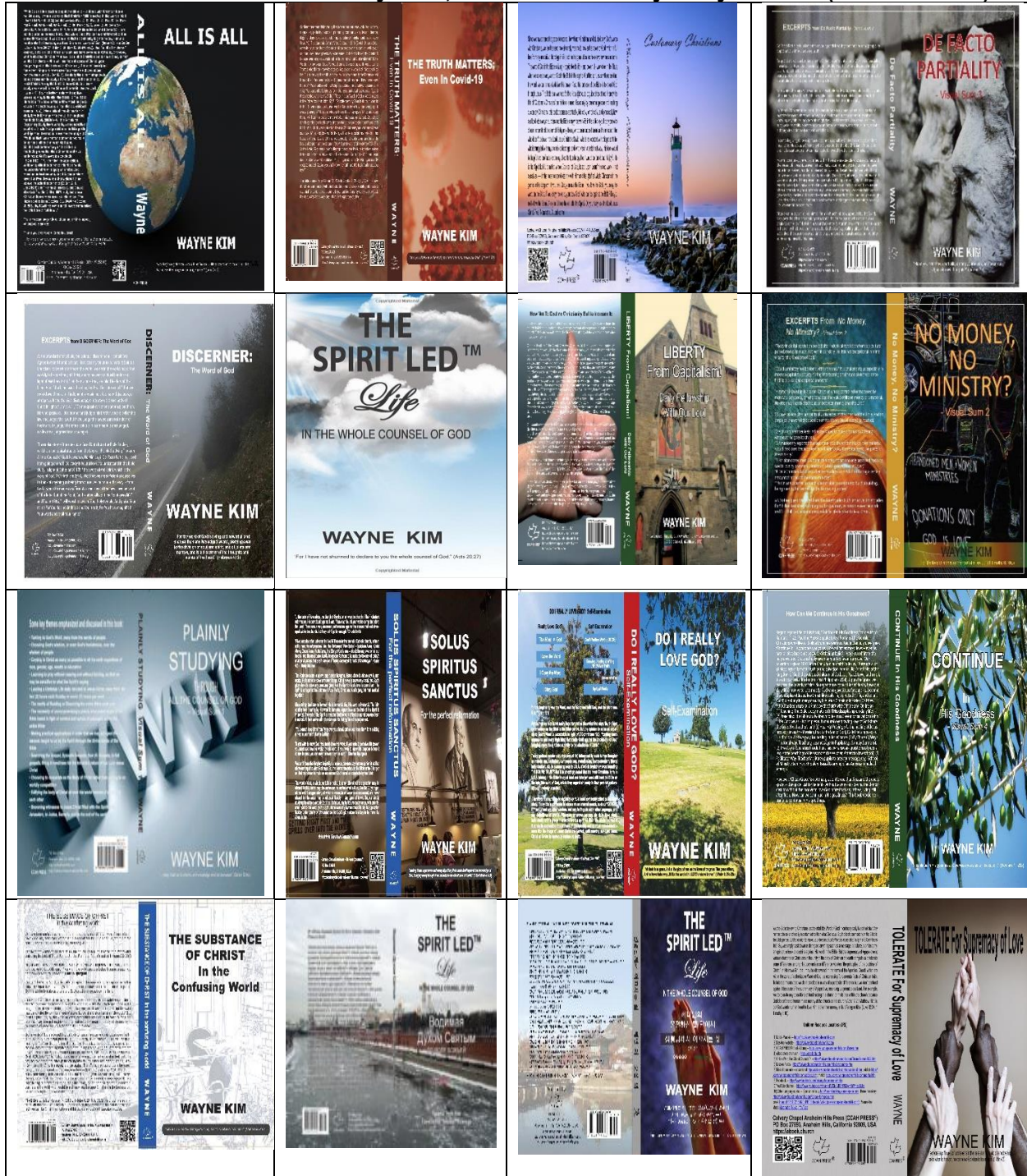
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FAR REACHING
MINISTRIES



BY GOD'S DESIGN: INTERPOL

First, I want to give you some blessed news. As of the 27th of February, 1,850 Afghan citizens have been rescued. And it is because so many of you gave generously that the ministry was able to save these lives.

Members of our staff met with top intelligence people in the U.S. government because our government's quick pull out left many who had worked for the United States in particular, a group of 28 in great danger. Our team worked many hours to find safe ways to get them out of Afghanistan. Many ended up in the UAE (United Arab Emirates). Fortunately, when we met with top officials and intelligence, they agreed to help these people to immigrate to the U.S.

There is a second great piece of news: all the sponsors needed to care for the first group of children in Latin America have been raised and with that the children

will be safe. I have to be vague in sharing information to protect these little ones.

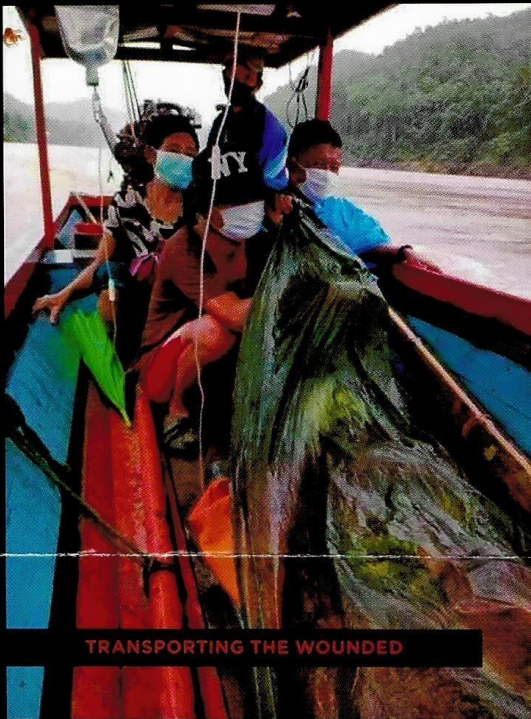
I will be traveling to the country we are talking about in May, and I have a meeting and dinner scheduled with the president of the country. One of the issues we will be addressing is the current law that when a child is sexually molested, they are not allowed to be put up for adoption. I hope to get the president to agree to change this law. We will also offer assistance with skills to help them fight this great evil of selling children for sex.

Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) is moving in new directions because of these kids. We plan to build many orphanages all across this Latin American country that can hold about 100 children each. The long-term goal is to care for several thousand children.

Gabriel, our country director, has informed us that the

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country we are working in has many safe areas that the government does not have control over. But they are controlled by different tribes, and the government has a hands-off policy to keep the peace and that we would be able to build homes and not be bothered by corrupt officials or the criminals.



TRANSPORTING THE WOUNDED

January of last year, I was flying into a country bordering Afghanistan. While on the plane, I was praying and felt like the Lord was telling me to set up an organization like Interpol. Interpol, a name which combines international and police primarily partners with existing agencies to facilitate and empower them to be more effective in their investigative and intelligence activities. Interpol works through existing organizations to facilitate investigations and intelligence operations through special expertise, unique experiences, and various international contacts.

Interpol does have its own operators, but mainly contributes through its knowledge, experience, and the experiences of those who serve in Interpol from existing investigative and intelligence organizations worldwide (like the FBI). In this way, Interpol is strongest as an enabler and a force multiplier.

Similar to Interpol, FRM has increased its partnering

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with various missionaries, chaplains, pastors, and churches by bringing unique skills, experiences, funding, and contacts. FRM is supporting, advising, and enabling existing works in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. FRM is also advancing the efforts of many missionaries, pastors, and chaplains in other countries who have been abandoned by their donor base or who lack specific knowledge, skills, and abilities (in intelligence, investigations, and special operations) to move past their current obstacles.

When the thought first came, my first impression was, 'Lord, this sounds nuts to me.' But while Brent and I were in the Afghan mountains, I told him nothing about what I was thinking. He started talking to me and saying that as the world turns darker and darker, Christians all over the world are going to be in great danger and will need early warning and help to escape being killed. He then looked at me and said, "Have you ever thought about starting an agency, like Interpol, but instead to protect Christians and innocent people from being killed by wicked nations and fanatics?"



WORKING TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS TO EAT



Needless to say, the Lord got my attention. So, I called Luke, a friend who spent 33 years in special operations and intelligence and asked him what he thought of the concept. He replied that it was very much needed and that many of his former colleagues were believers who also believed in the need to protect the innocent from persecution. He said that he had the experience