

**“Not to Receive the Grace of God in Vain” 2 Cor 6:1-18 9/17/23**

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Not to Receive the Grace of God in Vain" in 2 Corinthians 6:1-18. To Online Word's souls, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*: \_\_\_\_\_ Videos are watchable upon the click on the website). **YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available**

Q1. In verse 1, "We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 3, "We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed," what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 14, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" what does it mean? 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 Corinthians 5: 20-21, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him," we represent Christ to you, like an ambassador of USA as Germany represents USA to Germany; You should be reconciled to God in Christ through Gospel. And God made Jesus Christ who had never experienced sin to bear our sin in the exchange for the righteousness of God in Christ; upon your faith in Christ, God's righteousness is imputed upon you; It doesn't mean you are perfect now. But be humble yourself under God, cast all cares for Him, and in the Spirit & by His word just follow Him to be perfect until you meet the Lord in the glorious kingdom of God forever.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p><sup>1</sup>We then, as workers together <i>with Him</i> also plead with <i>you</i> not to receive the grace of God in vain.</p>	<p>1=Q1 (We are ambassadors for Christ as if God did beseech you by us. By the grace of God, God allowed His Son to take all of our sin and impart to us His righteousness upon faith for eternal salvation. It doesn't get any better than that. The grace of God ties together with salvation as Paul wrote to Titus; So, the grace of God is not cheap or vain because it cost the Son of God Jesus Christ's life for everyone's salvation. 2 Cor 5:20; Titus 2:11')</p>
<p><sup>2</sup> For He says:</p>	<p>2=(God offers salvation to all people through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many people put off a decision to accept it like Felix. They delay the life led by the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior through the Spirit but still live in their flesh contrary to the Spirit. So, when God offers salvation to you through His instruments, now is the accepted time, not delayed time or rejected time. Felix had never</p>
<p>"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now <i>is</i> the accepted time; behold, now <i>is</i> the day of salvation.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> 2 Cor 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God; Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

<p><sup>3</sup>We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.</p> <p><sup>4</sup>But in all <i>things</i> we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, <sup>5</sup>in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;</p> <p><sup>6</sup>by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, <sup>7</sup>by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,</p>	<p>accepted Jesus Christ during his life. So, the present time is serious. <i>Isaiah 49:8; Acts 24:22,25<sup>2</sup></i>)</p> <p>3=Q2 (If you are a believer, you are a minister for God in broad sense because a minister means a servant. When you deliver the gospel for salvation to non-Christians, you should not offend them by your actions, words, or freedom, not to hinder the delivery of gospel. If your freely eating a meat offered to idols might offend the conscience of them, you better abstain your freedom to eat it before them because we do whatever for the glory of God <i>1 Cor 10:31<sup>3</sup></i>)</p> <p>4-10 = (Paul as the minister of God is ministering faithfully as to the Lord whatever circumstances on the earth – the “ins” in verses 4-5, the “bys” in verses 6-8a, the “ass” in verses 8b-10)</p> <p>4-5= (Paul was able to overcome all difficulties because the Lord strengthened him, as long as he lived on the earth <i>2 Cor 4:8-9; 2 Cor 12:10; 2 Tim 3:10; Phil 4:13<sup>4</sup></i>)</p> <p>6-7= (God’s characters are rooted in the word of God and the Spirit of God)</p> <p>7=(The weapons of righteousness may be every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ that Scripture testifies; the weapon for the right hand is offensive weapon the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, while the weapon for the left hand is defensive weapon the shield of faith <i>2 Cor 10:3-5; Eph 6:10-18<sup>5</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>2</sup> *Isaiah 49:8* Thus says the LORD: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; *Acts 24:22,25<sup>22</sup>* But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of *the Way*, he adjourned the proceedings and said, “When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case.”<sup>25</sup> Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”

<sup>3</sup> *1 Cor 10:31* Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

<sup>4</sup> *2 Cor 4:8-9* We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—; *2 Cor 12:10* Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong; *2 Tim 3:10* But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance; *Phil 4:13* I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

<sup>5</sup> *2 Cor 10:3-5* For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; *Eph 6:10-18* Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

<p><sup>8</sup> by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report;</p> <p>as deceivers, and <i>yet</i> true;</p> <p><sup>9</sup> as unknown, and <i>yet</i> well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and <i>yet</i> not killed;</p> <p><sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and <i>yet</i> possessing all things.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.</p> <p><sup>14</sup> Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?</p> <p><sup>15</sup> And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?</p>	<p>8= (either honored or dishonored, Paul kept his ministry faithfully as to the Lord; either evil reported or good reported, Paul kept so because only the Lord is a judge; The preached gospel is like untruth to unbelievers but it is truth)</p> <p>9= (Paul was unknown in public but he was well known by the Lord because of his ministry as to the Lord, not to men; Paul seemed dying due to sleeplessness or fasting but inward Paul or other co-ministers are living well)</p> <p>10= (We looked sorrowful to the world the unbelievers but inwardly we are always joyful; We seem the poor in finance and spirit but we are rich to give away to needy neighbors like CCAH; We seem have nothing of corruptible things such as expensive house, building, many people, much money, much food, but possess all things of incorruptible things such as faith, the word of God, practice, love, or joy)</p> <p>11= (Paul has spoken plainly to you, without deceptive words or manipulating words; our heart, affections, or love is wide open to you)</p> <p>12= (we do not close our heart to you but you close your own heart, affections, or love to us)</p> <p>13= (As I speak as to children, I speak plainly to you with open heart, affections, or love. In return, you also should open your heart, affections, or love to us equally.)</p> <p>14=Q3 (Fellowship or communion between believers and unbelievers is unequal yoke, such as keeping fellowship, communion, or intimate friendship with sexually immoral people. Don't mix because they are like oil and water. It doesn't mean isolation oneself from unbelievers but outreaching them to come to Christ through repentance. Here, marriage or partnership with an unbeliever is discouraged because of two conflict value systems – God's controlling system against the commerce capitalism controlling system <i>1 Cor 5:9-10<sup>6</sup></i>)</p> <p>15=(Belial is Satan. We have undivided loyalty to God, not divided loyalty toward both God and Belial or demons like Samaria's prophets to both God and Baal the idol. . No one can serve two masters. <i>1 Cor 10:20-21; Jer 23:13; Mat 6:24<sup>7</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>6</sup> *1 Cor 5:9-10* I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.<sup>10</sup> Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world;.

<sup>7</sup> *1 Cor 10:20-21* Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.<sup>21</sup> You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons; *Jer 23:13* And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal And caused My people Israel to err; *Mat 6:24* No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

<p>16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:</p> <p>“I will dwell in them And walk among <i>them</i>. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”</p> <p>17 Therefore</p> <p>“Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”</p> <p>18 “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.”</p>	<p>16= (Each Christian’s body is the temple of God because God the Spirit dwells in the body as God told through Moses; God dwells in their body. So, the temple of the idols can’t get along with the temple of living God such as unholy Ecumenical church <i>1 Cor 6:19-20; Ex 29:45<sup>8</sup></i>)</p> <p>17-18= (Belong to God separated from the world, be not of the world but be of God in heaven; Be holy, and then God receives us. God is our Father. We are His sons and daughters. God is the Lord Almighty. It doesn’t mean to isolate ourselves from the world but to separate from the sinful influences in the world, to cleanse ourselves from the sins around us, or not to be polluted with the sins, and to become the salt and light in the world for the glory of God. <i>John 17:15; 2 Cor 7:1; Mat 5:13-16<sup>9</sup></i>)</p>
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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 Expository 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, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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<sup>8</sup> *1 Cor 6:19-20* Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s; *Ex 29:45* I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.

<sup>9</sup> *John 17:15* I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one; *2 Cor 7:1* Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God; *Mat 5:13-16* You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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*Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!*

### ***The Lord's Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29***

Pray for continually “Let go, let God” because CCAH church (His sheep) is His church. “The Commentary of the Bible By Verse” is coming for this & future generations.

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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 God, practically against the Scripture (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Scripture)?**

**Let's pray for the increase of faith, the word of God, and its consequent practices to become more like Jesus Christ until we meet our Lord in heaven.**

# Pray for joyful, thankful, and safe Paul Mission Footstep Tour for Education and Evangelism during the end of October

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## Biblical References to Paul Foot-Steps

Years	Bible	Area	Event	
35 AD	Acts 9:4-6	Damascus	Persecution of Christians; Paul's conversion	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wi_A1vSyXsl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wi_A1vSyXsl</a> (From Persecutor Saul to Apostle Paul)
* for 3 years	Galatians 1:17; Acts 9:21-26 (3 years gap)	Desert of Arabia Damascus	Divine Revelation "Gospel of Grace"	
38 AD	Galatians 1:19; Acts 9:26-27	Jerusalem	1 <sup>st</sup> visit; met only James	
for 7 years	Galatians 1:21; Acts 9:30 "Tarsus"	Antioch (Syria) & Tarsus(Cilicia)	Stayed in Tarsus	
45 AD	Acts 11:25 "Barnabas went to Tarsus to seek Saul"	Antioch	Started ministry in his home church. 10 years preparation.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkttdPDsFzk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkttdPDsFzk</a> (Where Paul prepared for the 1 <sup>st</sup> missionary journey)
49 AD (Probably 14 years after conversion)	Galatians 2:1-10 (Acts 11:29-30? -- 1 <sup>st</sup> Mission Trip Ended -- Acts 15:2?)	Jerusalem/ other areas	Other visits	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMuTrfc8cF8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMuTrfc8cF8</a> (1 <sup>st</sup> )
52 AD	Acts 18:22 "Antioch" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mission Trip Ended		1 Thess; 2 Thess; 1 Cor	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcnriMDWYjY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcnriMDWYjY</a> (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
57 AD	Acts 21:3 "Tyre" Near 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mission Trip Ended		Gal; 2 Cor; Rom	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJSS8N8vQmY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJSS8N8vQmY</a> (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
63 AD	Acts 28:16,30 "Rome" "2 years" 4 <sup>th</sup> Mission Trip Ended		Eph; Phil; Col; Phm	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkjb1yueuMA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkjb1yueuMA</a> (4 <sup>th</sup> )
64-65 AD	Released		1 Tim, Titus	
66-68 AD	2 Tim 4:6 "the time of my departure"		2 Tim	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuUQ--dNUYU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuUQ--dNUYU</a> (Last days of Paul)

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# Good News

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How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, Your God reigns! (Isaiah 52:7)

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***Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree*** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

***Let go, Let God*** CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs and their consequent practices since over 20 years. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world—free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is set, and territorial boundaries are lined -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.

**We have been voluntarily, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.**

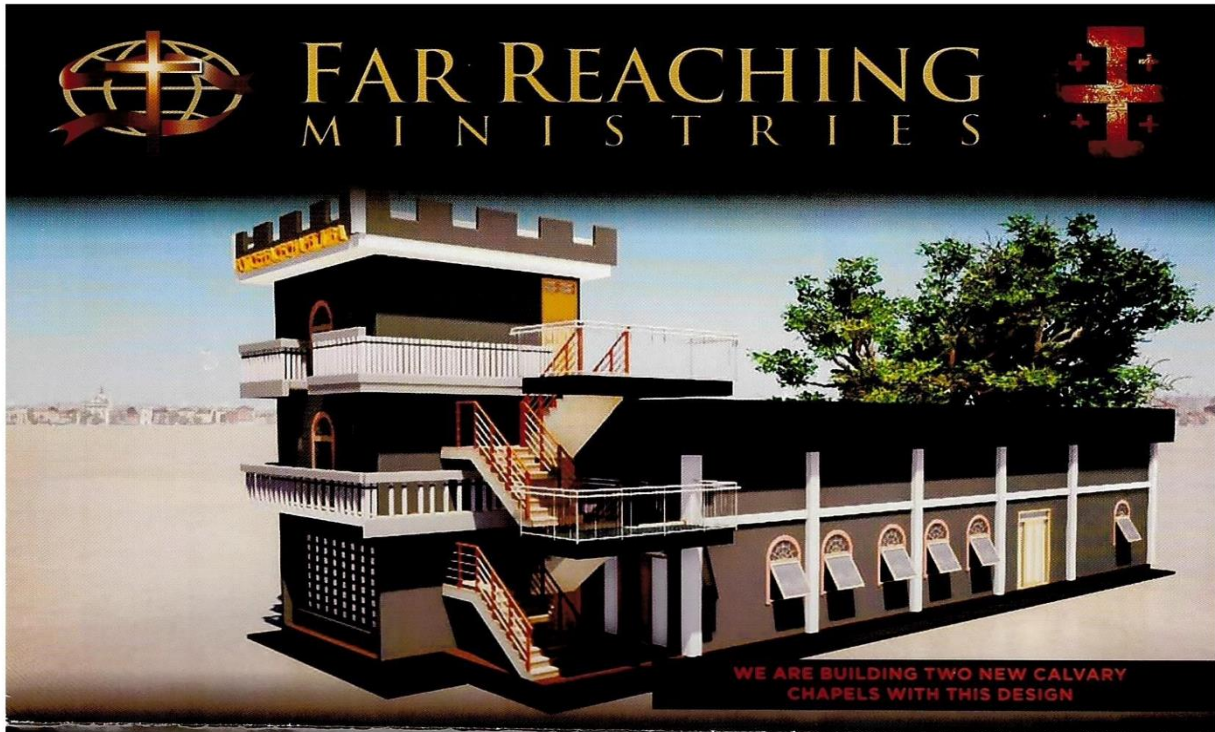


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Pray for the souls in Muslim countries, especially Iran, Afghanistan (Unmarried women's high baby death rate in childbirth), Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Morocco (bereaved family from about 3,000 dead people from the earthquake).



## SHE WILL NEVER MARRY

I have spent many hours praying about gearing down operations in Afghanistan and have even started the process, but in my heart, I could not find peace about it. Every day we continue getting desperate pleas for help from people who are terrified.

It has been two years since the Taliban initiated their reign of terror, and the world has largely forgotten the plight of the Afghan people.

If we want to understand what has been happening in Afghanistan, we have to go back to the late 1930s with Nazi Germany to understand the terror these people are going through. The citizens in Germany quickly learned that the laws of their country would not protect them. And the dreaded knock at the door meant that the Gestapo, who were stone cold killers, was on the other side. Torture, death, imprisonment, and all the horrors the mind can conceive were a very real possibility for normal German citizens and the Jewish people.

**MOST PEOPLE HAVE  
ABANDONED  
THE CAUSE**

Last week, I was asking the Lord to give me wisdom because with the stories coming in from the field, I could feel the fear of many women and families.

As I was driving to get my car washed, I felt the Lord tell me to turn on the radio. I turned on KWAVE (a Christian radio station in my area) and heard a man talking about holding a one-and-a-half-pound premature baby girl who was not expected to live. The doctor explained that human touch is so very important to a premature newborn, so this gentleman continued holding the little girl through the night as she fought to survive. The man telling

this story said that this little girl was born in Afghanistan and was disfigured due to a cleft palate. I did not know which program was being aired or the name of the man giving his testimony, but I sensed God was trying to get my attention.

Afghanistan loses more babies in childbirth than any other country in the world—for every 1,000 children