

## **“The Lord Our Righteousness”** Jeremiah 23:1-40 10/13/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “The Lord Our Righteousness” in Jeremiah 23:1-40.

To the souls on this Online Word *through Podcast or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*:

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Q1. In verse 1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!’ says the Lord,” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 20, “The anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 36, “And the oracle of the Lord you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God,” what does it mean? And how can we learn from here?

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

In the last time, Jeremiah 22:30 <sup>30</sup> Thus says the LORD: ‘Write this man down as childless, A man *who* shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in Judah,’ ” here is a prophecy about none of Coniah’s descendants to sit on the throne of David. Coniah, through David and Solomon, was listed on the genealogy of Joseph the stepfather of Jesus, while Coniah was not listed on the genealogy of Mary the biological mother of Jesus through David and Nathan. So, Jesus doesn’t sit on throne of David through Coniah. Thus, this prophecy was fulfilled without “one jot or one tittle” error. *Mat 1:6, 7, 12; Luke 3:31; 1 Chronicles 3:5; Mat 5:18.*)

Josiah the 15<sup>th</sup> king was good in the sight of the Lord from 640 to 609 BC but was killed at Megiddo battle by Egypt (*2 Kings 22:2; 23:29*); Shallum (Jehoahaz) the 16<sup>th</sup> king was evil in the sight of the Lord during 3 months in 609 BC, carried captive, and replaced with Jehoiakim by Egypt (*2 Kings 23:32,34, 37*). Jehoiakim (Eliakim) the 17<sup>th</sup> king reigned from 609 to 597 BC but he betrayed Babylon who carried him captive (*2 Kings 24:1; 2 Chro 36:5-6*), And his son Coniah (Jeconiah or Jehoiachin) reigned in his stead during 3 months in 597 BC (*2 Kings 24: 6,8, 9*). He was evil in the sight of the Lord, carried captive, and replaced with Zedekiah by Babylon the last 19<sup>th</sup> king (*2 Kings 24: 15, 17, 19*). Only Coniah was Josiah’s grandson, and the other three kings were his sons.

<p><sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds[pastors] who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the Lord.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>“But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the Lord.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> “Behold, <i>the</i> days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in</p>	<p>1=Q1 (Pastors or shepherds are responsible to shepherd over His sheep or His pasture, owed to the Lord. Every leader in the church should realize to be entrusted to feed His sheep by the Lord. Masters, teachers, or pastors have a higher standard of the duty to take care of His sheep owed to the Lord as James said that let not many of you become teachers or masters because we may easily stumble in word. The Lord is the possessor of the flock purchased with His blood, while masters, teachers, pastors, or leaders are managers. The latter should manage His flock properly, not fleece the flock as if they possess the sheep. Here, God made indictment against these prophets, priests, and kings who scattered the sheep, deprived the sheep of His pasture, and destroyed them. Ministers at CCAH are not interested in His sheep’s possession but in His sheep to be presented in purity to the Lord. <i>James 3:1-2; Mat 16:18; Eph 1:13-14; 2 Cor 2:14’</i> )</p> <p>2-3= (Jeremiah prophesied the people being taken as captives to Babylon to serve there as slaves. But it is not going to end in Babylon. The Lord is promising that He is going to restore them from their captivity. After 2,000 years of being scattered through the world, God is gathering the people back into the land again. The Chief Shepherd is soon going to appear in His glory on Zion).</p> <p>4= (The lack of good shepherds, i.e., evil shepherds did not provide the people to dwell securely. The Lord will set up His instruments or good shepherds over them, e.g. some reigning saints on His ruling millennium kingdom <i>Rev 20:4’</i> ).</p> <p>5= (God will raise up the righteous branch, the seed of David the stem of Jesse. The Branch the Messiah is coming very soon to rebuild the temple according to Zechariah’s prophecy. In Jeremiah 22:30, supra, Jesus came from virgin Mary was the descendant through David’s son Nathan, who was a brother to Solomon toward Coniah whose descendants would be cut off on</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *James 3:1-2* My brethren, let not many of you become teachers [masters], knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment; <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. *Mat 16:18* And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it; *Eph 1:13-14* In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory; *2 Cor 2:14* Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place

<sup>2</sup> *Rev 20:4* And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

<p>the earth.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> In His days Judah will be saved,  And Israel will dwell safely;  Now this <i>is</i> His name by which He will be called:    THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> “Therefore, behold, <i>the</i> days are coming,” says  the Lord, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As  the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel  from the land of Egypt,’ <sup>8</sup> but, ‘As the Lord lives who  brought up and led the descendants of the house of  Israel from the north country and from all the  countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall  dwell in their own land.”</p>	<p>the throne of David. . <i>Zech 3:8; Zech 6:12; Isaiah 11:1-4<sup>3</sup></i>)</p> <p>6= (Then, the Lord will save Judah and make Israel dwell safely. The name of God is Yahweh or Jehovah (Latinization), which literally means “I AM.” Many compound names of God are used. Here the Lord our righteousness, called as Yahweh Tsidkenn because in the millennium kingdom, our Lord reigns righteously; The Lord is our helper, the Lord is our healer, or the Lord is our peace, called as Yahweh Shalom. The Lord is our salvation, called as Yahweh Shuah or Yashewa – called as Joshua by Hebrew and English or Jesus by Greek and English. The mission of Christ was that of salvation and so His name implies His mission Yahweh harighteous become our salvation through Jesus Christ. So, we are saved because of our faith in Jesus Christ. He has brought us salvation from our sin and the consequences of our sin. Abraham’s belief in the Lord’s promise of innumerable descendants through his seed was accounted for righteousness to him. So, it was Abraham’s faith in Jesus Christ, and so God accounted Abraham righteous because of his faith in Jesus Christ. Now, you and I or all believers have a righteous standing before God because our faith in Jesus Christ is accounted for righteousness to us. The Lord Our Righteousness! <i>Jeremiah 33:15; Mat 18:11; Luke 19:10; Gen 15:5-6; Gal 3:16<sup>4</sup></i>)</p> <p>7-8= (This is a prophecy that is yet future. The Lord’s coming and the king David is reigning in the kingdom age with His name being the Lord our Righteousness. Throughout the history of the Old testament the people is talking about God who brought us out of Egypt.)</p>
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<sup>3</sup> *Zech 3:8* ‘Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH; *Zech 6:12* Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name *is* the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the Lord; *Isaiah 11:1-4* There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.’<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight *is* in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; <sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,

<sup>4</sup> *Jeremiah 33:15* ‘In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth; *Mat 18:11* For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost; *Luke 19:10* for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost; *Gen 15:5-6* Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.; *Gal 3:16* Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

<p><sup>9</sup> My heart within me is broken  Because of the prophets;  All my bones shake.  I am like a drunken man,  And like a man whom wine has overcome,  Because of the Lord,  And because of His holy words.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> For the land is full of adulterers;  For because of a curse the land mourns.  The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up.  Their course of life is evil,  And their might is not right.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> “For both prophet and priest are profane;  Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness,”  says the Lord.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> “Therefore their way shall be to them  Like slippery ways;  In the darkness they shall be driven on  And fall in them; For I will bring disaster on them,  The year of their punishment [even the year of their  visitation],” says the Lord.</p>	<p>9-40 = (Jeremiah’s heart was broken because of the false prophets. Jeremiah’s saying is about God’s judgment against their backsliding from God. Likely he said “You are going to fall and taken away to Babylon,” while they said, “we are going to drive the Babylonians out of the land. We are going to dwell safely here and you are going to prosper here.” Here are 4 types of false prophets, in verses 13, 16, 28, and 36)</p> <p>10= (“full of adulterers” is in a spiritual sense they were worshipping other gods. While you are with Him, the Lord is with you. If you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. So, the Lord forsook them – cursed land, dried up places, evil life course. <i>2 Chr 15:2<sup>5</sup></i>)</p> <p>11= (Both prophet and priest are wicked, not listening to the Lord and turning back to Him. In His temple was wicked.)</p> <p>12= (Slippery ways is pretty tough for their walking in the darkness. God’s punishment or the visitation of God’s judgment is against them for their turning from the Lord. Even if they saw what happened in the northern kingdom Israel because of false prophets, the prophets of Baal, or spiritual adulteries, they also were corrupt, wicked, and filled with adultery, because that should have been sufficient warning to them)</p>
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<sup>5</sup> *2 Chr 15:2* And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: “Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

<p>13 “And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal And caused My people Israel to err.</p> <p>14 Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.</p> <p>15 “Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets: ‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, And make them drink the water of gall; For from the prophets of Jerusalem Profaneness has gone out into all the land.’ ”</p> <p>16 Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision [an imagination] of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord.</p>	<p>13= (The prophets prophesied by Baal, not the words of God. e.g. a pastor cited a few of the Scripture to teach mostly a human thought for a human purpose, i.e., spiritual whoredom. God doesn't want to be even equal to another <i>Hosea 1:2; Mat 6:24<sup>6</sup></i> )</p> <p>14= (They are the evil doers to be judged, even as Sodom and Gomorrah was by God. So they are to be judged)</p> <p>15= (Because the false prophets profaned from Jerusalem into all the land, they will be judged by God with wormwood and the water of gall. )</p> <p>16= (They are not really giving you My word, they are speaking out of their own hearts. It is not God's word. The words of the prophets are an imagination or a vision of their own heart, not the word of the Lord. Human imagination or vision can't dominate the words of God but may be temperately used only to explain His words, “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” <i>2 Cor 10:5<sup>7</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>6</sup> *Hosea 1:2* When the Lord began to speak by Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea: “Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry *By departing* from the Lord; *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.

<sup>7</sup> *2 Cor 10:5* 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,

<p><sup>17</sup> They continually say to those who despise Me,  ‘The Lord has said, “You shall have peace” ’;  And to everyone who walks according to  the dictates of his own heart, they say,  ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”</p> <p><sup>18</sup> For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord,  And has perceived and heard His word?  Who has marked His word and heard <i>it</i>?</p> <p><sup>19</sup> Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in  fury—  A violent whirlwind!  It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.</p> <p><sup>20</sup> The anger of the Lord will not turn back  Until He has executed and performed the thoughts  of His heart.  In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.</p> <p><sup>21</sup> “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.  I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in My counsel,  And had caused My people to hear My words,  Then they would have turned them from their evil  way And from the evil of their doings.</p>	<p>17= (Th false prophets continually spoke words of prosperity and comfort to those who despise God, as they would have peace and walk as they please without any coming evil. They were prophesying lies. )</p> <p>18= (They have not heard the counsel of the Lord. Nobody among false prophets had heard His word except Jerimiah the true prophet.)</p> <p>20=Q2 (In the latter days, the people would understand it perfectly or the people would perceive the truth of the prophecy when Jerusalem fell. About prophecy, when we are coming into the latter days or into the fulfillment of the prophecy, we are beginning to understand more perfectly the word of prophecy. In the last days, knowledge increases while people run to and fro like today. Every prophecy is being fulfilled by pieces in the puzzle. Now it is only a few pieces left for the full picture. <i>Dan 12:4<sup>8</sup></i>)</p> <p>21= (If they had listened to Me, they would not have exhorted the people that things were going to be fine, They would have warned the people of the evil that is coming.)</p> <p>22= (God wanted them to stand in His counsel and to hear His words, and to turn from their evil way.)</p>
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<sup>8</sup> *Dan 12:4* But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

<p>23 “Am I a God near at hand,” says the Lord,  “And not a God afar off?  24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places,  So I shall not see him?” says the Lord;  “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord.</p> <p>25 “I have heard what the prophets have said who  prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed,  I have dreamed!’ 26 How long will <i>this</i> be in the heart  of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed <i>they</i>  <i>are</i> prophets of the deceit of their own heart, 27 who  try to make My people forget My name by their  dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their  fathers forgot My name for Baal.</p> <p>28 “The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a  dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My  word faithfully. What <i>is</i> the chaff to the wheat?” says  the Lord.</p>	<p>23-24= (“a God is not near at hand but a far off”  is the false concept because our God is  omnipresent, wherever you go God is there. I  am surrounded by God. I can’t escape from  God. He is the God who fills the heaven and the  earth. So, we need to be conscious of God’s  omnipresence like David <i>Psalms 139:7-10</i><sup>9</sup>)</p> <p>25-27= (They prophesy lies in My name. This is  the tragic thing. When they get into it they  actually deceive their own hearts. They tried to  make His people forget His name by their  dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as  their fathers forgot His name for Baal. The  dreams or thoughts from their hearts resulted in  people’s forgetting His name. Watch for  peddling the words of God!)</p> <p>28= (People get all excited with the dreams and  the visions over Jeremiah’s prophecy and over  the word of God. They taught dreams rather than  the Word of God. The chaff is not nourishable but  the wheat is nourishable. The chaff is existent to  protect the wheat not to be eaten by worms or  fungi. The spiritual experiences may be  temperately used to explain His words like Paul,  because nobody should think above that literal  experience. The just shall live by faith. The faith  comes from hearing by the word of God, so true  spiritual growth comes through feeding on the  word of God (<i>2 Cor 12:6; Ne 8:8; Rom 1:17; Rom</i>  <i>10:17</i><sup>10</sup>).</p>
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<sup>9</sup> *Psalms 139:7-10* Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. <sup>9</sup> *If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,* <sup>10</sup> Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>10</sup> *2 Cor 12:6* For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me; *Ne 8:8* So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading; *Rom 1:17* For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”; *Rom 10:17* So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God..

<p><sup>29</sup> “Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord,  “<i>And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?</i>”</p> <p><sup>30</sup> “Therefore behold, I <i>am</i> against the prophets,”  says the Lord, “who steal My words every one from  his neighbor. <sup>31</sup> Behold, I <i>am</i> against the prophets,”  says the Lord, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He  says.’ <sup>32</sup> Behold, I <i>am</i> against those who prophesy  false dreams,” says the Lord, “and tell them, and  cause My people to err by their lies and by their  recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command  them; therefore they shall not profit this people at  all,” says the Lord.</p> <p><sup>33</sup> “So when these people or the prophet or the  priest ask you, saying, ‘What is the oracle of  the Lord?’ you shall then say to them, ‘What  oracle?’ I will even forsake you,” says  the Lord. <sup>34</sup> “<i>And as for the prophet and the priest  and the people who say, ‘The oracle of the Lord!’ I  will even punish that man and his house. <sup>35</sup> Thus  every one of you shall say to his neighbor, and  every one to his brother, ‘What has  the Lord answered?’ and, ‘What has  the Lord spoken?’</i>”</p>	<p>29= (God’s word is like a fire. God is devouring,  destroying, or consuming opponents or sins.)</p> <p>30= (who steal My words? They uses God’s  words for their own profit or purpose, not for  God’s good purpose.)</p> <p>31-32= (God is against the false prophets to  cause His people to err. They did not profit His  people at all but they got profits by themselves.)</p> <p>33-38= (the Oracle of the Lord. The oracle is  the utterance or the burden.)</p> <p>33= (To the question of false prophets about  the oracle of the Lord, Jeremia’s answer was  that God will even forsake them)</p> <p>34-35= (the false prophets said the oracle of the  Lord to people, giving the burden upon them to  expedite their fleshly works for the prophets’  purpose, not God’s purpose. They are burned  out in the end.)</p>
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<p><sup>36</sup> And the oracle of the Lord you shall mention no more. For every man's word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God.</p> <p><sup>37</sup> Thus you shall say to the prophet, 'What has the Lord answered you?' and, 'What has the Lord spoken?' <sup>38</sup> But since you say, 'The oracle of the Lord!' therefore thus says the Lord: 'Because you say this word, "The oracle of the Lord!" and I have sent to you, saying, "Do not say, 'The oracle of the Lord!' " <sup>39</sup> therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and <i>will cast you out of My presence.</i> <sup>40</sup> And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.' "</p>	<p>36=Q3 (The oracle of the Lord. In the 1<sup>st</sup> meaning is the utterance of the Lord. The Lord does not like you saying stuff that He does not say and then given Him credit for it. If it is written in the Bible then you can say that the Lord said. That is good. You are on good ground. But you have to be careful of that in the context &amp; syntax of the word of the living God. Otherwise it is perverted. Satan used His word for his profit in the temptation of Jesus, rather than the context in Psalm 91 to protect His people from dangers. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning is the burden of the Lord. When you have taken on something that Lord did not put on you, your burden is heavy because you have to work by flesh, not by the Spirit. But doing the will and the work of the Lord is glorious and joyful because God gives you the strength and the ability to do it. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. False prophets drove you to work out the power and the energy of your flesh for their profitable purpose. You would be personally burnout in the end. <i>Mat 4:6; Mat 11:28-30; Phil 4:13<sup>11</sup></i>)</p> <p>37-40= (Now Jeremiah answered to the false prophet according to God's instruction. Don't say the oracle of the Lord. God will utterly forget you and forsake you. bringing an everlasting reproach and a perpetual shame upon you. What a higher standard to the word ministers! Let not many of you become teachers or masters because we may easily stumble in word. It's learned that nobody is allowed to alter His word by God.) ,</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. Also the

<sup>11</sup> *Mat 4:6* and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" *Mat 11:28-30* Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light; *Phil 4:13* I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

whole verses of NIV as a reference are observed equally to KJV and NKJV for every online word. 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 literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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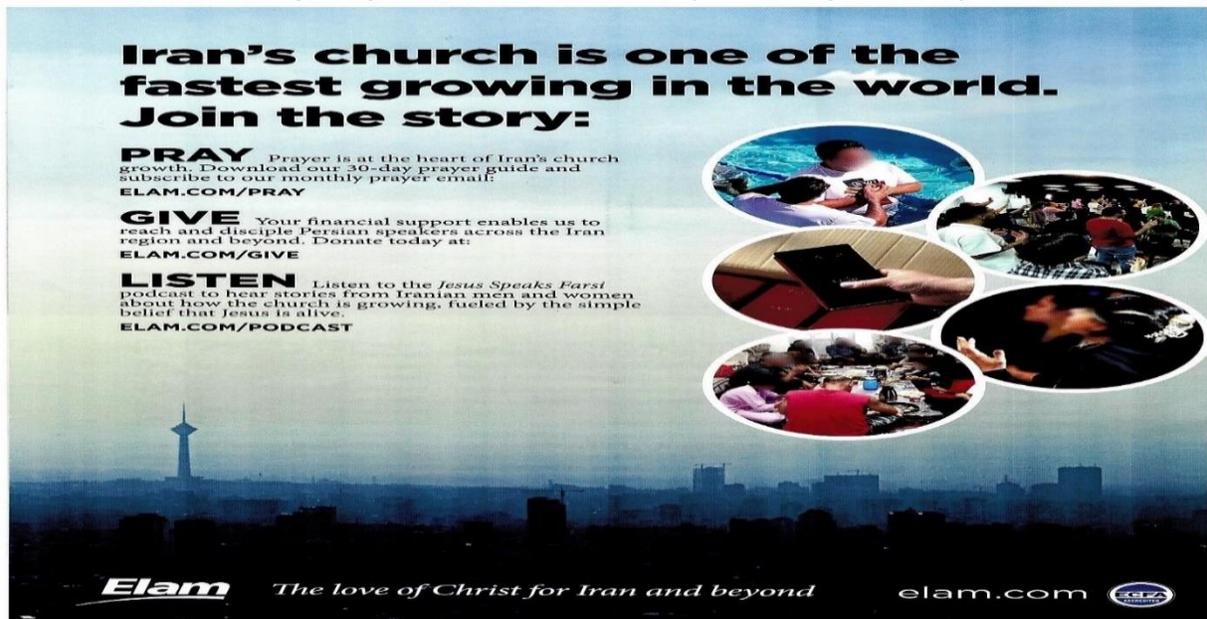
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**Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!**

**Pray for Iran & Underground Church. We are one body of Christ as long as any soul is not against the principles of doctrine of Christ (Heb 6:1; Eph 1:22-23)**



# European Union Mission

*(Thank you for your prayers. EU mission team has had a safe & joyful tour, sharing Jesus face to face with EU people. Most of them were so glad to share Jesus amazingly as you prayed.)*

**From 9/26 To 10/4, 2024**

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively a few Bible-based Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

**Soli Deo Gloria! For those on the EU Mission from 9/26 to 10/4, the mobile apps have been launched. We the Board invite you to review any eBook that encourages others to dive into our expositional study and grow in their knowledge of Jesus and their life by faith. If the Lord wills, please consider doing so. Use the code "Review" for free access, and "Calvary" for a 30% discount.** The Apple App Store, with over 650 million users per week, and Google Play Store, with over 2.5 billion users per month. The more increasing materialism, the more demanding this kind of App the whole counsel of God in exposition to every soul at all nations.



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*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mathew 24:35).*

*"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).*

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## Christian Population By Country

This list includes approximate numbers for the Christian population in key countries across different regions.

North America	Europe	Asia	Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United States:</b> 230 million</li> <li>• <b>Canada:</b> 22 million</li> <li>• <b>Mexico:</b> 120 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Russia:</b> 105 million</li> <li>• <b>Germany:</b> 50 million</li> <li>• <b>United Kingdom:</b> 40 million</li> <li>• <b>France:</b> 38 million</li> <li>• <b>Italy:</b> 44 million</li> <li>• <b>Spain:</b> 37 million</li> <li>• <b>Poland:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Ukraine:</b> 30 million</li> <li>• <b>Romania:</b> 18 million</li> <li>• <b>Netherlands:</b> 12 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Philippines:</b> 90 million</li> <li>• <b>China:</b> 70 million</li> <li>• <b>India:</b> 31 million</li> <li>• <b>Indonesia:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>South Korea:</b> 15 million</li> <li>• <b>Vietnam:</b> 7 million</li> <li>• <b>Kazakhstan:</b> 4 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nigeria:</b> 85 million</li> <li>• <b>Democratic Republic of the Congo:</b> 65 million</li> <li>• <b>Ethiopia:</b> 45 million</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> 37 million</li> <li>• <b>Kenya:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> 34 million</li> <li>• <b>Tanzania:</b> 30 million</li> <li>• <b>Ghana:</b> 24 million</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Central America and the Caribbean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guatemala:</b> 13 million</li> <li>• <b>Honduras:</b> 7 million</li> <li>• <b>El Salvador:</b> 6 million</li> <li>• <b>Nicaragua:</b> 5 million</li> <li>• <b>Cuba:</b> 6 million</li> <li>• <b>Dominican Republic:</b> 9 million</li> <li>• <b>Haiti:</b> 6 million</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middle East</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Egypt:</b> 10 million</li> <li>• <b>Lebanon:</b> 2 million</li> <li>• <b>Iraq:</b> 0.5 million</li> <li>• <b>Syria:</b> 0.5 million</li> <li>• <b>Jordan:</b> 0.4 million</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oceania</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australia:</b> 14 million</li> <li>• <b>Papua New Guinea:</b> 8 million</li> <li>• <b>New Zealand:</b> 2 million</li> <li>• <b>Fiji:</b> 0.6 million</li> </ul>	<p>“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Mat 28:18-20).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>South America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brazil:</b> 180 million</li> <li>• <b>Argentina:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Colombia:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Peru:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>Venezuela:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>Chile:</b> 16 million</li> </ul>			<p style="color: red;">Note: there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Bible-based Christians.</p> <p>Sources:  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country:</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3EgQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3EgQ</a></p>

# Delivery of the words of God

in the Gospel and in all the Scripture

[Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills](#) (all Scripture)

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).**

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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 ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. 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 controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- 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 volitionally, 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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The entirety of God's words is truth. The truth matters in the eternity wherever - indoor, outdoor, online, offline, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time - and whatever - mega church, basilica, or chapel (Psalm 119:160; John 4:23; 5:39; 17:17; Col 2:16-17) [Christian Population by Country](#)

***teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)***

## Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union – Lily, Wayne, Jane, T K, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet McTaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaude..... MAP

Mexico -- Alex & Cruz Sanchez, Garry & Keri Goo, James & Monica Arista, Octavio, Martin, Victor & Sonia Mayoral..... MAP

North Korea -- Ed, Inquired Anonymous Missionaries..... MAP

Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh..... MAP

Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

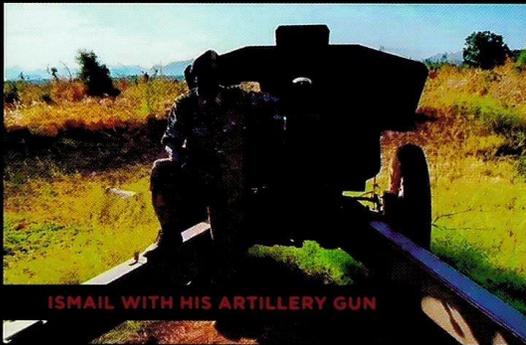
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek .... MAP

Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.  
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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# Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



**ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN**

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



**WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS**

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



**NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN**

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

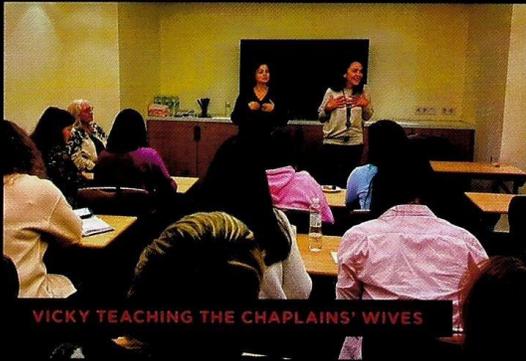
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*Wes Bentley*

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

# Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and for His glory.



## WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

**THEY DID NOT CHOOSE  
THIS WAR; IT WAS  
FORCED UPON THEM**

## Pray for Feeding the Lord's Lambs in Ukraine and in S Sudan

Second, I want to share an update on our orphanage project in Ukraine. We have found a great location that is even better than the first. It not only has room for an orphanage but future Bible school as well as a chaplain base. The property is seven acres and has a natural waterway. When the owner found out believers from the U.S. wanted to help Ukrainian orphans, he lowered the price from \$180,000 to \$140,000. We have raised the complete amount to purchase the property so that the next phase will be the construction of the first dorm for 100 children. For another \$250,000, we will be able to complete a kitchen and cafeteria, and the new children's dorm. We have already raised the first \$100,000 and only need another \$150,000 to complete the initial phase of



the project. One of the ideas is to build the buildings in an Austrian or German Bavarian style so that the children will grow up in a beautiful home and have many happy memories.

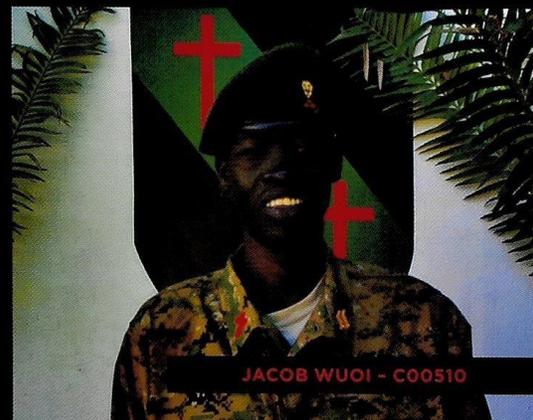
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

The third thing I need to share is that Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has shipped a container of Bibles into China. We can share no details so as not to hamper future operations.

The fourth thing we must report is the loss of two more chaplains—Chaplain Jacob Wuoi and Chaplain John Ebele. With the death of three more chaplains in the last year, this brings the total to 76 chaplains lost since the beginning of the ministry.



Jacob joined the chaplaincy program in 2019. He fell ill one evening and was gone by morning. Being in South Sudan, he was buried the next day, and whatever took him, we will never know. Jacob had graduated in Class 11 and served for four years before he was summoned home by our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 25:40 "unto one of the least of these"). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing (e.g. David's motive for census in 1 Chro 21:1). Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20; Acts 20:28). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**"

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Every Christian is exhorted to go to church at any convenient place unless she is against "the principles of doctrine of Christ" (Heb 6:1) because of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" (Eph 1:22-23). Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26). When God leads, God provides (1 Chronicles 22:11). So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. An offering box in a church service or a donation button on websites through CCAH is a way to express a donor's love for God by willing donation, the 1st part rather than 2nd money part, according to the Scripture (Mark 12:43; Luke 21:3-4). In fact, the fund raising or the fund seeking is not necessary for CCAH but the Lord seeking is sufficient because God is continually working through His church, CCAH, in Acts 29 (1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 15:1-2). We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philipppians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4th Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" **Source: <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm> for full Q&A**

## Prayer for Ukrainian Children & Orphans' Necessity with His love.

### UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S HOME - GHOST OPERATIONS



I have never had a project weigh so heavily on my heart as to the need for caring for abandoned and handicapped children.

In Ukraine, there are no homes for abandoned or handicapped children. Far Reaching Ministries wants to raise funds to start a first-of-its-kind children's home for both abandoned and handicapped children.

We need people to come alongside us and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. A project of this magnitude will require that we raise \$1,000,000. You can sign up for a monthly amount from \$25 to \$100 or more if able to do so. We welcome gifts of any amount and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project.

Please consider joining us in the rescue of these precious children by marking **"Ukrainian Children's Home"** on the enclosed gift card along with your donation.

### UKRAINIAN ORPHAN



After traveling to Ukraine, Far Reaching Ministries witnessed firsthand the condition of the abandoned and handicapped children. These precious children suffer not only through war-torn conditions, but also non-existent infrastructure to care for them, the most vulnerable of society.

We have an urgent need for sponsors to come alongside us with a \$75 monthly

sponsorship. If you are not able to commit to this amount, any gift will be welcomed. Your sponsorship will not only provide a home for the children, including necessities such as food, clothing, and medical care, but most importantly they will receive love along with being raised in a Christian family.

Please prayerfully consider helping in this dire situation, and if you would count it a privilege to financially support one of these precious children, please mark **"Ukrainian Orphan"** on the enclosed gift card along with your donation. After we receive your monthly commitment, we will then send you a photo of a child that you can pray for.



# Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

July 2024

**ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD.** What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in Thailand. The Karen still come in numbers into Thailand for similar reasons being displaced and killed by the Burmese military. Pray for these hurting people.

**SORROW GREETS US ON THE BORDER.** Two horrific accidents occurred days before we arrived. Poor people often travel in the back of pick-up trucks, this was the case and all in the back were thrown out, 4 died (all young people) most hospitalized. They all lived in the Karen community (18 in one truck, 10 in the other). We became part of the pastoral team, visited 3 hospitals, bringing comfort, prayer and some financial assistance (God provided). Next came the memorial services in which the unbelievers present were all able to hear the message of eternal life available to all who put their trust in Jesus.

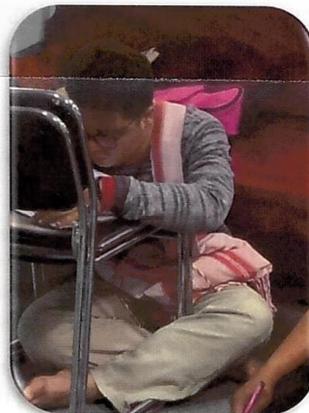


*This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.*

**PTA TRAINING A BIG HIT** Pastors, Church workers and Bible School students all joined together in learning Inductive method of Bible Study and Evangelism & Discipleship. One that joined was in my class 24 years ago when he said, “For the first time I can understand the Bible!” **House to house evangelism** was fruitful as several people prayed and came to the Church service that night. I wish you could see the radiating joy flooding their faces as the students shared their personal experiences in sharing the gospel. **Pray** for the new believers and seeds.



*Boys on one side...*



*All were diligent in their Bible study.*



*.... Girls on the other!*

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**INDONESIA: FROM JAVA TO SUMATRA** With a Muslim population of over two hundred million my heart is always heavy when we land in this great country. Sad to confess in preparation I needed to pray, "Dear Lord, help me to see Muslims as You see them, in need of the Savior Jesus." With my heart adjustment it makes a great difference in how I look at them. Most are just trying to work and care for their families. I was blessed watching one of our PTA Team members share Jesus with a Muslim family on the boat over to Sumatra. They are open!

**SHONDA'S TESTIMONY BROUGHT APPLAUSE** Because of discrimination, oppression, and persecution; many Christians feel discouraged. Shonda was asked repeatedly to share her testimony which includes losing her eyesight 24 years ago. Even though legally blind, she continues to love, pray for people, and has a great attitude, loving the Lord even through one of the worst disabilities. She has a loving, listening ear combined with a compassionate heart which brings comfort to all those she ministers to.



**SUMATRA TEACHATHON!** The last day of the Seminar I taught from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm! The pastors and wives were extremely motivated and thankful for our training in Inductive method of Bible Study and Marriage & Family. Many have struggling congregations yet love the Lord and share their faith with the lost. We can't use the word "missionary" publicly for they are illegal. So, when we talk, we just use the word, "M" instead of the whole word. Pray for Christian Indonesians, for boldness in their witness and God's protection.



*Pastors & wives at the Sumatra PTA Seminar*

**CALVARY CHAPEL KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE : PTA TAUGHT INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY** What a super group of students, over 100 studied, discussed and were blessed learning how to better understand the Bible. If you are interested in me coming to your Calvary, just email me. Feel free to contact Pastor Mark Kirk for a reference.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Sorry to say, after Pastor Chuck went to heaven some congregations have slowly move away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly and spiritual formations seem to be creeping into some Calvary Chapel churches. My position is the "old-fashioned" Jesus People, Pastor Chuck & his brother Paul and "what does the Bible say?" kind of guy, just FYI.

**Please pray for us,** we believe that we are indeed in the Last Days and that the people need to know the Lord, that is our Mission, building up the Church and evangelizing the lost. If the Lord moves you, we could use your support, Thank you!

Lord bless you,

Jim & Shonda Davis

## Pray for Ukrainians to be Protected from Explosions and for Peace in Christ

Luke and I met with Ukrainian officers in charge of training their chaplains and showed them pictures of our base and training center in South Sudan. We showed them videos of the chaplain silent drill team we use for evangelical outreach. Just like the Marine Corps silent-drill team, our men do a 15-minute drill without any verbal command. The men then share God's Word, and many soldiers get saved. I am not sure if the officers that Luke and I met with are truly saved, but both were very respectful. At the end of our conversation, the senior officer asked how I would motivate his men as their military is very demoralized.



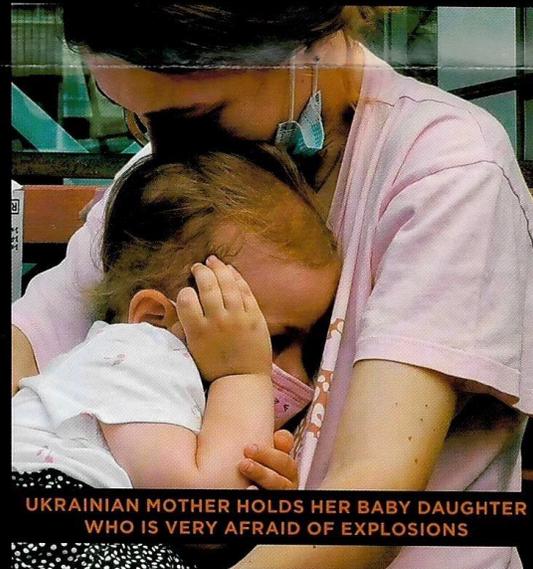
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this would be meaningful to them. You see, at one of the worst times in the war with Russia, when it looked as if all might be lost, Ukraine miraculously got two Neptune missiles working. They fired them at the Moskva, the flagship of the Russian fleet while it was in port, and amazingly, they hit the ship. Not wanting to accept defeat, the Russians pulled the ship out to sea and said it had sunk in heavy seas, but truthfully, it was the damage the Ukrainian army inflicted on the ship that sank it. This was the largest ship in the Russian fleet, and nothing like this has happened since the Second World War. I told the officers about the war in South Sudan and said that we refused to surrender when we were outmanned and outgunned but not outfought, and we won the war. The two men laughed and said that we had a great strategy for encouraging the men. Sometimes, men need to be reminded to never give up and never surrender. They need to understand that they have a God given role to protect women and children, even at the cost of one's life. See folks we do not fear men, we fear the Lord. As men we were made for battle; we were made to protect

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those that cannot protect themselves. It is important that Luke and I live trusting the Lord so that those around us can see what true faith looks like. This is why we go to the frontlines. Many times, non-believers do not understand why we would go to such dangerous places, but you see this action opens the door to share about the Lord.



I was in Europe when a Russian missile hit a children's hospital and maternity ward in Ukraine, killing mothers and children. One photo, in particular, troubled me.

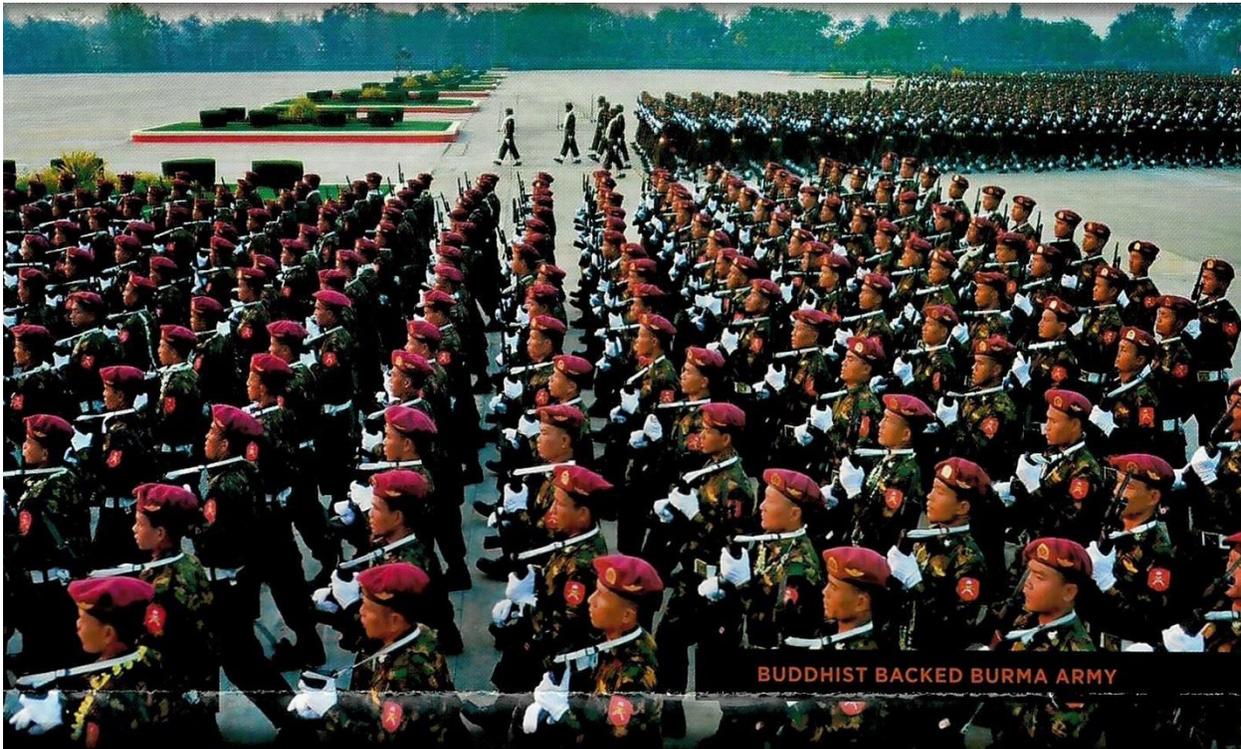


The photo was of a baby girl covering her ears and holding on to her mother. It is hard for me to see children afraid. Even worse, the death of a parent is devastating for a child. In an instant, the love and security they have known is gone—leaving the child utterly traumatized. Russia and Ukraine continue to be at war, but no one can justify targeting a hospital with

**Pray for Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other Muslim countries, especially underground Christians.**



**Pray for Saving People As Many As Possible Wherever Our Lord Leads**



**BUDDHIST BACKED BURMA ARMY**

## ONE LONG JOURNEY

When I first met Tirza in Russia, it was probably in 1994. She was from the Dutch office of a sister organization, and I was leading a team into the Russian prisons. At that time, I never thought that she would still be in my life 30 years later. When we met, Tirza spoke six languages and worked harder than any two men on my team. Today, she speaks 12 languages. She began working as an assistant to the director of the Dutch office right out of high school and had always worked for minimum wage so as not to be a burden to the ministry.

She and her husband, Hans, have been married for 37 years, as he likes to say, because they love each other. Hans wrote for a newspaper, and they humbly lived off his salary.

In the early days in Russia, when I traveled from prison to prison, it was hard to find food. I would go for weeks only eating Borsch, a Russian cabbage and beet soup.

**I PRAY YOU JOIN US  
IN SAVING AS MANY  
AS POSSIBLE**

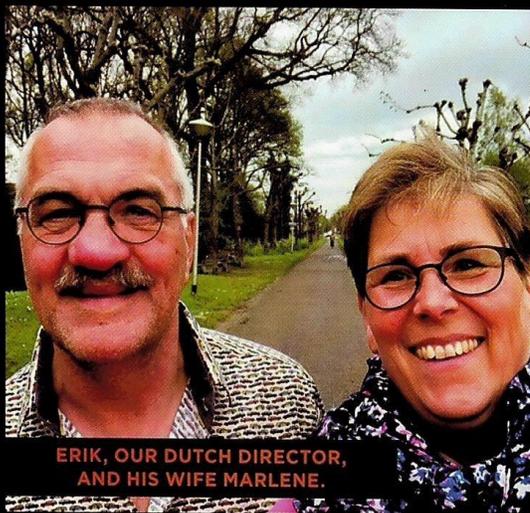
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

I often traveled with Mark Piester, who also worked alongside Tirza in Holland. Mark, an American, had worked for years smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. He and I would spend days on trains and buses—going from prison to prison sharing Christ—most of the time in the dead of winter. I would stare out the window for hours, looking at the snow drifts and Russian countryside, but I loved every minute. I never felt alone; it was me and the Lord, and I will always remember it as the most enjoyable time of ministry. Vicky knows the look when she sees me in this state. She always says, “What part of the world are you

planning to conquer next?" I respond back and just say, "I am lost in my thoughts, Love." But she smiles back and says, "You might as well tell me." Which makes me smile at how well she knows her husband. Then I tell her what I believe is God's next plan for the ministry.

Once, I got very sick in Russia and could find no medicine, so I traveled to Holland to stay with Tirza and Hans, and they took great care of me. The Dutch climate during winter is always rainy and overcast, but I did not mind because the rainy weather has always been my favorite. I stayed in the third-story attic of Tirza and Hans's home. The attic had been turned into a nice bedroom with a window that I could open at night and listen to the rain. Tirza made great meals to nurse me back to health. When I got better, we rode bicycles to the Dutch office every morning, and we would stop at a bakery on the way to get something warm. The Dutch bakeries are the best in the world!

Tirza and Hans have been close friends of mine ever since. Hans loved American peanut butter, but it was unavailable in their home country 30 years ago. At the time, I worked at a food bank in America, and they would give me whatever food I wanted to give away. Back then, I had no money, but KLM Airlines would allow me to take two 75-pound boxes with me, so I brought Hans 140 pounds of peanut butter—my way of saying thanks to them for their hospitality. Vicky and I just recently visited them on a trip to Europe.



**ERIK, OUR DUTCH DIRECTOR,  
AND HIS WIFE MARLENE.**

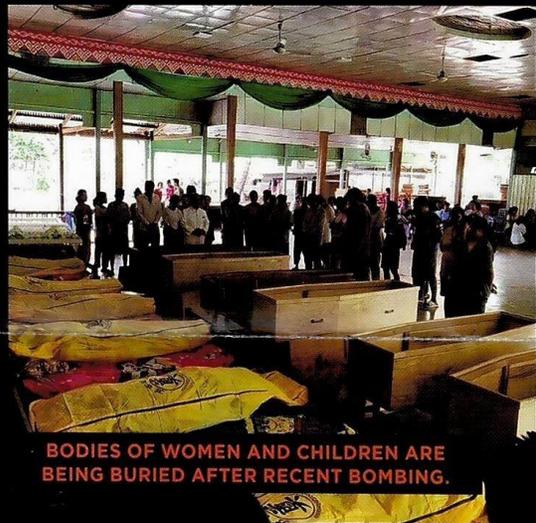
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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wife, Marlene, our love and support, and I assured them that Far Reaching Ministries would not let this mission organization falter but will be with them through this very difficult time.

I will miss Erik and his passion for the Lord.

There is a very important and terrible need that Tirza informed me of. She never asks anything for herself. A few years ago, we purchased her a new car for work. When I told Tirza that we were going to buy her a much-needed car, she spent two days trying to talk me into giving it to other missionaries, but I knew it was God's will for her to have this car. This is why when she calls and says she has a great need, I know it is from the Lord.



**BODIES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE  
BEING BURIED AFTER RECENT BOMBING.**

Tirza shared with me that in Burma, the Junta Army is attacking and killing the Karen, Karenni, and Kachin Christian people. They bomb schools and kill for no reason. The Burma Army is Buddhist-backed, which dispels the image of Buddhists as being peace-loving. But the game the soldiers love is the rape of Christian women, often in front of their husband. Many women have been raped by as many as 20 men to the point they pass out and wake up naked hours later to find that their husband was killed during the rape.

One commander raped a woman and then told 20 of his men that if they did not also rape her, he would kill them; the men did as ordered. When she was finally released, the woman went home and told her husband what happened. He was not a good man and kicked her out of the house. Because she was in so much despair, she took her own life. How I wish the woman had met

## **Donation(Offering; Gift) [Luke 21:1,4,5](#)**

**["No One Loves Me Like You."](#)**

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**The Role of AI in Bible Study**

For believers today, the Bible remains the authoritative source of God’s truth. John 1:1 tells us, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The written Word is God, and it is through the study of Scripture that we come to know Him.

There are many versions of the Bible, but which one is closest to the original Scriptures? Many scholars agree that the King James Version (KJV), based on the Textus Receptus, is one of the most accurate translations. However, it can be difficult to understand for modern readers. Therefore, it is recommended to skim over the New Living Translation (NLT) for a fresh perspective, read the New International Version (NIV) for accessibility, and study the New King James Version (NKJV) to grasp the meaning better. Ultimately, the KJV should be searched and studied for its accuracy to the original texts (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15).

AI can serve as an essential tool in this journey, helping us to dive deeper into Scripture. For example, AI tools can analyze and compare different translations, provide historical context, and even offer insights into the original Greek and Hebrew languages. This can greatly enhance our understanding of the Bible and make study more efficient and effective.

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