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## “I’M SINKING AND IT’S YOUR FAULT!”

by: Rev. Casey Chapman, senior pastor

What has happened to the world that we live in? It is completely unrecognizable from just one decade ago, let alone from the time when many reading this article were born. There is no self-responsibility any more. Every problem is not “our” fault but

someone else is to blame. I once had a couple come to me and say “Pastor, it is your fault

that our marriage is failing!” When I asked why it was my fault and how I could assist them they became hostile and refused to answer my questions. It is astounding what people will say, but it is not unexpected given the great decline of morals in this nation and the great decline of truth.

Truth is no longer seen as factual and unchangeable, but rather truth is seen as flexible, non-certain, and changeable for each person. This is why we have division in

this country. It is not because of our president or our government. Division exists today because truth has been removed from our land. Truth that marriage is only between one man and one woman has been attacked. Truth in one’s own gender is looked down

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upon. The fact that the Bible and Jesus Christ are the very definition of truth is looked at as crazy talk. John 14:6 “Jesus told him ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life...’” For truth to exist there must be one,

unchangeable source of truth otherwise there is no truth. The Bible, which has never been proven wrong in all of this time, is that source of truth. There is a reason that our God is never changing. If He changed then there “truly” would be no truth.

So why do people reject the obvious truth that has led so many people purely for so many ages? For this answer

### BIRTHDAYS

Cherri Chapman

9/2

Lilian Devine

9/4

Linda Royal

9/11

Rick Albran

9/14

### ANNIVERSARIES

Homer & Maxine Hart

9/9/67

Adam & Rebecca

Devine

9/14/99

George & Janet Wilson

9/27/94

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### UPCOMING

Pancake Breakfast

September 16th

8A-11A

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we must look at II Timothy 4:3. "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine." Sound doctrine is "true teaching". The words from the Book of Truth are being proven true by the very people who claim they are not true and act as though there is no truth.

There is one major problem, among many, for those who

reject truth. If you reject one source of truth, the Bible, then you must reject all sources of truth otherwise your initial rejection of the Bible is illogical, and the case for relative truth falls apart. Relative truth being truth is different for each person. This is why many who have rejected Jesus Christ as the Truth and His Word have resorted to also rejecting

historical truth in America by tearing down statues and rewriting history. They must reject all truth, not just the Bible in order for their self-centered lifestyle to exist. This is why it is so important for us to proclaim the Word of God and defend the Faith. So that a future generation will see what Truth really is.

## POWER THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER

† Worship isn't a feeling you wait for, it's a choice you make.

† Of all His names, Father is God's favorite. We know this is the one He used most. While on earth, Jesus called God "Father" over 200 times.

† Trust God with your life. After all, He is the one who gave it to you.

## "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

by: Cherri Chapman

I was pondering throughout the day what can I write for the newsletter. At the same time this song has been playing in my head for days now. Then on the radio this guy says: "Eye has not seen, nor ear has heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 We can only Imagine what Heaven will be like, and yet that isn't even enough, it will be so much more that our minds cannot handle these great things. That's what I'm writing about, our wonderful Savior. We will fall before Christ the King who sits upon the Throne with a blazing light around His head, His eyes as flames of fire gazing at us, He was shining like the sun, full of power and strength, full of Love. And as children of God our new bodies will be made like His that we may see Him face to face. We will run and not grow weary, no more pain, we will be walking with Jesus as He shows us many things in our new home in Heaven where we will worship Him forever and forever.

I can only imagine, what it will be like, when I walk by Your side.

I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your face is before me.

Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still? Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the sun. I can only imagine when All I will do, is forever, forever worship You, I can only imagine.

## “BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD”

Psalms 46:10

Even for a few minutes, make the choice to be still and refocus your thoughts to heaven and God. This is how we renew our minds as Romans 12:1,2 Now take Sundays for instance, we learn God's word - now we take it with us to practice it. The Pastor cannot do it for you, you need to apply it to yourself so you can grow and be stronger. Why Worship on Sundays? Because when Mondays come around we forget. Take notes if you have to and apply it to your faith. Also add fellowship and encourage one another, That is how you will grow.

## “JESUS CHRIST MY KING”

Part 2 from Dr. Lockridge

Jesus Christ is the gateway to glory. He's the master of the mighty, the captain of the conquerors. He's the head, the leader the overseer of the overcomers. His promise is sure. His mercy is everlasting and His love never changes. His Word is enough. I wish I could describe Him to you . . . but He's indescribable. That's my King.

I tell you that the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain Him, let alone some man explain Him. Herod couldn't kill Him. Death couldn't handle Him and the grave couldn't hold Him. He always has been and He always will be. That's My King!

Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory and all the power belongs to my King. Nothing is ours, it all belongs to Him. Yes Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever and ever and ever....and when you get through with all the forevers....then....Amen!

## “FIND STRENGTH IN THE LORD”

by: Cherri Chapman

Have you ever noticed that some days are just better than others? Sometimes things are easy and sometimes it's hard to get through. Don't you know you get attacked every time you make progress for the Lord. The devil hates to see us overcome. But God uses these difficult times to refine us. The devil will never win in fact he has already lost because Jesus died for us on the cross and rose to Victory.

The purging process rids us of self-dependence so that our faith can remain solely in God. It refines us of self-indulgence so we can walk closer to God depending on Him. We must accept that many breakthroughs are not instant. Instead they place us in the refiner's fire. Yet the Lord blesses us in the end. We cannot save ourselves, we must lean on God in good times and bad. Praise Him and Thank Him daily for being with you.

So, hold on to what God has said even though 10,000 voices tell you it's useless. Move ahead with what He has given you even when you face many difficulties for the moment. The testing of God's Word is always followed by the fulfillment of it. He will never leave you, we are the ones that walk away. Come back to Him today and talk to Him. Find strength in the LORD!