

Dearest DeAnna,

Sweetheart, every day I am praying for you and have been tossing this letter around for weeks or longer. Dad and I wrote this letter and then I had written another one. I'm so sad to think you may not even read what we spent weeks pouring out heart and soul into. But perhaps a move from Yahweh will prompt you to keep reading. Please bear with it all- you cannot imagine the love and prayer contained within. There's things you will and won't want to hear but please listen. Read on- hopefully some of the things from Dad will touch your heart.

Here's a clip from the first one I wrote:

Dear DeAnna,

I've waited so long to write you this letter. I've been praying for you, seeking Yahweh for the right words and waiting for the right time. I really hope you read this. It comes from love alone. I have no intentions toward you but love and to turn you towards Christ and for the best for you. I'd like to ask you to read it once now and again in the future at some point when you need a mother. Some things will be hard to hear but they are not said with that intention- they are said out of concern for you. If something is good, true, wholesome and right, please don't disregard it because of the source. You are apparently shutting me out and you don't seem to want a mother right now. Of course that makes me sad but honestly, you can walk away from me and I can survive that- although heartbroken- as long as you don't walk away from Christ. I know you say that you are not but- here's the first hard truth- you've created a false god who fits what you want instead of serving the one true God who requires us to give up on what we want and take up our Cross and follow Christ by living according to His word. The

things you are doing are not hurting me. They are breaking my heart, not because it hurts me but because you are hurting yourself. Someday, you'll understand the depths of a mother's heart. When I see and hear things, I just think, "Oh sweetheart, what are you doing?" The one thing my mom and Dad both told me that means more to me than most things in life is this (with the wording slightly varied between them), "Even though you went your own way and did your own thing, you never rejected the values we taught you even if you rejected us. I never questioned your values." We are so sadly questioning your values. You are living with disregard for others. You are compromising to gain. You are putting yourself before others and gaining at the expense of others. DeAnna, you are in a position to witness to Christ but you are wasting that opportunity. When you are dressing as you are, you are not witnessing Christ but advertising your body. Do you think people are seeing Jesus or your body? You are giving away things that are gifts for your husband only and now they are gone. I hope and pray you haven't given away your virginity but it's obvious you've given away so much of your purity. You can see it in your eyes. They are not the same shining eyes that you once had. They are the eyes of lost innocence.

That's the end of my first unfinished letter. Here starts the one Dad and I wrote.

You are our precious firstborn daughter and our love for you is immense. We have spent weeks together discussing and praying and considering and praying more before sending you this letter from both your mother and father. It is filled with love from your family, things you will definitely want to hear and things you will definitely not want to hear- things about loved ones who are sick, things people are saying, our love and concern for you and so much more- but

please read it all, even if you don't read it all at once. So much went into this. Please pray before you read it, after you read it and as you read it. Ask, seek and knock on God's door and ask Christ to be with you.

Read it now and again in the future when you need to know there is still a family that loves you and will be there for you no matter what. You always have a home. You always have a family. You are forever loved and wanted by us. Nothing you can do can change that. We weren't sure how to send what we need to say to you. We've chosen "bullet points" hoping to make it concise, to the point, Holy Spirit led and full of love and prayer. Please take these words to your Heavenly Father and ask Him if there is anything worth considering. We hope to turn your heart towards Him. The book of Malachi ends with these words (of extreme significance because for centuries these were the very last words in Scripture)

“And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse.” Malachi 4:6

Some versions say parents. Your father's (and mother's) hearts are definitely turned towards you but you have turned your heart away from your father (and mother). The most heartbreaking thing in all of this is:

Your father sat you down and with tears in his eyes, looked into yours and said these words, “DeAnna, it is my God-given responsibility to provide for you and to protect you until you get married. Please don't make it so that I cannot fulfill my God-given responsibilities towards you. Please trust me to take care of you.”

This is one of the greatest gifts anyone has ever tried to give you. Hopefully someday, when you look back on your life, you will realize this. And you will be filled with tremendous regret that you took one of the most precious gifts anyone ever gave you and threw it in the garbage. So many daughters long for their fathers to love them and invest in them and care about them as yours does for you. Your father is as close to perfect as a father gets and has asked almost nothing of you except this. For all he has given you, you are showing tremendous dishonor and disrespect to disregard him so much. You know the truth of how much you speak to him and how little you listen or even ask for his council. You've robbed him of a father's joy that he has worked so hard to earn.

These words are from Ezekiel 3:20-21. Please don't claim you don't want preached at. These are God's words, not ours. We pray you haven't reached a point where you do not want to hear God's Words. Read them and seek the Lord on them.

“When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an obstacle before him, he will die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. However, if you have warned the righteous man that the righteous should not sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself.” -Ezekiel 3:20-21

Similar words are repeated throughout Ezekiel. It is our God-given obligation to warn you about the path you are on. We cannot live with the thought of our own daughter's blood on our hands. Please take our words as they are written, from a standpoint of great love,

great concern and great regard for you as our daughter.

Here are the things that are so critically on our hearts to say to you in addition to the words written above.

* Love is not defined by praise, compliments, affection or feeling special. It is defined by sacrifice, commitment and putting others before yourself.

* Exceptional is beauty from the inside, modesty, turning your heart towards your family, living for the Lord and dying to self. Average is beauty from the outside, attention to self, turning your heart towards the ways of the world and living for self. It bothers you greatly to think of yourself as average but if you were sold out for Christ, the only glory you'd be seeking would be His.

* You are putting yourself before others, at least some others. Your family-Mom, Dad, Shawn Luke, Sylvia and Clara- should be your first point of service. You've considered what you want and need and justified disconnecting with your family but deep in your heart, you know how wrong this is, even if you've tried not to think about it.

* One night after I read Clara "Mike Mulligan", she said, "I know this is a children's book but it applies to adults too, you know like when a man leaves his wife for a better woman and how DeAnna left us for something better." I asked her if I could share that with you.

* You have opportunities to witness Christ but instead you are advertising your body. People are not seeing Christ but are saddened and you are causing men to stumble. Your body is another precious gift that you are throwing away. What God intended for you to save

for your husband has now been given to the world. And it is oh so sad.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” -1 Corinthians 6:19-20

* You showed no compassion for a mother who has struggled with very real symptoms of PTSD and depression but still accomplished an amazing amount for her family and children despite those struggles. I, Mama, apologize for how that affected you.

* You showed no compassion for the death of my father and your grandfather. In his last weeks and days, your concerns were still getting to Nashville, clean clothes and not missing a performance of very little importance in perspective. You were there but your heart wasn't in it. Losing my Dad has been so devastating and you went through motions without heart. He knew it, I knew it and so did so many others. You resisted connecting with him but he truly loved you. You have no idea of how precious this gift that you also threw away was. Unlike other gifts, there is no way to get this one back.

* Nashville is when it really hit that my Dad was gone and never coming back and your only consideration was how that affected you, not the devastating heartbreak and grieving of the loss your mother was experiencing.

* Our prayers for you for the past two decades have been for you to have the love of a man who puts you first. A man who is three decades older than you, older than your parents, is most definitely not putting you first. You may think you have an “exception” to

what is normally true but you simply have someone taking advantage of you for his own benefit. You do not see that. When you got one chance to shine at Bean Blossom, any real man – Dad's words- would have demanded that you took it. Even if you gave that chance to him, no real man would have accepted that. A good man who loves you unselfishly would have demanded for you to go first. All reports from multiple states and sources are that he is possessive over you and that you can't be yourself around him and that you jump to do what he says. Trust us, we love you anyway but you've always been a “hands-on your-hips-no-one's-gonna-tell-me-what-to-do-i'm-my-own-person” type of girl. Do you realize that when you crawl out from under that thumb (even if it's subtle at this point) you are in great danger of being abused? This is not a situation where he wants what's best for you. A man that age looking at the future would deny his feelings and insist without changing that this is not right for you. You aren't seeing things clearly, honey. You've developed attachment without wisdom.

* You have no idea how much you have broken your father's heart (and mine) to inform him that you are “going out” with a man without giving your father the chance to give or deny his blessing. You are intentionally building on a bad foundation. If you commit to a life with someone built upon a bad foundation, you will suffer great consequences. Read God's Word. The depths of curses you bring into your life from dishonoring and disregarding your parents are so great that we fear for you.

* Our heartbreak is not out of anger but out of sadness. Your decisions are hurting you so much more than us. It's like you're running into traffic about to be hit by a semi truck and we simply can't stop it from happening. No parent could watch it without a great sense of helplessness and grief.

* You are taking advice from so many people who aren't where you want to be. These are people who have made a mess of their own lives and basically they're telling you how to ruin your life (Dad's words) and you're buying it hook, line and sinker. Anyone who is not trying to turn your heart back to your family is of great concern. When our marriage was in such need of rebuilding, we were wise enough to recognize and eliminate all of the sources that didn't support that goal. It's so sad that rebuilding with your family isn't your goal.

* You've created a "god" that serves you instead of adjusting your life to serve the One True God. You can't conform God to sinful man. Sinful man must be conformed to God. Christian means "Christ-follower." You can say you are a Christian but the evidence is in actions that demonstrate following Christ by living according to God's Word not by the claims of your lips.

* You look like you've lived a decade in three months. We say these words in great sadness. The light in your eyes is gone. The joy in your smile is gone. The beauty that once shone from the inside out is gone. It is a look of weariness. It is a look of lost innocence. We hope your virginity is not gone but we see so much of your purity is. The beauty of Christ shining through you that shone for miles has been replaced by something so sad, it breaks our hearts to even look upon it.

* You are gaining at the expense of others, in particular your siblings. They worked too hard for your actions to cost them what they've worked for but this is the case. Do you really not care about what you've cost them? Their hearts are broken in so many ways. You cannot face them or us because it may make you feel bad but

that feeling is from the Holy Spirit. It is called conviction and avoiding it has one consequence: drawing you away from the Lord instead of closer to Him. They love you so much and this is yet another gift you've thrown in the garbage. You tell others that you don't talk to your siblings out of concern for them but it is really more about the sentences above.

*** Is what you're gaining really worth what you're losing?**

* This has been adjusted since you sent us a money order, which is a sign of hope. DeAnna, you can pay back stolen money but it is much more difficult to restore broken trust or to erase the title of thief that is now a part of your reputation. Here's the original part: Your sense of entitlement is appalling. You literally went through our home and not only stole money that you were only able to steal because we trusted you but you simply took anything you wanted—clothing, jewelry, health and beauty products, music supplies, etc. If you saw it and wanted it, you took it even if it belonged to your siblings or parents. How could you steal from those who gave you so much? You may think you're “entitled” to some kind of share of the music money. Let's break that down. Last year alone, we spent \$40,000.00 to make \$7,000.00. We had over \$32,000.00 in receipts to claim for tax purposes. Some expenses lacked receipts or were not tax deductible. If you feel so entitled, how about being entitled to your share of the expenses because there were no profits? We don't expect this from you but we did expect that you would not waste that kind of investment. In the real world, people don't put that kind of money into you without contracts but you are our daughter and we trusted you. We have 800 CDs we cannot sell and so many other expenses that you do not care about. There are people who use others. We just thought we raised you better than to be one of them.

* Clara did have a very bad dream that kept recurring all night in which Satan appeared and said he had a hold of you and said that he was not letting you go. She was very shook up by it all day long. When we prayed about it, God revealed to us that satan is going to hold onto you as long as you hold onto him and that the letting go is within your control, not ours or anyone else's and not even in God's because He won't force you to let go of satan if you want to hold onto him. This should scare you. It scares us because worse than anything is spending eternity in hell. Don't underestimate that possibility. That's not anything other than the truth.

* Rejecting us is not nearly as bad as rejecting God and that is where our great concern lies. Don't reject the only source of hope you have. Lay your life down and do whatever He tells you. Keep in mind that satan comes as an angel of light and we think you've mistaken him for the Lord. If what you feel, hear, sense or see doesn't line up with God's Word, it is not God, no matter how much it seems like it.

* Children are usually loyal to their mothers no matter what, even when their mothers do atrocious things. It's hard to understand your lack of love and loyalty to your mother, who has done nothing atrocious at all. Your mother has failed in ways but never in intention, love, sacrifice or service. It's so sad you don't realize that. You have no idea how much I miss you and am shattered to realize we did not have the close mother daughter connection I thought we had. You lied to me in so many ways. If there was reason to doubt you, I trusted you because love believes the best and I love you and wanted to believe the best out of you.

* Does your family exist only for your benefit? You have to give as

well as take. Hopefully someday you see the greater joy in giving than taking. There's is a joy that comes from giving when you cannot possibly derive any benefit at all that we hope and pray you come to know.

* You've spoken badly about your entire family and you've spoken things that are not true. You know what these things are. More has gotten back to us than you can imagine. You only do this when you can benefit from it. When word came that at one point you spoke lies about your father to benefit yourself, we realized how deep seated and troubling this is.

* You've lost your anointing. It is obvious when we hear you sing or play. It is gone. We see it and mourn this loss for you. This is the report from others in many places as well. God's hand is not on what you are doing right now and unless you want to risk losing the talents He gave you, you really need to turn to Him, repent and plead for an undeserved restoration of His anointing.

* You really need to know what people are saying. We are getting reports from states like Iowa from strangers. People are deeply concerned about you and contacting us. Here's just a few comments-most from sources that would surprise you:

“Her fiddle playing has gone way down, not nearly what it used to be.”

“Her singing is still good but not nearly as good as it was a year ago.”

“She no longer has that anointing of the Lord that she used to have.”

“She harmonized so much better before.”

“It's sick, just sick that this old man is taking advantage of this little girl.”

“We're so heartbroken to see her dress this way.”

“When I saw her, I had to look away. I couldn't stand seeing who she was and who she is now.”

“I thought I met a real life angel last year. I was wrong.”

“If she does this to her family, she'll do it to anyone. She can't be trusted.”

* You will not even listen to Dad or even give him a chance to tell you what he really thinks. You call to rattle on about yourself and your life and hang up before he can express any concern. And you speak to him so little and not to us at all.

* You can lie to yourself and even to others but not to God and not to us.

* You've actually asked people for your own sets on our family shows so that you didn't have to play with your family. Do you disdain us that much? It's not that you wanted to avoid tension. We would have loved to see you and get to be with you. That hurt all of us so greatly.

* You left and laid out a list of reasons you left and what it would take to work things out for you to come home. We did everything we could to accommodate those things. You were only being insincere though and there was nothing we could have done to work things out. When you tell others that it was time for you to leave home, a more accurate statement would be, “I wanted to start living for myself without rules and that doesn't work in my family. “ It wasn't about faults in your family. It was about you and what you wanted.

* We cannot and will not be your cheerleaders. It seems you are

surrounding yourself with cheerleaders and avoiding or limiting anyone who will be anything but. But cheerleaders do not care about you and will abandon you in a second when their cheerleading leads to your downfall. The best you can hope for when you fall is commiserators but no one to help you up unless you let us or the Lord be there for you. And you will fall. Pride comes before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18)

* The one thing my parents both assured me of in their own words is that no matter what path I took, they never questioned my values. They knew that I carried with me and lived the values they had taught me. You are rejecting our values, values based on God's Word. Sweetheart, go ahead and reject us. We'll be sad but please don't reject righteousness. Please live a life that is an offering of a pleasing aroma to the Lord and serves others instead of self.

* You said that Mom should have realized something was wrong before you left but she asked you repeatedly to talk or share what was wrong and you refused to share your heart. We cannot fix an unidentified problem. Even to say, "I'm not coming home because of issues I won't disclose" is unkind, unloving and unfair. You didn't want to come home. The longer you are away, the less regard for your family you have.

* God opened doors for you and for our family and your actions said, "I'm sorry, Lord but your doors aren't good enough for me. I'm not interested. I'll open some of my own." And the saddest reality here is that satan has opened doors that you are thrilled about and you don't even know the price you will pay for gaining from satan. Nothing is worth having when that is where it comes from. What would it profit to gain the world and lose your very soul?

“For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the world and lose his own soul?” -Mark 8:36

“What will a man give in exchange for his soul?” -Mark 8:36

DeAnna, what are you exchanging your soul for?

* You are not an example for others to follow and there are things you've lost that you aren't even aware of.

* You are redefining yourself but do you really want to redefine yourself by the things you are redefining yourself as? You know what these things once were and what they are now. We'll put it simply. Last year, you were the talk of Bean Blossom for the beauty of Christ you shone throughout that place but this year you were the talk of Bean Blossom for how far you've fallen away from the Lord and how sad and shocking what people saw was.

* You've forgotten to be about others. How much one on one out of the spotlight blessing others have you been pursuing? The stage never was and never should be the goal. The greatest glory you can give to God is in the unseen not in the center.

* You're afraid to soften so you've hardened your heart and shut out the people who love you the absolute most after the Lord's intense love and concern for you.

* My mom has been sick. They were concerned it was bladder cancer but it is not. It's still serious though. She went from a size 20 to a size 8 because she is sick. She's lost the better part of 100 pounds without trying to. Her blood work shows problems and they are trying to identify them. I was so wrong to not talk to her for the past three years. Losing my dad and losing you has put so much into

perspective. I love my mom like crazy. I've been out of my mind missing her every day and am so happy to have her back. She prayed the most unselfish mother's prayer ever- that God would not let anything happen to her while we were not speaking so I would never live with that burden. I am praying that for you. She's not without faults but I am choosing to focus on all the amazing things about her that always have been and still are true. Remember all of things Nana always did for you? Has your heart forgotten the great love she has for you and has always shown to you? She is very concerned about you and loves you. I apologize for all the things that affected your connection with her. I cannot emphasize enough how wrong I was. My mom hasn't changed as much as I have. I'd rather have her in my life as she is than not at all.

* Scripture says that true religion is to help widows and orphans in their distress. Elly is in great need of help. We've been there to help her but cannot go as often as needed. She's very independent and strong and doesn't ask for help. Helping her helps ease the loss of her husband. And we are seeing Elly as we never saw her before. She is an incredible person who loved Dad with all she had. She has been amazing over the past six months. We wish we could have seen things differently while Dad was still here but we go forward from here. God willing, Dad can see it. The night we left there was a huge misunderstanding. You should be old enough to understand not to hold anything against someone in the stress of a loved one suffering and dying. You live 3 miles away. You could be helping her. It wouldn't occur to you think of her though.

* I, Mom, hurt my wrist badly. I tore my TFCC, a complete tear on the ulnar side. There is no doubt from consulting the doctors, two surgeons, a P.A. and two occupational therapists that this occurred as a result of over practicing the bass. I did this desperately trying to

keep your siblings from losing the few gigs that were not canceled. They worked too hard to lose everything and I knew I didn't have the freedom to stop practicing when my wrist hurt without costing my children everything they've worked so hard for. Now I need risky surgery that I'm putting off to get through the remaining gigs but in terrible pain all the time. It's hard or impossible for me to do the most basic things without assistance like dressing, showering, using the restroom, etc. It seemed you cared when you were told but you obviously do not. It's the equivalent of having a torn miniscus in your knee only in your wrist. I've always used two hands for one handed tasks to compensate for a lack of coordination and strength so it's very hard. I'm not making a big deal out of nothing. This is very painful and very serious. I'm in so much pain and so sad about facing this prospect of what I could lose and how much this affects daily life.

* Father's Day was the most difficult day yet after losing my Dad. We really hoped you'd care about that but you didn't. Everyone else thought of others and what they were going through but you did not. It was like losing Dad all over again. And that grief was compounded by realizing how truly lost you are and how much you don't care, especially about your own mother.

* You've always been so physically beautiful that we prayed for you to have inner beauty that far surpassed your outer beauty. Scripture does not forbid external beauty portrayed modestly. It criticizes your beauty coming from these things. You've lost your inner beauty. Now your "beauty" comes from the outside. It is all you have and it will fade. Modesty is so much more than clothing. It is about humility and about not drawing attention to yourself. It is about carrying yourself in such a way that people see Christ in you instead of you.

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” -Proverbs 31:10

“Your beauty should not be an external one, consisting of braided hair or the wearing of gold ornaments and dresses. Instead, it should be the inner disposition of the heart, consisting in the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which God values greatly.” 1 Peter 3:3-4

* You may have people tickling your ears with compliments and encouragement and claiming they see Christ in you but you are so far from Christ that this is simply satan's deception to keep you where you are.

* Living a holy life according to God's Word covered by the blood of Christ will draw the attention of satan. You will face trials and tribulations, persecution and criticism and rejection from the world when you live a life of uncompromised commitment to Jesus Christ. If you are not experiencing these challenges, then satan is not concerned about you but you should be very concerned that your faith is not a cause of concern to God's greatest enemy.

“For that which is highly esteemed and exalted [popular] among men is an abomination before the Lord.” -Luke 16:15

“Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you.” -Luke 6:26

* You blame all the tension at home on Mom but you need to accept some responsibility for creating some of that tension. You were doing so much in defiance behind our backs and lying and deceiving us in so many ways as we later discovered. You can't

realistically expect to be doing these things without it having an effect on the atmosphere at home.

* It seems we managed your behavior for a time but did not shape your character for life.

* How did you go from rejecting a college scholarship because in your own words, “The Lord called you to music ministry with your family” to where you are now? Was that true when you said it? What happened?

* You cannot blame anyone in this family for where things are. You can blame others for their failures but all families have issues to work through. You are the only one unwilling to work through them.

* You sold us all out for your own benefit. How could you paint a picture of our family and the people in it that isn't true just for your own benefit? We couldn't live with ourselves to do that to anyone, let alone someone who moved heaven and earth to invest into our lives. It is as if you have no appreciation for the great lengths we went to to do things for you and the tremendous sacrifices made on your behalf.

* You make time for what's important in life. Right now, your family is not important to you. We know how many times you've been so close to here and not wanted to see us. To choose others over us is hurtful. DeAnna, Mom is not the only one disappointed in this. We all are.

* You want to avoid your family and certain others because you don't want a dose of reality. You are living for fun instead of living for Christ. The problem is that living for fun is not living for

something lasting or purposeful or worth giving your life for. You don't want anyone or anything interfering with your happy high on life feeling. This is so shallow and God's love for you is so deep.

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”
-Ephesians 3:14-21

* Lose for life as it is and as you want it for the sake of Christ and find it as He intends it to be.

“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” -Matthew 16:25

We are praying for you to have a personal encounter with Christ. You've either never encountered Him personally or you've forgotten Him. Either way, you are in great danger on the path you are on. Repent- turn away from what you are doing and where you are and turn towards Christ to follow Him. Let your life be shaped to God's Word instead of shaping it to fit you. It's as simple as this- cry out, “Lord, save me!” and let Him. Truly say, 'I surrender all.' The

weight of the world shone in your face will be lifted when you let Christ carry it and stop living in your own strength but His. You are building a life of choices and people you can never share with Christ and never share with us. You know how much someone who is so much older than you who is clearly taking advantage of you will never be welcome in our home or our lives. You know how much it will never be realistic to socialize with people who encouraged our daughter away from her family and away from the Lord. Please consider if this is what you really want. Please consider everything you've thrown away. It's like you've taken precious treasures and traded them for true garbage. Here we go, as hard as this is, we officially put our concerns for you at the foot of the Cross and we place you in the hands of Yahweh Almighty. Father, please do whatever you need to do in DeAnna's life to bring her *back to You*, **no matter how much hardship she has to face**. Please bring her to the point of being *truly broken* so You can build her up into what you want her to be. Save her soul. In Yahshua's Name, we pray.

With so much love- true love,
Daddy and Mama

P.S. Your siblings send you volumes and volumes of love.

“It is he [John the Baptist] who will go as *a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Luke 1:17

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers

of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power.” 2 Timothy 3:1-5