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Community Spotlight:

Freedom Youth

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Woodland Park has many great churches, and each church has their own Youth Group. However, one which stands out from among the rest would have to be Freedom Church's Youth Group. The leader of the Youth Group, Pastor Josh Villanueva, gave a perfect example of why this is when he shared the Freedom Youth's vision statement: Freedom Youth exists to keep the church generational. Josh went on to explain, "If we're not intentional with the next generation we're going to last as long as the last generation we were intentional with." Intentionality is very important in the church, especially when concerning the next generation.

Focusing on creating Christ followers in our next generation is fundamental to ensuring the healthy continuation of the church. This is why Freedom Youth's mission statement is: Creating Christ followers. Both of Freedom Youth's statements are in alignment with the mission statement and vision statement of Freedom Church. Freedom Church's vision statement is: Revealing Heaven, Revealing Him; and their mission statement is: Walking in love, Seeing miracles. "If we're keeping the church generational, we're producing generations of people that reveal heaven and reveal Him." Josh added concerning Freedom Youth's vision statement. "What do Christ followers do? They walk in love and see miracles. So, if Freedom Youth is creating Christ followers then they are fulfilling the mission statement of Freedom Church." He added.

What is Freedom Youth all about? They prioritize signs, wonders and miracles. They don't just preach the Word, and then blame the youth if they don't take advantage of it in their lives. Freedom Youth takes full ownership and helps fulfill what God wants to do in the lives of the youth. Also, a major focus of Freedom Youth is in cultivating community. In an average Thursday night service there are around 53 youths who attend from 6-8 p.m. The first hour is just fellowship, games, fun, and breaking the ice.

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Property Rights or Neighborhood Idyll: The STR Question

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After a two year process of debating and developing legislation to regulate short-term rental (STR) properties in Woodland Park, residents will get the final say in a special election on December 12, 2023. Voters will decide on two ballot questions concerning the regulation of STR properties located within the city limits of Woodland Park: one proposed by a citizen's initiative, one proposed by City Council. Should both questions be approved by the people, the one that receives the greatest number of affirmative votes shall be adopted in all particulars as to which there is a conflict.

As of today, Woodland Park does not specifically define or regulate short-term rentals under its zoning regulations (Title 18). Provided owners



obtain a city license and pay applicable lodging and sales tax, STRs – defined as any residential property that is rented out for less than 30 days – are allowed in all zones across the city including single-family residential zones. Since the start of the legislative process, a moratorium has been in place on submitting and approving applications for new STR licenses that will last until April 1, 2024. Currently licensed STRs are those that were active as of January 14, 2023.

Question 1 on the ballot is the citizen's initiative. It received over 1300 signatures and clarifies which zones STRs should be allowed in based on whether they are a property owner's primary residence or not. According to the citizen's initiative, only primary residence short-term rentals will be permitted in single-family residential zoning districts, whereas all other STRs are limited to commercial zoning districts. This would continue to allow residents for example to rent out an extra room or basement in their home as a STR, but would limit investment properties to commercial zones.

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The second hour is service time, where they just focus on the Lord, allowing whatever He wants to do to happen. This can be worship, a message, prophetic activations, and fellowship with God in the room. The target audience of Freedom Youth is any youth in Woodland Park. If any youth, unchurched or church, is unreached (not entrusted into the care of a Youth Group currently) then Freedom Youth is the place for them.

With a priority placed on signs, wonders and miracles, there are many examples Josh gave of how the youth have stepped out in faith. One example of the youth operating in Prophetic Activations was when the youth envisioned Jesus coming into the room, and coming over each of their shoulders. They then documented their experiences. One of the youth envisioned Jesus coming over to her and putting His hand on her shoulder and telling her, “Everything is going to be alright.” She was going through emotional trauma at the time, but, as a result, she had a breakthrough in her relationship with Jesus. This experience set her free! Another example of activations in the youth group was during songwriting. The youth took 2-5 minutes, during worship, to write down some lyrics. One youth wrote a whole song, and then sang it in front of the Youth Group that night in the span of 5 minutes.

A third example of the youth stepping out in their spiritual authority was when they called out Words of Knowledge about symptoms and pains in the Youth Group, and then laid hands on those who were suffering from those symptoms and pains. One that got called out was for Pastor Josh. He had pain in his hip, and the youth laid hands on him and saw him be instantly healed! Praise God! The youth felt so empowered that they often feel equipped to go outside of the Youth Group and lay hands on people and see them be healed. This even proliferated outward into this year's Summer Family Bible Conference, where the youth caught the attention of Andrew Wommack due to their boldness.

“Historically, we know a tree by its fruit, which is what the Scriptures say.” Josh commented concerning the severe lack of fruit in intimate connections between the youth and God, and with one another. Freedom Youth seeks to remedy this by not viewing youth as misbehaved minors that parents are tired of, and that they just need to be kept busy. Instead Freedom Youth values community, feeling like a tribe; as a family of God. “When teenagers

come in they will experience the love of God with all five senses from the moment they enter.” Adds Josh.

Freedom Youth provides opportunities for youth who age out of the Youth Group the opportunity to steward what they have learned by potentially allowing them to serve as Youth Leaders. One example comes from a recent youth aging out, applying for and attending Charis



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Bible College, and then applying for Youth Leadership at Freedom Youth. They stated that they wanted to give back after they were positively impacted by Freedom Youth, “Freedom Youth changed my life, and I want to help others have their lives changed through this ministry, as well.” They now do so every Thursday night. Josh is anticipating that this trend will continue, because this is his ideal pool of talent to source from for leadership material. Josh commented that, “Keeping the church generational creates an inevitability that a leadership pipeline exists. This is because as the next generation steps up to the plate to lead, they will be great candidates for leadership due to already having the DNA of the ministry in them. Keeping the church generational doesn’t mean to just have them sit on a pew, but to believe in their potential and create servant-leaders out of them. God created them for a purpose.”

This means that the youth don’t have to become adults to be entrusted with something. Freedom Youth helps them discover the love of God, their identity in Christ, prioritize the secret place with Him, and keep relationship with Him number one in their lives. As the gifts, strengths and talents flow, Freedom Youth helps to pipeline the youth to where they’re best fit in the Kingdom. It’s the heart of Freedom Youth to empower and equip the youth to go out and share the Gospel.

“Youth who come from other Youth Groups typically can tell the difference immediately, and feel the

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The citizen's initiative allows for no exceptions, caps, or transitional rules to these regulations. STRs would further be prohibited in multi-family zones, protecting affordable housing options for citizens of Woodland Park. All existing STR licenses that do not conform to the citizen's initiative would expire in December 2024. The citizen's initiative does not include any amendments to the existing business regulations (Title 5), thus, requiring further legislation by the City Council should it be accepted.

Question 2 on the ballot is the alternative STR regulation as proposed by the City Council. It includes concrete operating regulations in Title 5 on top of new zoning regulations. The City Council's proposal does not differentiate between primary residence owners and non-primary residence owners but instead aims at applying all regulations equally to all property owners. It designates specific zoning districts where STRs are permitted, however, it installs caps in order to regulate the saturation of STRs in residential areas. The City Council's proposal would exempt currently licensed STRs from the new operating restrictions.

In summary, whereas the focus of the citizen's initiative (question 1) lies on protecting the character and integrity of residential neighborhoods and limiting out-of-town investor properties to commercial zones, the City

Council's (question 2) proposal is based on protecting everyone's property rights equally, honoring existing STR licenses while at the same time managing future growth, and instead aims at addressing many common STR concerns through concrete licensing regulations every STR needs to comply with in order to maintain its license. A "no" on both questions would maintain the current status quo.

For official election information, key dates and information, and to view the Woodland Park Special Election Blue Book, please visit: <https://www.city-woodlandpark.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=467>.



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The City and the Citizen's Initiative Committee to come together and find agreement in their common goal to preserve Woodland Park's character and attractiveness.

A fair and smooth election on December 12, 2023.

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emphasis on community and fellowship.” Josh shared as he gave an example of a youth who came to Freedom Youth for the first time not too long ago. The youth's father was concerned that his son would be ostracized, but when his son went home and told his dad that he could tell the difference and wanted to go back weekly, the father reached out to Josh. The father explained that his son was excited to keep coming back due to many of the youth and leadership welcoming him into conversations and making him feel like he was part of the family. A couple of weeks later, that same youth saw that an altar call was coming and was preemptively ready raising his hand. The moment the altar call was given he said, “I’ve never been a part of a Youth Group that made me comfortable enough to commit my life to Jesus. Now I want to do so.” Not only did he do so, but many of the other youth joined him in either do so for the first time, or recommitting their lives to Christ. Now he’s a zealous evangelist, and challenges the other youth to going deeper with Jesus.

Since the summer of 2023, Freedom Youth has been very intentional in creating a “coalition of churches” where the focus is on the uppercase “C” Church, not the lower case “c” church. “This group exists to serve each other and equip each other for success, to help each Youth Pastor in the local body.” Pastor Josh explained. “This helps to ensure the success of revival in the local area through a networking system, built on relationship, to help one another in any way that we can help one another.” Together this coalition seeks to reach the youth of

Woodland Park, because as Josh puts it, “We're very aware that God has entrusted the youth of Woodland Park to more than just our ministry. This support system helps the Youth Groups to pray for one another, challenge each other, build each other up, and be aware of each other's strengths and weaknesses, covering each other's weaknesses accordingly. The coalition looks to have regularly, quarterly meetings starting in 2024. If any Youth Pastor is interested in joining this coalition, please email: josh@freedomchurchco.com

According to Josh, another benefit of the coalition is the opportunity to send youth to each other's Youth Group that may be a better fit for a particular youth. This overlap of each other's circles of influence has opened up opportunities for community-wide cooperation and help. Josh believes in a diversity of Youth Groups with different focuses and strengths, which better serves the youth if there's already a coalition in place making the conversation of transitioning to a Youth Group that better serves a specific youth's preferences not ‘off-limits’.

The future of Freedom Youth is bright. This includes a planned Christmas party on Thursday December 21st. It will be youth-lead, with lots of food and fun. If any reader is interested in sending their youth to the Christmas party, or wants to send their youth to Freedom Youth please email: josh@freedomchurchco.com

If you want your youth to be a part of the revival going on in Woodland Park, get them involved in Freedom Youth today!

Raise Your Voice! Upcoming Community Dates:

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- ◆ 12/04/2023: Applications open for the 2024 Winter Citizens Academy starting January 29, 2024 in Woodland Park.
- ◆ 12/07/2023, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆ 12/12/2023, 5:30 p.m.: Chambers Business After Hours (for members) hosted by Rainbow Valley Fishing Club.
- ◆ 12/12/2023: Special Municipal Election regarding STR regulation.
- ◆ 12/13/2023, 5 p.m.: City Council Candidacy Information Session for April 2, 2024 election at City Council Chambers.

- ◆ 12/13/2023, 6 p.m.: First Regular School Board Meeting of the newly elected board at the District Office, large conference room.
- ◆ 12/21/2023, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆ 01/04/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆ 01/10/2024, 6 p.m.: Regular School Board Meeting at the District Office, large conference room.
- ◆ 01/16/2024, 5:30 p.m.: Chambers Business After Hours (for members) hosted by Pikes Peak Workforce Center.

Embracing Hope Amidst Earthly Trials – A Journey Beyond Suffering

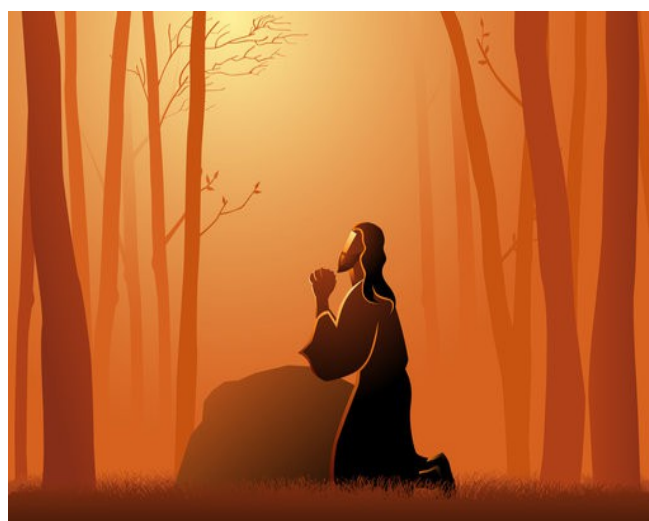
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Over two thousand years ago, the Prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of a man destined to prepare the way for the Messiah. John understood his purpose and faithfully executed his ministry. Fueled by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and unwavering devotion to the Lord, he diligently fulfilled his mission, clearing the path for the arrival of the Lord, as prophesied. John and Jesus were distinct individuals with specific callings. While John was uncertain about the conclusion of his mission on earth, Jesus knew the path He would tread in fulfilling His assignment. Despite the diverse conclusions to their earthly ministries, both men persevered and found fulfillment in completing their purposes with unwavering strength.

John found himself imprisoned for boldly rebuking Herod's actions concerning his brother's wife. But he remained steadfast, unwavering in his faith. He intimately knew the Messiah, not just as a forerunner but as a relative, fostering an expectation that the Messiah would intervene on his behalf. Days turned to weeks, and weeks to months, yet no word or visit came from the Messiah, leaving John bewildered. Doubt crept in as he questioned what he had witnessed with his own eyes. Desiring certainty, he sent his disciples to ascertain if Jesus was indeed the Messiah. Their response left John wanting more, trapped within prison walls, pondering his fate. While John likely envisaged various endings to his earthly life and ministry, the idea of losing his head as the prize for a dance was likely unimaginable.

On the day of his execution, one can only imagine the thoughts that flooded John's mind. He might have pondered, "As the only individual filled with the Holy Spirit from conception, designated as the forerunner for the Messiah, is my fate truly to be a reward for a dance?" Nevertheless, trusting in Him who called him, John willfully submitted to the soldiers. Each step toward his execution was likely fraught with sweat, racing heartbeats, and a tumultuous internal struggle. Like Abraham, John might have clung to a glimmer of hope that something miraculous would intervene to alter his fate. Yet, as his head lay on the block and the ax loomed above, his life and ministry flashed before him. In that fleeting moment, though overwhelmed by fear, he found the resolve to face his imminent end because he knew the culmination. His mission was accomplished, and he was destined to

return to the Father. As the ax fell, severing his head, John transcended to another realm – the presence of the One known as 'Faithful'. Welcomed into eternal rest and joy, the harrowing final moments on earth faded instantly. In that moment, John journeyed home a victor, leaving behind the trials of earthly demise for the embrace of everlasting peace and fulfillment.



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Similar to John, Jesus grappled with the anguish of the impending ordeal. In the garden of Gethsemane, Scripture depicts His overwhelming sorrow. His human nature wrestled intensely with the forthcoming suffering, leading Him to pray three times for the burden to be lifted. Despite being engulfed in grief, Jesus did not succumb to it entirely. He centered Himself on the purpose of His suffering and the ultimate gain, compelling Him to surrender to the Father's will. As Hebrews 12:2 states, "...for the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (BSB) Jesus remained focused on the ultimate outcome, thereby fulfilling His earthly mission triumphantly. In the end, Jesus emerged victorious!

Undoubtedly, suffering is an undeniable reality in our world. Jesus himself forewarned us about the inevitability of troubles in this earthly life. Many of us might be facing circumstances where we are holding onto God's promises while enduring prolonged trials. Days turn into weeks, weeks into months, and sometimes years pass without any perceivable change.

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Confusion clouds our minds, and in the absence of clear answers, confusion often transmutes into fear. Grief, one of fear's most devastating tools, often finds its strongest foothold in the face of loss, particularly when it involves the passing of a loved one. However, 1st Corinthians 15:52 offers profound solace for those grappling with such anguish, assuring us that for those in Christ, there is no loss. The dead in Christ will rise again. Moreso, verse 19 of the same chapter underscores that if our hope in Christ were solely confined to this earthly life, our plight would be pitiable above all others. This chapter stands as a beacon of hope amid despair. Moreover, Ecclesiastes 3:11 illuminates the truth that God has instilled eternity within our hearts. These scriptures resoundingly proclaim that there exists something beyond the trials and tribulations of this earthly existence, something far superior. This world and the bodies we inhabit do not represent God's ultimate design for us. 1st Corinthians 15:50 says our earthly bodies are deemed inferior and unable to inherit the fullness of God's kingdom. This insight emphasizes that our true destiny transcends the limitations of our current earthly existence.

I don't know the specific troubles you face, and I won't lend them undue power. My friend, amidst our trials, we sometimes need to ask: What's the worst that could happen? In the grand scope of eternity with Jesus, even the worst scenarios pale in comparison. Can you intimidate a person already on death row? Impossible! They know their end, rendering any threat inconsequential. Likewise, should any adversity snatch our peace or force us to consume the bread of grief, knowing our ultimate destiny? Nothing we face can be worse than what John and Jesus had to go through. And

they are examples for us today. Wisdom from Ecclesiastes 7:8 affirms that; "the end of a matter is better than its beginning." If you wonder how it will all end, take heed of the promise given by the One who is the anchor of our hope. In John 14:2, Jesus assures us: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (KJV) This is the triumphant conclusion of our story—we emerge victorious! The enemy seeks to obstruct our view of this glorious end, and if he succeeds in obscuring our vision of this ultimate destination, he can shackle us in grief.

Amidst the myriad of challenges that weigh upon you, can you envision a reality beyond the present moment? I implore you to kindle the flame of eternity that God has placed within you. As you do, you'll witness how it dwarfs all the adversities that trouble you. Confront your trials with courage, allowing the prospect of eternity with Jesus to reign supreme in your heart. Then, in the radiance of this profound truth, your troubles will become like mere shadows. The promise of all promises is the imminent return of Jesus—a pledge that stands unshakable. No earthly powers, no principalities, nor any force in this world can impede it, for it is firmly rooted in the heart of God alone. Therefore, face every source of grief with the unwavering assurance that in the end, victory is yours, for Jesus is indeed coming back.

"Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return; they will enter Zion with a happy shout. Unending joy will crown them, happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and suffering will disappear." Isaiah 51:11 (NET)

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When I first saw these books I thought to myself, what an amazing idea! I was so blessed to find out that they were written by a fellow Charis Bible College alumni, Mindi Mende. Mindi and her sister, Mandy O'Neal have another awesome book coming out soon called *Best Crimson Ever*. I highly recommend their A, B, C series for anyone who has kids, Sunday School teachers, or even those who just love to support believers writing with a Kingdom vision. The next books for D, E, F will be coming out soon too, so check out their website to see all the books that they have heard Jesus about and been obedient in writing.

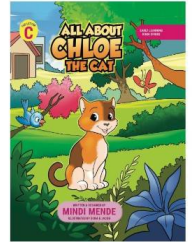
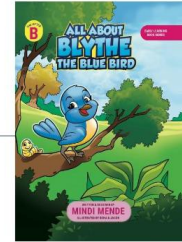
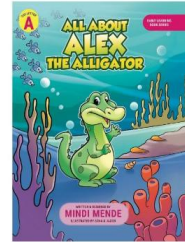


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Suzy's Story: Overcoming Selfishness, Pride, and Insecurities

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Nobody grows up thinking, “I’m going to be selfish, prideful, and insecure, making everything about me.” Born helpless and innocent and at the mercy of adults for survival, babies can’t make choices. More often than not, without the example of our Father, those parents are about as clueless about life as the newborn. In this article we will discuss all three of these topics: selfishness, pride, and insecurities, and how to be truly set free.

It really is by the grace of God that a child survives the growing up days in the hands of their parents or caretakers and comes to know God at some point. A true miracle! We could say babies are selfish creatures. It’s all about them. The world revolves around them when they first come into the world, but there are different kinds of selfishness. Innocently selfish for the sake of survival, a baby’s only task at hand is to make it’s needs known and survive. Babies and children will soon grow out of that stage, especially living in a safe and healthy environment.

When a person comes to the knowledge of understanding that they are behaving selfishly and continue in it, now we are talking about willful selfishness. We are born innocent sinners but at some point the child is no longer innocent. When you know better it’s time to do better!

Insecurity isn’t something that has to be taught. It comes naturally out of trauma, abuse, and feelings of vulnerability or inferiority. It can shape one’s own view of themselves, creating deep, hard to break beliefs about oneself over a period of time. No one was born insecure, but we live in a fallen world. There is a ruler of the earth seeking to steal, to kill, and to destroy God’s Kingdom. (John 10:10) This includes the security of every person to walk the earth. Why do insecurities exist if they’re not taught and where do they come from?

I’ll do my best to answer this through a story. The names in this story are changed to the protect identity of the young lady that I interviewed. This a true story of a young lady who grew up in a cult, which many might not recognize as a cult because it’s so common and has been around for over 400 years. The Amish Cult, a tight, close-knit very family-oriented people. While there are many good and useful godly practices that they live by there, there are, also, many destructive practices.

Here is Suzy’s story.

Suzy was a daddy’s girl and loved him so much, following her daddy everywhere. Her olive skin tanned dark as she spent time outdoors, tomboy to the core. Her mom was worried how she’d ever make a lady of her, and made no small talk about her fears of her tomboy child.

Suzy loved running. It was her favorite thing to do. Run. Run. Run. She imagined running as fast as the wind. She was a curious child and full of questions. She learned early on not to ask questions because it just got her in trouble in the form of spankings and time out. She often felt puzzled as to why her mom and dad seemed so unhappy, speaking harshly to one another. She often thought, “Maybe, if they just ran fast like me, they would be happy too?” It was so much fun to run and run and run.

Then one day everything stopped. No more running. She stopped following her daddy around. She felt very scared of him and kept herself as far away as possible. She didn’t want to go play with the other kids. There were plenty of sibling playmates, plus so many cousins. Her mom would say, “Go play. Why are you in here by yourself?” Often she’d get a whooping and sent outside, out of mom’s way. The world became a dangerous place and she didn’t understand it.

To be insecure means, “not confident or certain, to feel uneasy and anxious.”

Suzy no longer had confidence in the people around her, or in herself to run and play freely. She was still much too young to understand why her world felt unsafe. At times she woke up in the mornings and her bed was wet, and she would get spankings for it. She started blaming it on the baby (there were always babies in the family), “We were playing on the bed and this is what happened”. (That was back in the day when cloth diapers were used and it was a normal occurrence for diapers to leak.) She learned to lie about things, because sometimes it worked.

Suzy learned to manipulate, cheat, and lie to protect herself. Survival is an instinct we are born with. A God-given ability. We are designed to survive. However, these traits were born out of trauma and abuse. On top of abuse at home, there was religious abuse, rules to follow to be loved and accepted by God. The adults were trying their best but it was never enough. The devil was having his way 24/7, hiding in plain sight in the name of religion.

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Suzy's parents were clueless as to why their life was so hard, no matter how hard they tried. There was constant yelling, hardships, and chaos.

Being a woman inside the cult was a hard life. Safety was a real challenge. The way she walked, talked, dressed, or acted could tempt a man and get her raped because of misconduct in those areas, and it would be "all her fault". Male chauvinism was common, and seen as good thing.

When she turned sixteen and a half she was old enough to join the "young folks", which meant on a Sunday evening she got to go and hang out with the older crowd. She was no longer one of the kids. She wanted to look nice so someone would notice her, because she was now old enough to date and get married. She saw it as an escape from home. To have her own family and do things differently. Better, she hoped. She had pride in her heart.

She was so self-conscious, critical of herself, afraid of what others would think of her; wanting to fit in, to be accepted, feeling a sense of freedom, and hating all of it at the same time. If anyone spoke to her she turned beet red. It was awful. All she could think about was herself and what others must be thinking of her. Insecure and self-loathing, all she wanted to do was disappear.

At this point in her life she had no voice or thoughts that were her own. It was all about the church, the rules and what others over her told her to do and think. The way she had to dress was far from external pride. She knew nothing about insecurity or just how mentally and emotionally broken she was. This was the only normal she knew. The amish lifestyle focused on what they could see.

The more religious you dressed the less prideful you were. The more you obeyed the rules the less selfish you were. The more you submitted to the elders and stayed within the rules like the "best of them", the better you were received by the church. This meant that became you were less noticed and life was easier.

It was pride at it's best.

Serving their religion and not God. The brain-washing, oppression, bondage, control of the mind and will is evil at it's best, straight from the enemy to destroy God's creation. To destroy you. Are you going to let the devil do that one more day?

Because of her upbringing, Suzy had the wrong impression about herself and God.

She was innocent in her insecurities and self-focus, lacking the basic rights as a human to think for herself, to learn and grow. This affected her mental and emotional health, and she felt a lack of ability to explore and experience life in full color. To make mistakes without guilt, shame and condemnation. To feel accepted and loved in spite of imperfections.

Romans 3:23 says we all have sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standards. I absolutely love verse 22 which says, we are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. This is true for everyone who believes in Him, no matter who we are. How amazing is this! It changes everything when we know and believe what God says over what religion says.

When we are children we don't get to make choices, being at the mercy of our parents. It's not your fault how you were raised or what choices your parents made, but you now have a choice to make. Excuses won't work with God. Selfishness, pridefulness and insecurities all come from sin and sin separates us from God, no matter how it got there—innocently or knowingly. Your boat will sink all the same. Romans 2:15 says God's law is written on our hearts and our conscience either accuses us or tells us we are doing right.

God loves you and provided a way out of the mess the devil created through other people. See it for what it is. Look past people and see the devil behind it all. God loves people but He hates sin.

Suzy had to decide who she is going to serve. As she cried out to God for truth, repenting from serving self and man, to receive God and what His Word says. She believed John 3:16, for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son as a sacrifice for our sins. We are set free from the lies, guilt, shame, the wrongs we have done, the wrongs done to us by others, healed by His stripes. (Isaiah 53:5) and (1 Peter 2:24) She got into the Word. She began to seek God with all her heart everyday.

The Word is seed, and His seed produces His life in us which is full of peace, joy, true freedom, abundance, holiness, victory, power and authority over the devil. The door is slammed shut in the devil's despicable face and he can do nothing unless he is given access.

For the first time Suzy began to see life through the Word of God as the Holy Spirit gave revelation. Luke 11:9 says, Seek and you shall find. Oh, she was finding!

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She chose to fully believe the Word of God over what she had been taught by religion and it has changed everything. Matthew 10:37 says, If you love your Father or Mother more than Me you are not worthy of being mine. Once you get a glimpse of God's truth and it takes root in you this is easy.

1 Peter 5:7 says, Cast your worries and cares on God, for He cares about you. Psalm 55:22 Cast your burdens onto the Lord and He will take care of you. Go ahead and try Him out. Watch Him do what His Word says He will do! These aren't just words on a page. This is the Word of God for you. Yes you! Receive in faith and live it by faith. Without faith we can not please God. How silly is it to try in our own effort to please a living and Holy God who created us, thought of us before the foundations of the earth were created.

He knew us in our mother's womb, and we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

You aren't a mistake. No human being is a mistake. You are created by God for a purpose and He has a plan for you. But you have to choose, seek, and invite Him into your life so He can show you the plans He has for you. You have free will. God will not violate what He's given you. He already chose you. Will you choose Him? He's longing for you and loves you so much. He is full of mercy and grace towards you, long-suffering, full of patience and kindness through His Son Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Savior who gave his life for you to set you free from the power of the devil and give you true freedom that comes only from God. He longs for a relationship with you forever, but it's up to you. Receive what's already been done for you.

The Amish excommunicated Suzy, and basically condemned her to hell for leaving the cult. However, because she knows God's love for her, she loves them. We love others because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19. It's not of ourselves that we can love others, but because we know and experience His love for us we can love others with His love. It's a beautiful thing!

Suzy has been completely set free from the insecurities caused by trauma and abuse. She chooses to love others, forsaking selfishness, with the love that Christ has enabled her to daily. She seeks to root out pride in her daily life with the help of the Holy Spirit. Maybe your story is relatable to hers? You too can have true freedom found by faith in Christ Jesus. She's moved

Forward in faith and God is showing her the purpose of her life—helping others to be set free from a cult life and the lies and deception of the enemy through religion. Her ministry is anointed and blessed by God. The devil is defeated as she trusts the Lord to work through her and set people free.

Aaron Helstrom's DAC Speech

BY CYNTHIA BEHR
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Submitted by Aaron Helstrom, Presented November 14, 2023 RE-2 District Accountability Committee: Chairman

Good evening, my name is Aaron Helstrom and I ask for your vote for District Accountability Chairman. I sat on the DAC last year as a High School Parent Key Stakeholder and will use the experience and lessons learned to ensure greater accountability and transparency.

The way we conceive the future sculpts the present, gives contour and tone to nearly every action and thought through the day. If our sense of future is weak, we live listlessly. Much emotional and mental illness and most suicides occur among men and women who feel that they have no future and here in Woodland Park is no different. We must provide our students HOPE. This is why I believe academic excellence through evidence-based strategies is vital to accelerating academic recovery.

Locally, the 2022/23 CMAS Math results show that more than 60% of ALL students 3rd-8th [grades] did not meet grade level expectations and in reading 55% did not meet grade level expectations.

As a DAC [District Accountability Committee], we are responsible for making recommendations to the school board concerning priorities for spending district and federal funds, making recommendations concerning the preparation of the district's Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement, or Turnaround Plans (whichever is applicable), and cooperatively determining other areas and issues to address and make recommendations upon. Furthermore, the Educator Evaluation and Support Bill of 2010 (S.B. 10-191) also authorized District Accountability Committees to provide input and recommendations to principals, on an advisory basis, concerning the development and use of assessment tools to measure and evaluate student academic growth as it relates to teacher evaluations. (This has not happened.)

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The Education Accountability Act of 2009 requires each Colorado district and school to create an annual improvement plan with the purpose to improve student learning and system effectiveness by engaging in a cycle of continuous improvement to manage their performance. However, our previous school boards have not had one since the 2018/19 school year. I believe this is a key part of why we find ourselves in the current situation we are in: lack of transparency and accountability.

I'm grateful that our current board has enacted a new UIP for the 2023/24 school year and has their focus on academic achievement but they will need our help to get there. Our students are the future civic leaders, doctors, business owners, and workforce that will either make us or break us. What we do here will have a direct impact on the future of our community, state and nation.

If elected to be your chairman, my focus will be to see that the mistakes of the past are not repeated and that accountability and transparency are achieved.

Thank you for your time and vote.

Election Results

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Woodland Park RE-2 School Board Election Results

After a lengthy, heated race, on November 7, 2023 Woodland Park residents voiced their opinion on the future direction of the School Board. With a record high voter turnout of 9,248 votes cast, all three races were extremely tight. In the end, two of the incumbents, Cassie Kimbrell and Mick Bates, were able to secure their re-election, while Dave Illingworth will be succeeded by challenger Keegan Barkley, who won by 222 votes. As a result, the Woodland Park School Board will retain its conservative majority with four out of five standing board members in addition to superintendent Witt. The new school board is constituted as follows:



Mick Bates

Director District A
(Term expires 11/2027)

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David Rusterholz
Director District B
(Term expires 11/2025)



Keegan Barkley
Director District C
(Term expires 11/2027)



Cassie Kimbrell
Director District D
(Term expires 11/2025)



Suzanne Patterson
Director District E
(Term expires 11/2025)



Superintendent
Ken Witt
Contract currently until the end of the 2023/2024 school year.

The newly established board will hold its first meeting on December 13, 2023. Please come out and support your local school board and community.

Rise Up!

BY AMANDA LOCKMAN
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Have you been feeling the call to come up higher? Maybe a call to step away from the business of all the things to just be with the Lord? I believe we are in a Song of Solomon season. Our bridegroom is calling us to lift our eyes, our ears, and our understanding to a place of operating in this natural realm from a spiritual position. Does that sound crazy to you? Stick with me and I think you'll agree.

In the last edition of the Kingdom Chronicle I shared a write up on the Jewish Fall Feasts. God's timing is never a coincidence. I'd like to explain a little more about the first 2 Fall Feasts and how I believe they have significance for us right now. The first Fall Feast is Rosh Hashanah or the feast of trumpets. I believe this is where we are right now, in a great wake up call. The trumpet is being sounded to wake us up and we are being invited to come away with Him to a higher place. I want to share a little more from the book of Songs from the Passion Translation. I know this is a controversial translation to some. We are not going to build a doctrine off of it, but just use it to gain a little deeper understanding of a very poetic book of the bible.

Song of Songs 2:10-15 TPT

10 Arise, my dearest. Hurry, my darling. Come away with me! I have come as you have asked to draw you to my heart and lead you out. For now is the time, my beautiful one. 11 The season has changed, the bondage of your barren winter has ended, and the season of hiding is over and gone. The rains have soaked the earth 12 and left it bright with blossoming flowers. The season for singing and pruning the vines has arrived. I hear the cooing of doves in our land, filling the air with songs to awaken you and guide you forth. 13 Can you not discern this new day of destiny breaking forth around you? The early signs of my purposes and plans are bursting forth. The budding vines of new life are now blooming everywhere. The fragrance of their flowers whispers, "There is change in the air." Arise, my love, my beautiful companion, and run with me to the higher place. For now is the time to arise and come away with me. 14 For you are my dove, hidden in the split-open rock. It was I who took you and hid you up high in the secret stairway of the sky. Let me see your radiant face and hear your sweet voice. How beautiful your eyes of worship and lovely your voice in prayer. 15 You must catch the troubling foxes, those sly little foxes that hinder our relationship. For they raid our budding

vineyard of love to ruin what I've planted within you. Will you catch them and remove them for me? We will do it together.

(Editor's Note, for reference:

Song of Solomon 2:10-15 NKJV

10 My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away. 11 For lo, the winter is past, The rain is over *and* gone. 12 The flowers appear on the earth; The time of singing has come, And the voice of the turtledove Is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines *with* the tender grapes Give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away! 14 "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret *places* of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely." 15 Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines *have* tender grapes.)

Church, do you discern this new day? For many, this past year or maybe the past few years have been rough. The political situations, tightening economic situations, wars and rumors of wars, the attacks of indoctrination on our schools and children, the loss of parental rights and our own bodily autonomy, not to mention all of our own personal situations. Will you lift your eyes and tune your ears not to the things of this world but to the Spirit? He has come to draw us out. This season of defeat and barrenness has ended. His purposes and plans for you, even in all the mess, are bursting forth. Change is in the air. Do you discern it?

This leads right into the second Fall Feast, the Day of Atonement. Go back to verse 15 and the troubling foxes! I am just going to present some thoughts and you can do with them as you'd like. Schools in America were originally started and run by the church. The textbook of these schools was the bible. Prisons and hospitals were also started and run by the church. If you read any of our founding documents it is very clear to see the word of God woven into the very foundation of our nation. What happened? Did evil just come in and take over or did the church make small compromises with the devil for territory? Is the church still compromising? Have we opened our nation, our schools, our city, our homes, our hearts to the sly little foxes to ruin what God has planted within us?

Let's start right here in our home of Woodland Park.

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When you saw the results of the school board election were your thoughts something along the lines of, “Well, at least we kept 2 seats.” Maybe you saw how polarized the election was and decided to “sit this one out.” Or maybe you were upset that 2 seats didn't flip. Here's another one, what was your response to a psychic/palm reader setting up shop in your town? Nothing? Maybe a mild annoyance that you easily brushed aside? Or maybe you have no idea of what I'm talking about. August 10, 2022 Gene Harris, a Woodland Park resident shared a shocking Pather Perspective (Woodland Park High School newsletter) article in his public comments during the school board meeting titled Witchcraft 101. Here is the link to watch it for yourself: School Board Meeting 8-10-22.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/1XU1A2cDs90>

Was that article a little fox that the church ignored that then invited its friend the psychic medium? Both times the church pretended like it didn't see or hear anything, or maybe we didn't even have to pretend because we don't have time for school board meetings and local issues? I know this is getting a bit dicey already, but can we make it even a little more personal? Proverbs 18:21 AMP says, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.” We all know this verse but do we really take it to heart and live by it? Have you spoken words of frustration to your kids or spouse that may carry a consequence or a “curse”? Have you spoken words over or about local leaders or national leaders that may carry consequences or a “curse” for our city or nation? Don't be so quick to brush this off. Acts 3:19 AMP says: “So repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins] and return [to God—seek His purpose for your life], so that your sins may be wiped away [blotted out, completely erased], so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [restoring you like a cool wind on a hot day];” Will you join me in humbling ourselves and asking Holy Spirit to reveal words or deeds that may carry a consequence for our lives, our families, our businesses, our schools, our city, and our nation, and bring them to the cross in true repentance?

I want to share a story. This is my paraphrase from a testimony by a man named James Kawalya. James was born into witchcraft and later entered the occult. He shares of a time that a pastor and twenty women from his

congregation made a covenant to come together for 90 days of prayer to take back territory from the kingdom of darkness. The occult understood the gravity of this covenant even more than the pastor and 20 women did. You see, the occult knew that if this group were to complete the 90 day covenant, revival would break out and the enemy would lose power in that region for 70 years. SEVENTY YEARS!!! The pastor and those women knew they were going after territory in the spirit, but they did not know this was going to have a 70 year impact. James tells of how each person the occult had tried to send in before him to break up this group and stop the covenant were either converted or died. He was told he had to be strategic and was given a 500 page book outlining all the details for ten generations back on the pastor and each woman. He studied each one of their lives and their family history, and decided to go in after a woman who had a root of unforgiveness toward her mother. He knew that unforgiveness easily responds to offense. So he sent 2 women from the occult in to begin working, while he went out into the open air for 21 days to fast and curse. Day and night he sat outside fasting and declaring curse after curse, believing that eventually one would stick and then another and another.

Church, the enemy knows the power of the blessing and the curse on our words. The enemy knows the power of prayer and covenant. The enemy knows all the secret unforgiveness, bitterness, jealousy, spirits of fear and rejection, etc. that we hold on to. The enemy wants YOUR territory! Your family, your marriage, your business, your city, your nation, he is coming after it all. He is not stumbling around hoping he gets an opportunity to take it. No, he is strategically going after it, bit by bit. Sending in all the sly little foxes he can; negotiating and lulling you into compromise after compromise, carelessness, business and exhaustion. Will you repent and choose to look above the natural circumstances and issues? Will you join me in using our words to bless and to tear down the strongholds set up against us and our city and our nation? Just like the woman in the story who had a root of unforgiveness, do you have some things you need to personally surrender, cutting the curse attached to it and bringing it under the blood of Jesus?

I fully believe that as the representatives of Christ on this earth we need to be physically involved in local school meetings **Continued on Page 14...**

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and local city council meetings, voting, and anywhere else that you feel the Spirit leading you. However, let's not underestimate what our prayers are doing in the spirit. We could set our city up for a 70 year revival with our words alone! Do you believe that? Let's make sure that when the enemy comes to write a book on our life and 10 generations back all he can see is the blood of Jesus.

I have personally made it priority to “come away” with Him and allowed Him to reveal everything from a spirit of rejection that I’ve carried since childhood, and had no idea was there. Everything from hurts from friends and family, to words spoken over me and words that I have spoken that carried a curse. I have stepped into a freedom I didn’t know existed. I didn’t even know I was in bondage until I stepped into this newfound freedom. If you’d like to respond to this call to “come up higher” then I’d love to agree with you in prayer. As He begins to reveal the hidden or secret things in your heart repent for having hung on to them, declare out loud that any curse attached to the words, actions or spiritual oppression would be severed in Jesus’ name, and pray to bring them under the blood of Jesus, never to be seen again.

Father, I choose to come away with you. I choose to come up higher to see what you see. Reveal any arrows or sly little foxes that are hindering what you’ve planted within me. I repent of hanging onto these things. I surrender them before you now, knowing that you are a just God and you will defend and avenge me quickly if I allow you to. I break any and every curse that may be attached to these things, and I ask that you cover them under your blood to be washed away for good. I take authority over my territory and call down every stronghold and weapon that has been formed against myself, my family, my city, and my nation. I declare blessing over my mind, heart, and body. Blessing over my family, my city, and my nation. In Jesus’ name, amen!

I believe as you do this you will begin to see ailments in your body disappear, fears and insecurities go away and a sense of true freedom overwhelm every part of your being. You may notice some instantly, while others will be realized over time. Keep praying and pressing into that higher place with Him!

A Tale of Two Democracies: Contrasting the Political Systems of the United States and Switzerland

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In the global landscape of diverse political structures, the United States and Switzerland emerge as examples of democracy, each with its unique historical journey and constitutional framework but with common roots in the departure from the divine right of kings, embracing the revolutionary idea that government derives its power from the people. Though continents apart, the United States and Switzerland share the foundational principle of democracy but differ significantly in their political structures, electoral systems, and approaches to decision-making.

Constitutional History

Switzerland's Federal Constitution was adopted in 1848 establishing the Swiss federal state. This document was heavily influenced by the U.S. Constitution and the ideals of the French Revolution. It established the principle of subsidiarity, according to which the 26 cantons (similar to U.S. states) are autonomous unless the Federal Constitution expressly restricts their autonomy. However, before that, the 500 year old Swiss Confederation helped inspire the birth of the American Republic. Particularly regarding the concepts of resistance to oppression, independence from foreign states, neutrality, a people's militia, and federalism. The colonist were inspired by how a small country, a union of individual states, had repeatedly defeated the great monarchies of Europe and preserved its independence (*Halbrook: The Swiss Confederation in the Eyes of America's Founders*).

Federalism and Decentralization

Renowned for its federal system, the United States divides power between the federal government and individual states. This division allows states a degree of autonomy in shaping policies tailored to their unique needs. The President, Congress, and the Judiciary form the three branches of the federal government, ensuring a system of checks and balances. The Swiss political landscape mirrors the American example of federalism, but takes it a step further with a distinctive emphasis on decentralization and cantonal autonomy. The cantons each

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have their own constitution, with regulatory authority clearly divided between state and canton and guaranteed under the Federal Constitution.

Executive Branch and Head of State

The U.S. President, elected every four years, serves as both the head of state and government. This consolidated executive power has been a hallmark of American governance, with the President wielding significant authority in domestic and foreign affairs. In contrast, Switzerland employs a unique collective executive known as the Federal Council, with seven members elected by the Federal Assembly. The Federal Council operates on a consensus-based decision-making model, with the presidency rotating among its members annually. This system ensures a collaborative approach to governance.

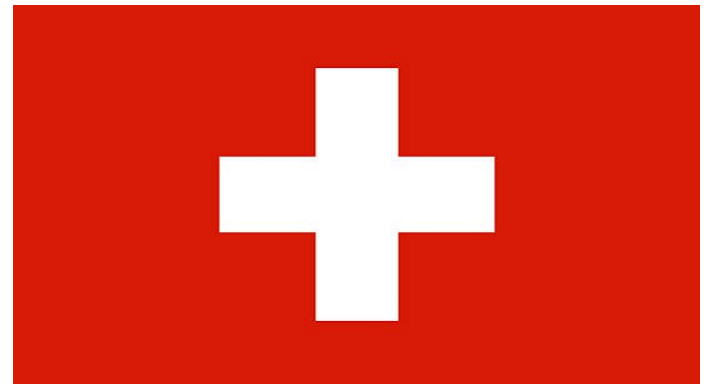
Electoral Systems

Operating under an electoral system, U.S. elections are characterized by a two-party dominance. Switzerland, on the other hand, encourages a multi-party system by embracing proportional representation. This allows for a more diverse representation in the Federal Assembly, comprising the National Council and the Council of States (comparable to the U.S. House of Representative and Senate). Collaboration and coalition-building are consequently essential aspects of Swiss politics and necessary for any majority consensus.

Direct Democracy

The United States relies primarily on representative democracy, with citizens electing representatives to make decisions on their behalf. While citizens have the power to vote on important issues through referendums and initiatives, direct democracy plays a less prominent role compared to Switzerland where it is deeply ingrained in the Swiss political system and national culture. Swiss citizens can propose changes to the constitution through popular initiatives, and referendums are regularly held to decide on significant issues. Since 1848, Swiss citizens have voted on 689 legislative issues on the national level alone, many initiated by the people, adding further a multiple of cantonal and community level questions. This approach empowers citizens to actively participate in the decision-making and legislative process. The Swiss Constitution is, therefore, a dynamic document that is continually being

adapted to reflect the evolving will of the people and popular culture.



In conclusion, the strength of the U.S. system lies in its stability with a Constitution that remains largely unchanged since its inception. The checks and balances established by the Constitution ensure a robust governance structure. A defined separation of powers and a strong emphasis on individual liberties contribute to a system that has withstood the test of time, unmatched by any other nation. On the other hand, Switzerland's advantage lies in adaptability. The constant evolution of its constitution through direct democracy allows for responsive governance. This dynamic approach ensures that the Swiss political system remains attuned to the diverse needs and aspirations of its citizens and is one of the reasons for its lasting independence from the European Union. However, at the same time, its foundational principles are under constant attack by the ever changing culture of its people. Understanding the intricacies of these differing systems can provide valuable insights into the diverse ways nations can uphold the principles of democracy and protect the inalienable rights of its people.

Glory Stories from the Front Lines

BY CYNTHIA BEHR
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There are daily reports flooding in about the harvest of souls in Salem, OR. The soldiers in Christ who have taken to the streets are attesting to the hunger of people yearning for truth and redemption. Our brother Byron shared this week that the least of these are desperate to know that they are not invisible, that they have worth and value. They are deeply grateful that someone like Byron would crouch down to give them a hug. One resident of the streets of Salem, OR, insisted, “I’m too dirty for you to hug me,” but Byron extended his arms regardless. Byron Inscoe could see beyond the outward appearance because of the love and compassion of Jesus within. Because Christ had changed his life so drastically, he could see the value and worth of the humanity of each person lining the streets.

This day, just an ordinary Monday in November, the team from The River Church recorded the salvation of 17 souls redeemed from hell. And what about tomorrow? What can God do on a typical Tuesday? Very little without the cooperation of a die-hard team of effectual, fervent prayer warriors who have been taking to the streets day after day. They aren’t waiting for a crusade or a conference. They aren’t letting fear or doubt deter them. They are daring to win souls for Christ.

Describing the people living on the streets in Salem, Byron tells of a man walking around, screaming and cursing at an invisible enemy. Byron dares to engage the man who looks older than his natural years. Byron asked him what he can pray for him and offered help rid him of the tormentors, saying “The demons have no power over us unless we give it to them.” On the side of the highway, he commanded with authority, “You foul, evil spirit, you can’t have him. He belongs to God. Come out in the name of Jesus.” The demons left the man and the man regained control of his thoughts. His first words were, “I’m back.” Immediately, Byron shared with the gentleman the Gospel of Jesus Christ to save the lost and heal the sick. He led the man in a prayer to receive Jesus as his Lord and Savior, committing his heart and life to Christ. That’s the impact of one willing vessel armed with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the coming weeks and months, The River Church is spreading the Gospel to the darkest areas of Oregon including Portland, Eugene, and Albany. Currently they are considering available properties in Portland to open a church to serve as an ongoing outreach to the

homeless, drug-addicted, mentally-deranged, and even criminal population in the downtown area. “Where it’s darkest, the light shines brightest,” contends Byron. He’s not deterred at the challenges that wait. He’s passionately drawn to those in the depths of despair simply because he knows the Prince of Peace. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed.” (Luke 4:18 NKJV)

Two thousand years ago, Jesus knew you would be reading this and could envision you carrying the Gospel to a people not born yet who were destined for much more in Christ. We are living in unprecedented times; unprecedented since the Days of Noah, that is. Jesus sent them out two by two. Who will you take with you to the grocery store, the city park, the casino, or the mall to share hope and healing with the Gospel of Jesus? I pray for the Lord of the harvest to send you laborers to accompany you in your quest for souls. Every person you see represents a soul destined for heaven or hell, yet, “Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:13-15 NKJV)

We’d love to hear reports from around the United States and the world, accounts of the Great Harvest of Souls taking place right now. If you have any news from the front lines, we want to publish your testimonies. Please send an email to abetterway333@protonmail.com. Specify whether you require names to remain anonymous, but please include as much detail as possible for publication. The harvest is ready!

In conclusion, I’ll leave you with Byron’s reflections on the scripture verse in Ephesians 4:26 which says, “Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.” Byron has begun to question the common interpretation and instead ask, “What if this scripture is talking about a different kind of anger, a righteous indignation kind of anger?” People pass by the **Continued on Page 17...**

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beggar on the street, ignoring them, giving a judgmental glare, considering them a nuisance. “People pass them by because they are dirty or they stink,” failing to see, “they are only that way because of what the devil is doing.” Instead, Byron sees their created value in Christ. He says, “Don’t let the sun go down on your righteous anger and don’t let time pass you by - Do something. You can’t let the chance get away.” Now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV)



One divine encounter can turn an ordinary day into an extraordinary one. Hope you have a hallelujah kind of day!

Rally To Support

Israel

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For those who don't know there's a peaceful rally to support Israel happening this Sunday (December 10th) from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. In front of the City Hall in Colorado Springs (107 N Nevada Ave.)

- Bring an Israeli flag if you have one.
- Bring a sign in support of Israel if you have one.
- There will also be signs available at the rally.
- Come and show your support for Israel.

The Colorado Springs Police Department have been notified about the rally. I pray that we'll see some of you there!

