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The WHO Pandemic Agreement

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Disclaimer: By the time this article reaches its readers, the public comment window will be up. We have something much more powerful and effective than email during the public comment window! We have the power of our words. So before I delve into this Agreement, let's quickly discuss this amazing season we happen to be in right now. In the last couple of editions of the Kingdom Chronicle, I shared about the Jewish Fall Feasts and the Jewish new year 5784. I want to emphasize the Hebrew meaning of a few numbers in the Jewish year 5784 and our Gregorian calendar year of 2024.

Let's begin with the 80 in 84. This is known as the letter Pey and is represented by the pictograph resembling a mouth. The meaning of the word Pey and the number 80 is mouth, and by extension, "word," "expression," "vocalization," "speech," and "breath." It's important to understand the letter that precedes Pey, which is the letter Ayin meaning the eyes, understanding, and an awareness that comes before verbal expression. The Ayin is known as the gateway to reality, and the Pey or the mouth is what brings reality into being. Just as Ayin or understanding of what we see, not just in the natural but also in the spirit, gives insight, it is Pey or our words that give that insight expression.



Now let's take a look at the number 4 or the Hebrew letter Dalet represented by the pictograph resembling a door.

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Reports from the City Council

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At their last two regular meetings, the City Council had the chance to review and vote on two very exciting opportunities for Woodland Park.

Avenger Open Space purchase

The Avenger Open Space is a 120-acre plot of land, including a historic mining claim, situated off of King's Crown Road and adjacent to the city-owned Paradise Open Space. It runs through both Teller and El Paso counties and is currently a mixture of both national forests and private property. The Avenger Open Space is loved by many outdoor enthusiasts in Woodland Park for its beautiful trails. A recent survey revealed that over 650 people enjoy the property every week. This property was recently listed for sale presenting a unique opportunity for Woodland Park to preserve the area as an outdoor recreation and wildlife preserve area, but at the same time also a threat of future development, should the property be sold to a new private owner. City Council unanimously approved a resolution for the city to purchase the land including the application for a land acquisition grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The grant would cover USD 523,205 of the purchase price with an additional USD 150,000 committed by the city and fundraising in the amount of USD 80,000.

Agreement with Boy Scouts on new reservoir

It is a known fact that Woodland Park has an ongoing water supply issue that has to be carefully evaluated and taken into account with the increasing development of the city. The City Council was able to approve a development agreement with the Boy Scouts of America for the development of the Glen Aspen Reservoir. The project includes the creation of a new reservoir downstream from the current reservoir in turn for the city establishing a larger parking lot and driveway into the property and the Boy Scouts being granted the right to use the reservoir for recreation purposes and receiving water usage rights. The agreement presents a win-win outcome for both sides and a great success for the city of Woodland Park.

Lenten lessons; True Riches

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The Pearl by John Steinbeck was our big reading assignment in eighth grade English, and a large portion of one's final grade hung on the attendant term paper we were to write. The book was somewhat accessible for me at that point in my rural, mostly barefoot life. I sensed warnings about greed, but at the same time was inspired by Kino's tenacity in going after what he perceived to be the most important thing in the world. I was also moved by his commitment to those he cared about and his desire to give them something better than what they had.

The book introduced me to John Steinbeck, and I became a fan for life. Years later, when I read that a museum in honor of my literary hero would be established out West, I settled in my mind to one day go. Growing up in the back-roads of North Carolina, a trip to Salinas, California, seemed no less daunting than a trip to Mexico or Norway. Getting there someday became a priority for me, a 'bucket list' item, a highly-sought jewel.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the Bible speaks of the value of finding "a treasure hidden in a field," or the, "one pearl of great price." In these parables Jesus emphasizes that something few people take notice of—the Kingdom of heaven, and one's place in it—is worth forsaking all to attain.



Most everybody knows that "the pearl" of Matthew 13 provided (however loosely) a premise for Steinbeck's shortest book. But in Jesus' story of the quest for life's most priceless pearl, there is no danger of tragedy but only the promise of victory. How? Because in apprehending the true pearl beyond price — a relationship with God — one doesn't *lose* their soul, but actually gains it.

Many forfeit their character for something of this world; Countless souls, past and present, have chosen to opt out from the offer of a city whose gates are pearl and streets are gold (Rev. 21:21). Jesus is telling us that to

invest all in the promised treasures of God is actually the wisest thing we could do.

Necessarily, prioritizing one thing requires backing away from something else. As Lenten season approaches (February 14-March 28, 2024), Christians the world over will be motivated to "take spiritual inventory" and amend themselves accordingly. During Lent, Christians pray and give gratitude to God for salvation through Jesus' death on the Cross. They block out time to read Scripture, doing their utmost to comprehend and comply.

Lent is a time believers give extra diligence to discern what the Holy Spirit is prompting them to do — turn away from sin, cease behaviors and attitudes displeasing to God. Just as Jesus, our Savior (and example), fasted 40 days in the wilderness, Lent is a time to fast 40 days from anything in which we've bestowed love that belongs only to God.

Imagine how quickly, thoroughly, and positively the world would change if we all lived a life of Lent. "Lent" is a word associated with springtime, a fresh start, and the days growing longer and having more daylight. Christ's resurrection is God's guarantee that a new beginning for this world lies just ahead, and our place in His coming Kingdom is secured by putting our faith in Jesus.



Pearls, they say, are the jewels created through suffering. The treasures Jesus offers us were purchased through suffering as well. In this world it is tempting to give up hope, but Christ is as close by as a prayer! Tangible change in our lives *can* happen, and lasting peace and joy are possible! Through Lent we turn away from a fallen world and allow God to change our sinful nature. We recommit ourselves to that most worthy quest, the pursuit of God Himself.

Two School Board Meetings Held on December 13th and January 10th

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On December 13, 2023, the community gathered for the first meeting of the newly constituted school board. Keegan Barkley replaced David Illingworth as director for District C. The atmosphere among the public attendants was positively expectant and respectful. It was the first meeting in a long time without disrupting comments and reactions. David Rusterholtz handed over the mantle of president of the board to Mick Bates, whose first action was to distribute handouts on the public participation at board meetings. Bates expressed his wish for school board meetings to become more orderly again. The board in turn made a visible effort to have more open discussions on agenda points during the meeting, responding to the public's request for more transparency in board decisions. Chief Academic Officer Kim Moore informed about the current enrollment numbers to be certified. In total, the WPSD has 1,820 full time students enrolled, which is about 200 students short of the budgeted number.

CFO Amy Ryan presented the Fiscal Year 2023 independent audit conducted by Tom Sistare of Hoelting and Company, Inc. No issues were identified during the audit and the respective documents can be found on the district's website under financial transparency. The board then briefly discussed the planning of the biennial board retreat and training session, which takes place after every major election. Superintendent Witt invited the board members to forward suggestions on potential facilitators before the January 10 board meeting. The January 10 meeting was off to a rocky start. Several public comments criticized the surprising announcement that High School principal Kevin Burr was let go on the Friday before the Christmas break, only days after the last school board meeting. This refueled the calls for more transparency and public involvement in the school board

and superintendent's decisions. Newly elected board member Keegan Barkley then claimed that she was not involved in President Mick Bates' appointment of Cassie Kimbrell, a mother of a special needs child herself, to the Ute Pass BOCES Board. Bates responded that Barkley was "a very hard person to reach", a comment that was met with much indignation from the public. The board moved on to the discussion on the planned board retreat, with Barkley suggesting her own facilitator, which was not submitted in time for the board members to properly consider. A misunderstanding on Barkley's side. The board decided to hold the public retreat on February 24, 2024, from 9 AM – 12 PM at the Cathedral Pines Lodge in Colorado Springs, with Ross Izard as facilitator.

The next controversial topic on the agenda was the potential renewal of the superintendent's contract. Whereas four of the five board members voiced their support for Superintendent Witt, Barkley wanted to at least explore the possibility of a search for a new superintendent. President Bates informed that a search for a new superintendent involves quite a financial commitment with no guarantee of success. In the past, basic searches created costs of at least USD 11,000. Barkley was convinced to be able to do this cheaper if not for free and offered to help the board with her expertise in this area. The board decided to reconvene for a Special Board Meeting and Executive Session on January 17, 2024, to discuss the different options and if possible vote on the way forward. The meeting concluded with the presentation and vote on the mill levy certification and the 2023-2024 revised budget.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will take place on February 14, 2024.



Pray For

The City of Woodland Park to be a beacon of light, reflecting God's love to visitors and residents alike.

Prosperity for Woodland Park and its communities.

Pray Against

Unlawful interference with democratic processes.

Divisiveness and animosity in our community.

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The pictograph also means to draw in or out, knock, path, way, portal to Heaven, dominion, control, and branch. The Dalet or number 4 represents authority, government, rule, dominion, calendar, time, creation, Kingdom, fullness, and the giving of the law and Holy Spirit. We are in this amazing time of overlap of the Jewish and Gregorian calendars where we see double 4's or double doors.



Lastly we will look at the number 24. I won't go into all the details of 24, but this number speaks of Heavenly government and Heavenly worship, a dividing of time, the priesthood, watchmen, and all parts working together in unity to serve God. So let's put this all together. We are in a decade of greater authority of our words, specifically for this year to open and close doors, bringing a fullness of Heavenly or Kingdom government and worship on earth as it is in Heaven. It is imperative that as watchmen, we see not only what is happening in our natural realm but also hear and see what is happening in the spirit. We are to give words and expression to what the Lord is speaking, opening the doors of Heaven and using our words to close the doors of the enemy in our families, our cities, over our purposes and callings, our local and national government, and over our time and timelines.

Now, with that as a foundation for this article, let's take a look at the WHO and this treaty that has been renamed as an agreement for the purpose of circumventing our Senate and our constitution. The W.H.O. or World

Health Organization was founded in 1948. According to the WHO website, they are "the United Nations agency that connects nations, partners, and people to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable, so everyone, everywhere can attain the highest level of health." The "WHO leads global efforts to expand universal health coverage. We direct and coordinate the world's response to health emergencies. And we promote healthier lives, from pregnancy care through old age. Our Triple Billion targets outline an ambitious plan for the world to achieve good health for all using science-based policies and programs."

To read the WHO Pandemic Agreement:

https://apps.who.int/gb/inb/pdf_files/inb7/A_INB7_3-en.pdf

This is one of those issues I believe we need to be aware of. As watchmen, it is important to know what is happening at all government levels that have the power to alter and affect our lives. Just so we are all clear, the W.H.O is an agency under the UN (United Nations). Its goal is not to protect American citizens. You, your businesses, churches, and families are not their main concern. They have a global approach and focus, not an American one. You have no say or vote in their constitution, plans, purpose, leadership, or rules (that may be enforced on Americans if this agreement is signed and our membership with them continues). I am going to share a couple of things that are a concern to me with this agreement and really our membership with the WHO in general. **Continued on Page 5...**

Raise Your Voice! Upcoming

Community Dates: BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI
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- ◆02/01/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave.
- ◆02/13/2024, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Teller County Republicans Monthly Meeting at the Pikes Peak Community Center.
- ◆02/14/2024, 6 p.m.: Regular School Board Meeting at the District Office, large conference room.
- ◆02/20/2024, 5:30 p.m.: Chambers Business After Hours (for members) hosted by Park State Bank & Trust.

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This agreement was originally a treaty, and all treaties require ratification through our U.S. Senate. The Biden administration requested that it be renamed an agreement rather than a treaty, which can be adopted without Senate Consultation. This is a blatant move to completely circumvent our constitution and constitutional process. Thankfully, this has been met with opposition. Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) called the treaty/agreement "an egregious breach of constitutional principle." Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) has introduced the WHO Withdrawal Act ([H.R. 79](#)), which would end the U.S. membership with WHO, repeal the legislation authorizing our WHO membership in 1948, and ban U.S. funds from WHO projects. The latest donation numbers I can find from the WHO website state, "The USA has been one of WHO's largest donors for many years. In 2020-21, it was the third largest, having invested approximately US\$ 700 million." That is in addition to the annual membership and an additional "\$280 million contribution to support critical work to help end the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthen public health systems, and provide urgent relief," announced December 2021. This is a concern because this move by the Biden administration essentially undermines national sovereignty by coming under an unelected (by the American people) global authority and circumvents our constitutional oversight and checks and balances.

On - Page 4, point 9 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement it reads: "9. Reiterating the need to work towards building and strengthening resilient health systems, with skilled and trained health and care workers, to advance universal health coverage and to adopt an equitable approach to mitigate the risk that pandemics exacerbate existing inequities in access to health services," Although global universal health coverage sounds good, are we really ready to hand over our healthcare and coverage to a global system that would dictate everything from the top down without any say at all from the people? This could potentially mean that chiropractors or natural healthcare providers who take a different approach could be deemed unnecessary or worse. Or any allopathic medical doctor who just happens to have a difference of opinion for that matter. We actually saw a small glimpse of this with the Covid-19 pandemic. There was massive censorship of well-respected medical doctors and natural health practitioners who had a different yet highly successful approach to treating patients than what was

pushed down from the WHO. As Americans, I think we sometimes are so used to the way things are for us that we don't really understand how good we have it. We have so many options when it comes to healthcare. Our biggest limitation might be determining which healthcare providers that our insurance covers. For most Americans, we have options of insurance as well.. Now I am not saying our system is perfect or without flaw by any means. What I am saying is that in America we can choose to opt out of the mainstream if we want, and we have a plethora of options to choose from. Because there is no one size fits all health care it is important to have those options. I appreciate that we have the freedom to visit the doctors and receive the treatments we trust and are comfortable with. I would be very sad to see that all go under the control of a global agency that does not abide by our same constitutional values and liberties. As we saw with covid-19, a treatment/ medicine that was quite effective in treating the virus was made unavailable to the public. That is not acceptable in the slightest, and under this agreement we will be sure to experience much more of that. That leads me to my second concern under the "Use of Term" section.

On - Page 5 WHO Pandemic Agreement we see: "(c) "infodemic" means too much information, false or misleading information, in digital and physical environments during a disease outbreak. It causes confusion and risk-taking behaviors that can harm health. It also leads to mistrust in health authorities and undermines public health and social measures;" Ignorance is NOT bliss and for any global agency to take away the right to information will always lead to a take away of truth. This is a very slippery slope. Personally I am not at all interested in an unelected, unAmerican, ungodly organization that is set up with its own constitution and declaration telling us what information we are allowed to have access to? Isn't it the American way to be free thinkers and have the freedom to trust the medical professionals and resources we are most comfortable with? This agreement will strip every American of access to information and resources to make informed decisions for ourselves and our families regardless of the truth.

Although this is not the last of my concerns with this agreement, it is the last one that I will share here.

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Found on - Page 5 WHO Pandemic Agreement “Use of Terms”. “(d) “One Health approach” means an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals, and ecosystems. It recognizes that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants and the wider environment (including ecosystems) is closely linked and interdependent. The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines, and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for clean water, energy and air, safe and nutritious food, taking action on climate change, and contributing to sustainable development;” This opens a door for WHO/UN to control not only our healthcare system and access to certain medicines/ treatments but to our food supply, water, and complete environment. It does not take a rocket scientist to see where this is headed. With the push for extreme climate change initiatives, 15 minute cities, electric cars, lab grown meats, the slaughter of large flocks and herds of farm animals, and devastating “wildfires” just to name a few; it is no surprise that a globalist agency would seek supreme authority over the health and wellbeing of not just humans but ALL animals, plants, and ecosystems. This is preparation for complete authority over a planned climate change pandemic.

As God fearing believers and watchmen it is time for us to Ayin, or see, and understand what has happened and where this is trying to go in the natural and step into this season of Pey to give words and expression to the power of God on this earth. There is a time and place for “quiet” time and “silent” prayer but now is not that time. Now is the time for the intercessors to arise (and we are all called to intercessory prayer) and begin declaring a thing! Let's begin calling for Kingdom rule in our nation and our city. Let us not be ignorant of the schemes of the devil but keep our eyes locked in on the Father and all that He is doing right now. Let's get our words in line with the Kingdom. I encourage you to join me in boldly declaring these things out loud everyday until we see Kingdom breakthrough!

I command a complete halt and breakdown of this WHO Pandemic Agreement. I declare that America will have no part in this agreement and will break off all ties and membership to the WHO. We say yes to H.R.79.

I declare that America IS one nation, under God,

indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all. We call God back into the heart of our nation and declare His divine protection and provision over America and every American citizen in Jesus' name.

I call all unrighteousness and unrighteous people operating in high places of authority and rule in America to step down, not just at the Federal level but also locally, and statewide. I call forth bold, courageous God fearing leaders to step forward and take these places of rule, bringing Kingdom order on earth as it is in heaven.

Lastly, I want to share Psalm 8 from the NLT:

1 O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens.

2 You have taught children and infants
to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies
and all who oppose you.

3 When I look at the night sky and see the work of your
fingers—

the moon and the stars you set in place—

4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?

5 Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—

7 the flocks and the herds
and all the wild animals,

8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean currents.

9 O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

May the church rise up in this hour and step into our God
given Kingdom authority!

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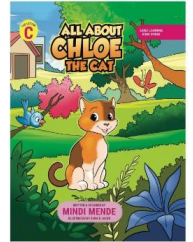
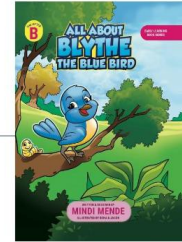
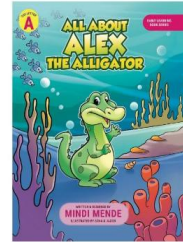
When I first saw these books I thought to myself, what an amazing idea! I was so blessed to find out that they were written by a fellow Charis Bible College alumni, Mindi Mende. Mindi and her sister, Mandy O'Neal have another awesome book coming out soon called *Best Crimson Ever*. I highly recommend 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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Identity Confusion

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Today, perhaps unlike any other time in the history of the world there is a huge identity issue, people not knowing who they are, deceived on every level, mentally, emotionally, and physically, leading to confusion, pain, isolation, deception and many lies. There is a direct and bold attack of the enemy on God's creation—you—precious and beautiful, so loved by God. God knows you, thought of you even before creating the foundations of the earth, tenderly knit you together in your Mother's womb. You are precious and loved by God. There is no confusion when God tells us who we are in His word. He created male and female. God is not a God of confusion. Ephesians 1:4-5, Genesis 1:24-28, Psalm 139:13-16.

There is an enemy who is the creator of all confusion, lies and deception, seeking whom he might kill and destroy. John 10:10 tells us about it. The enemy works in many ways keeping people confused, isolated from God and the plans He has for you. God's plan for all people is for life and life more abundantly, which includes blessings and goodness, filled with love and eternal life with Him. While the enemy wants you in sickness, all kinds of pain, darkness and eternal separation from God. Jesus Christ has overcome every attack the enemy throws at you. Freedom comes through Jesus Christ and knowing what the Father says about you. When you know and believe what your heavenly Father says about you it changes your world forever!

Luke 19, tells the story of a short little man, very rich and greatly disliked by the people in his town. Being the town tax collector, he became very rich by cheating people through dishonesty. We probably can think of someone that fits the picture, hard to love for one reason or another and avoiding them as much as possible. He was short in stature but not short on how to cheat and lie! His name was Zacchaeus.

Jesus was passing through the town of Jericho and Zacchaeus really wanted to see who Jesus was. The town was crowded and because he was so short and couldn't see above anyone, he decided to climb a tree by the road where he could be sure to not miss seeing Jesus. I'm sure he must have heard many things about Jesus and was desperate to know more.

This story really touches my heart as I read what happened next. As Jesus came walking along He stops under the tree, looking up, calls him by name—Jesus

knew his name—and tells him to come down, that He wants to come to his house. So he scrambled out of the tree quickly and took Jesus to his house with great excitement and joy. Luke 19:6

The people who disliked him started grumbling and complaining, very displeased that Jesus went to the house of a notorious sinner! These religious people would never do such a despicable thing as going to this guy's house! Is Jesus the only one that doesn't know how horrible this short little guy is and what's he's done? How dare he go to his house!

I can just see this story in my mind like a movie. As Zacchaeus stood before Jesus he confessed his sin, willing to give half of his wealth to the poor and paying back 4 times the amount he cheated from anyone. Jesus never condemned him but told him, "Today salvation has come to your house for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:7-10. This is such a beautiful story of love and compassion. Jesus knew Zacchaeus's heart before he ever met him in person. He knows your heart too. He's safe share your deepest secrets. We are limited and can only see the outside of people, but God knows our hearts and whether we are willing to repent and turn to Him for help and let His love heal us.

When God's love and grace touched Zacchaeus his identity changed. It didn't matter that the people were complaining and calling him a sinner. They couldn't see their own sin because they were so busy pointing fingers at him. But Jesus knew his heart and that he was not happy inside even though he had great wealth. His behavior caused him to be disliked by others. He was short. Maybe he was even ridiculed and called Shorty—without compassion for others people do mean things to each other.

When we come to know and believe God's love and what He says about us, what others say doesn't matter. God's word becomes the true identity of who we are. The freedom that comes when we understand God's forgiveness, and that the debt of our sin has been paid, we no longer identify with what we have done but by what God says. Oh praise the Lord Jesus Christ! Zacchaeus was changed forever. He was a new man from the inside out. He looked the same on the outside but something

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beautiful happened inside.

It's the love of God that brings true change. Without Him and left in our own efforts we fall short. We are so limited in our strength no matter how much we might want to quit a habit and be happier. We get worn down by the world around us and eventually fail again. We need the power of God operating in us to experience true victory over the enemy. Identity confusion is of the enemy and he's doing a mighty fine job these days because many Christians don't understand who they are. Nor do they know the power and authority they have over the enemy and how to use it to live victorious the way God intended believers to live. Tools without proper knowledge are worthless.

God has given each one of us gifts to use for His glory and when we operate in His will in what we are given we will reap God's blessing and are given more. Luke 19:12-27 tells the story of the ten servants. Our own words condemn us so it is important to speak what God says about us. God wants us to take what's in our hands and use it to glorify Him regardless if it seems like a little. Trust is earned and takes time. God won't give you more if you can't be trusted with what's in your hands now. The ten servants operated out of their beliefs. Thoughts and beliefs become words, and words when spoken are like seeds. Seeds become a harvest sooner or later. What seeds are you sowing today? Is it a harvest you wish to reap? What about for your children and next generations? It matters what we sow today for all our tomorrows.

As Jesus came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead He began to weep. As I read the story I feel the pain and tears fill my eyes. I'm touched by Jesus's tender love for the people. I know how much my heart hurts for those I love and long for them to come to the knowledge and saving grace of God's love, but how much more does it hurt God's heart that people deny Him. Jesus is weeping as He enters the City of Jerusalem saying, "How I wish today that you, of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it's too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes." He saw the bad things that were about to take place because of their unbelief. They didn't recognize that God had visited them.

After that Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive the people out with a whip, turning over their tables and calling them a bunch of thieves! John 2:15

The Temple was designed to be a house of prayer and instead they had turned it into a den of thieves! They all needed Jesus just as much as Zacchaeus did but the difference is Zacchaeus repented and turned from his sinful ways and salvation came upon him that day. Instead of repenting the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and other leaders of the people began planning how they might kill Jesus. Luke 19:47

To form a plot to kill someone there has to be pure evil in the heart. The enemy was at work, thinking now the end of Jesus is about to happen and he'll finally get to be the ruler forever. How little did he know just how "forever defeated" he was about to become. We have the ultimate victory and freedom in all things in Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior. Like Zacchaeus, we can choose to be curious, climb up and out of the noise of the world around us and not miss what the word of God has to say. To learn about who God is, who God says we are, and be set free from the lies of the enemy forever. We can choose to take what's in our hands and live for the Lord, not wasting the time we have.

Our body is a Temple and given to us by God for the Holy Spirit to dwell in—we don't belong to ourselves. 1 Corinthians 6:19. We are adopted sons and daughters of the most high God and King. Ephesians 1:5, Gal 4:5 Hallelujah to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

How sweet it is to belong to God, to know His great love and that nothing can ever separate us from God. Romans 8:38-39. I hope you are encouraged and know that you are loved by God and He has so much more for you than the world around you can ever offer. The only way to know God is to be in the word and let your mind be renewed. Romans 12:2 There is nothing greater than revelations that come through the Holy Spirit by the Word of God and experiencing His love for you in this life today. It is the will of God to receive what is already yours. Thank you for reading.

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The Hidden Hurdles of Your HEART: The Antagonist's Expose

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The never ending journey of a never ending story
In the hope to keep you guessing, with the goal to hide His glory

I don't mind that you run the race, with dirt and wrinkles on your face
So set your sights on things ahead, ignoring all the fear and dread
They'll keep you shackled to your bed

Blinded from authority, I'll drown you in an endless sea of thought, so clearly not your own,
a field of lies in seeds I'll sow to strangle you and stunt your growth

The fertile soil of your HEART no better place for me to start
Distracting you from what is deep, I'll shipwreck you and in shallows keep

With brush in hand I'll paint my way into your HEART with strokes that sway
A pallet sourced with many hues, for colored thoughts paint tainted views
With eyes that see distorted things, I'll steal your sight of what hope brings

This purging of your HEART from Truth, you'll let my children (lies) carve your tomb
Because you still don't understand, your heart's been made a spiritual womb
The Culling of God's Truth for mine, in darkness will we dim His shine,
till once again you eat with swine

With God's Word resting on your shelf, I'll keep you busy with your "SELF"
"Did God so say?" Your mind will cry. Corruption in your heart will sigh
Reality I will upend, to keep you struggling with, "if thou???" "Then..."

This seed of "Him" I will retrieve, your agents helping me deceive
For, You'll surround Yourself with those, who'll reinforce what You believe

You'll have no time to reckon "you", with what God's said, with what is true
Believing me, yes that's my aim. My lies, your truths, now one and same

The brokenness inside will groan. My thoughts and ways synced as your own
A subtlety inside of thee. Now shattered glass reflecting me. A diabolic irony

The time will come, to my relief, your HEART persuaded to believe
Judgement, experience and other things, your faith in Me, two wedding rings
Down the aisle we will go, your HEART in hand, in lies betrothed

You'll beat you down, my whip in hand. Brought to your knees, you'll fall; not stand
A Jointed work, a simple task, feeding you lies behind my mask...
...and all you had to do was ask

No longer will you know what's real, you've traded Truth for how you feel
While all along you had with thee, the One whose Words could set your free

My greatest fear, His Truth be known, that you are seated on His throne
That if my lies become unfurled, You Sons will rise and change MY world

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The Hidden Hurdles of Your HEART: The Antagonist's Expose

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The reason you've been made His Wife? NOW, ONE WITH HIM, YOU SHARE HIS LIFE
Restored to Him, like ribs inside, forever ONE with His dear Bride

The grandest rouse You're blind to see is that I live in fear of thee
That all these battles have been won, upon the cross by God's own Son

Remember, when You created me. Nothing existing shared my beauty
Fashioned intently to show in all's sight, my glorious image, Your angel of light!
When all of a sudden and to my despair, You copied Yourself, Your glory You shared
Your light on my darkness, I can't comprehend, this Twin you call man, this one who's Your friend

So, I'll torture you neglectful hearers, who won't believe God's Words are mirrors
I laugh that you won't understand that you're the giants in the land
We look like trees, instead of grass. You giant with a looking glass

I won't abide His Truth in Thee that you are now Divinity
Complete in Him and now the head of everything you think you dread.
If only SELF to you was dead...

Wondering why I still treat you the same? Because you're determined to use your own name
Still seeking to qualify and desiring to earn. You do all of these things while refusing to learn.
And, you'll NEVER rise up, being just Christ's intern...

If you're identity is found IN Christ, instead of what you do,
my time on earth and in your life will certainly be through
This mystery, that Jesus died for He believes in You!

The blame I'll pass, to your chagrin, so that you won't believe in Him
I'll PREY about you, as you PRAY about me, You One's who have eyes and still will not see
Your ears dull of hearing, I'll lie and accuse till His righteousness given You'll surely recuse

Strategically divisible to keep myself invisible
Poisoning your HEART with strife, To hide the theme of your new life
[LOVE, unlocks Your IDENTITY in Him, unleashing His CREATIVITY in You]

And, what unlocks IDENTITY? Not your works externally or your prayers internally
The POWER behind what set you free, His HEART of magnanimity...
But, you won't BELIEVE HIS LOVE for thee!

So, keep listening to that radio. Please, keep watching that TV
For as you do, my plan won't fail, I'll steal your destiny!
Because surprise, YOUR UNGUARDED HEART BELIEVES...
...IN ME

Lucifer

As The Lord Pleases

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For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9

Every individual inherently possesses the ability to form opinions on a multitude of matters. There's nothing wrong with this, provided those opinions align with the wisdom of God. As the scripture in Romans 3:4 asserts, "Let God be true and every man a liar." This biblical reference underscores God's unwavering faithfulness to His promises, irrespective of human fallibility. God's commitment to fulfilling His promises remains steadfast, and it's incumbent upon us to accept these promises through faith and obedience to His instruction.

The tale of Naaman, a well-known biblical character, vividly illustrates the common flaw within human nature—a heart consumed by pride. The scripture says, "Knowledge puffs up" (1st Corinthians 8:1), and this epitomizes Naaman's struggle. A decorated warrior, he had triumphed in numerous battles, possessing a wealth of knowledge. However, this very knowledge almost jeopardized his desired deliverance. Afflicted with leprosy, he sought a cure from a prophet in Samaria. Yet, when given what he deemed an undignified instruction, his pride obstructed his healing. Naaman, convinced he knew better, expressed disappointment and anger at the instruction. *"I thought for sure he would stand in front of me and pray to the Lord his God, then wave his hand over my skin and cure me. What about the Abana river or the Pharpar river? Those rivers in Damascus are just as good as nay river in Israel. I could have washed in them and be cured."* – 2nd Kings 5:11-12. Eventually, after his pride had been appeased, he did as he was told, and was healed.

While it's easy to judge Naaman for his pride and ignorance, many of us have displayed similar moments of pride, believing certain tasks are beneath us. Reflect on instances when you might have dismissed something seemingly insignificant — that was your Naaman's moment. Those most affected by their pride are often those who believe they've attained significant knowledge or success. However, as mentioned in 1st Corinthians 1:27-31, *"God chose the foolish things of the earth to shame the wise. God chose the weak things of the world*

to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things, and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him." (NIV)

Similarly, the Jews' failure to recognize Jesus as the Messiah stemmed from their misconception of His nature. They anticipated a regal, powerful figure, yet Jesus, born in humble circumstances, defied their expectations. Their rejection of Jesus, despite scriptural prophecies, led to their inability to receive the promised Messiah. This rejection continues to impact Israel's current state. They failed to grasp that God fulfilled His promise in a way contrary to their expectations.

Moving forward, whether in the coming year or in the years to follow, God still chooses the foolish, weak, lowly things of this world, and the things that are not to nullify the things that are. We must therefore remain vigilant to recognize God's work in unexpected ways. Recall the Syrophoenician woman, relentless in seeking healing for her child; despite Jesus' initial response, which seemed dismissive, her unwavering faith led to her child's healing, earning Jesus' commendation for her great faith.

CALL TO ACTION

As this new year begins, bearing in mind that previous expectations might not have materialized in 2023, let us, like Elijah's servant, "go again." Yet this time, let us approach it equipped with God's word, relying on faith, obedience, and prayerful discernment. Let God choose how He wants to answer that prayer. He is God all by Himself, and it is in our best interest to let Him do as He pleases. Be attuned to unexpected sources — be it a janitor, a garbage collector, a homeless individual — who might convey a message with profound significance. If it looks beneath you, it's most probably God. And if it seems too good to be true, it's most probably God as well. Heighten your discernment. One never knows if these seemingly ordinary or extraordinary encounters may harbor a divine purpose, potentially delivering the blessing one anticipates. That lowly individual might be your angel on assignment. And that "beneath you" instruction might be the open door to that miracle you so desire. Let the Lord do it as He pleases!

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

– Hebrews 1:2 (NIV)