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"Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find."

-Jesus

A World of Turbulence (thoughts from Jerrys new publication)

Before us today, and from the beginning of time as we know it, there seems to be a clear description of Two Kingdoms in our world. One Kingdom is the Kingdom of God. He alone is the source, creator and sustainer of all things. He alone is in full charge of everything. There is NO greater being over His supreme omniscient (all knowing), omnipresent (everywhere at once), and omnipotent (all powerful), sovereign presence in all of creation as we know it.

However, there is another counterfeit Kingdom, which **appears** to be genuine, authentic, and real. The sole purpose and mission of this illusive, deceptive Kingdom is to deceive and lead away from the triune Presence of God, the Power of God, and the Purposes of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

The Cause -

Sin has caused all of God's creation to fall from the state of Truth, perfection and grandeur to an alluring counterfeit maze of deception, lies and destruction. As a result, the world is subject to frustration, bondage, decay and death. It will never rise and fulfill its intended purpose. According to the Bible, the evil we encounter in this world is the direct result of Satan setting the stage which led to mankind's participation. God desired to create a world where genuine God given love was expressed, and he gave his creation of both angels and mankind a free will. Because genuine love can never be coerced, it was necessary that God's creation of angels and mankind have freedom to choose.

The Destructive Choice -

According to God's Word, mankind had the choice either to live in and respond to God's loving invitation and prescription for vibrant life or to walk in rebellion against Him. Genesis 3 records in detail how the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, used their freedom to walk in destruction with eyes wide open, as they yielded to another voice other than the voice of God. This rebellion, which followed an earlier such rebellion on the part of the angels, is the true origin of evil and sin. Evil and suffering are therefore the result of choice on the part of God's creation. As a result of a heavenly rebellion, and the origin of sin, Satan was able to gain his influence and destructive patterns into God's creation by twisting, bending, distorting, and undermining the Word of God. Hence, as a result of the distortion of truth, sin has appeared into the dilemma of mankind which has been the foundational problem from the beginning of time as we know it, until the very present.

The Supreme Answer -

Our answer therefore is not a set of solutions imbedded in the heart of mankind but rather a single focus on God's one and only answer from the beginning of time, which is Jesus. He was and is illuminated throughout Old Testament scripture in the Triune creative heart of God beginning in the creation account of Genesis prophesied in Genesis 3:15. This is the first of many Old Testament prophecies concerning God's remedy for Man's sin. There were approximately 365 prophecies foretold about the coming Jewish Messiah - hundreds of years before Jesus (Yeshua) was born in Bethlehem. He (Jesus) fulfilled all 365 of these prophecies. Jesus is still the sole answer for yesterday, today and evermore!

National Day of Prayer

Our National Day of Prayer was held in locations across America on May 4 2017. However, prayer for this Country does not have to be limited to a specified day and time. Ann Graham Lotz, (Billy Graham's daughter) who is the founder of AnGeL Ministries and the chairwoman of the National Day of Prayer, wrote in a recent article on the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association website. She warned that the United States is entering the "last stage" of the "downward spiral" toward God's judgment. She further stated that God is backing away from America. He has said again and again and again, 'If you forsake me, I will forsake you. If you abandon me, I will abandon you.' Most recently, she told The Biblical Recorder that the U.S. continues "unraveling" and "disintegrating" into anger and anarchy, due to its "rejection of God."

God's Word holds true to this day..... 2 Chron 7:14 says; *if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* NKJV

Recent Revival Update

On April 7-9 2017, we were privileged to conduct revival services at Cornerstone Community Church of the Nazarene. It was truly an inspired time as the presence of the Lord was obvious. Pastor Sheldon Boyd began a prayer group prior to April, praying for the revival. He extended the invitation to us in 2016 and we were able to except his invitation with excitement especially since my wife Holly, my daughter Reanna and I attended Cornerstone Community approximately 27 years ago. As I stated in the last "Invitation Newsletter", after a rededication to Jesus in 1989, the former Pastor at Chino Nazarene was instrumental in my life and in my family. Shortly after beginning to attend Chino Nazarene, and going back to ministerial school, Pastor Leon Skinner gave me the opportunity to become a part-time music director where I served until 1994. This led to a part-time music position at Yucaipa Nazarene from 1994 to 1996 until I accepted a full time Pastor position at Yucaipa Nazarene in 1996. But it was at Cornerstone where we also met Dr. Stephen Manley, who held a revival and eventually became a dear friend to me. Chino Nazarene has not held a revival since Dr. Manley. What an honor to be part of this evangelistic endeavor as we had the privilege to minister there in April. It is always amazing how God moves and connects us with people and places in life, which have lasting impact in our personal lives. For more information on upcoming speaking engagements, go to: www.jerryliversageministries.org

Nazarene District Assembly Vision

On May 5-6, 2017 the Anaheim District Church of the Nazarene held their annual District Assembly at Crossroads Multinational Church of the Nazarene located in Cerritos, Ca. While there representing Hawthorne Church of the Nazarene, our evangelistic ministry conducted an information booth and video presentation, hi-lighting what God is doing through Jerry Liversage Ministries and Responding Recovery Ministries. We believe we have a message of Jesus to the arena God has called us and it is our VISION to network with local churches and even begin church plants in this endeavor. As the Church of Jesus Christ is ever changing, we believe the Gospel NEVER changes and are relevant to the culture in which we live. On June 5-6, 2017, we will have the privilege to conduct another booth at Southern California Church of the Nazarene District Assembly held at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Ca. and again on July 12-14, 2017 at Los Angeles Church of the Nazarene District Assembly held at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, Ca. Please continue in prayer with us as we respond to the movement of God.

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The "Organic" Church

Over the years, God as worked through this ministry to establish groups who meet with us to hear preaching and to study God's Word. This has occurred in several places of our community outreaches, recovery Bible study groups and weekly community services. Several years ago, I became aware of the Church of the Nazarene's "Organic Nazarene" movement. When I became aware of this new Nazarene direction, I told my wife Holly "I guess God has already placed us in this direction long before we even knew of the "Organic Nazarene" movement.

What is an Organic Church? The Organic church is people not places, programs, or performances. But it is not just any people. It is the people of God empowered by the Spirit of God, on the mission of God in their world. Simply stated the organic church is, "empowered people on mission". This is helpful to understand when we talk about "Church" planting and especially organic church planting. Church planting then is the **planting of Jesus' people in a missional context**. We can plant the church in a house in a neighbourhood, in a coffee shop down the road, in a business break room, or in a nursing home. This then is the "natural" or "organic" expression of the church. The people of God on the mission of God in the world around them are naturally living out in community what Jesus is doing in them. This is exactly what God has been doing through this evangelistic ministry, long before its beginning in 2003 when the vision of evangelistic ministry began to unfold, and continues to unfold. God always has an unfolding plan and we want to remain at His heart.

New Uploads Now Available on Ministry Website

The new uploads from **Responding Recovery Television** is now on our ministry website for those who do not have access to Spectrum Cable (formerly Time Warner Cable). We are making a few recordings available on this ministry website for those who cannot tune into the Monday thru Friday broadcast on channel #39 through Spectrum Cable based in Costa Mesa, CA. Also, our new Jerry Liversage Ministries **YouTube Channel** is almost complete, which will include preaching/teaching messages from Jerry. We hope to also record community events as well.

Ministry Prayer Request

As you pray for this ministry, please remember - *Jerry and Holly to include their family *Holly and Jerry's move to Rancho Cucamonga on May 13 *Jerrys new book publication called *Presence, Power and Purpose in a Lying World* subtitled - *The Devils song of Seduction* *Responding Recovery Television *Jerry Liversage Ministries YouTube Channel *Expanded Vision of a Responding Recovery Center *the preaching ministry in various churches/venues *Responding Recovery National small group meeting locations.