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We've dealt with some really important and some really hard issues over the years in this newsletter, haven't we? So many key life subjects. And here now we are in a world of many bizarre and unpleasant happenings. I think we need a break, a change in the action. So after the following really crucial note about our new book WAKE UP, AMERICA! are a couple items for your reflection, items for thought.

## WAKE UP AMERICA! - YOUR HELP NEEDED RIGHT NOW

Many of you have heard how we are at the time of the publishing of WAKE UP, AMERICA!, the book God has specifically guided me to write. God has miraculously led us to a leading publishing figure who is working to get the book out as soon as possible. (That is the timing guidance we have from the Lord – **as soon as possible**.) He has put together a plan that will bring the physical book into existence within about two months, as compared to a year or more in traditional publishing. The book would be available in the "e-book" format for those who use Kindles within just a few weeks. Our plan is to get this crucial book to as many as possible by utilizing social media, radio, and television, and by holding seminars and programs on the return of the Lord.

All this requires more funds than we have, so I have asked and continue to ask you to donate to the ministry now - first to help us get this book published and second to help us go forward with the marketing of the book. Just the publishing step itself requires about **\$5000**. The next step of marketing and getting the message out will be an ongoing process with its own additional costs. Sometime ago God showed me in a dream saying to a group of people: "Please come. Help us. The time is now." That's what I say to you: **Please come. Help us. The time is now.**

You know this is a vitally important book. Jesus is returning at the appointed time and nothing you or I do will change that. We are on the path leading to that moment, and it is a short path indeed. Yet so many people know nothing about all this. We can get the truths out widely as quickly as possible, or we can sit and do nothing. I know which decision lines up with the Lord, and so do you.

We are as always greatly thankful to those who donate and continue to support the programs of this ministry.

## RECOGNIZING YOUR MOMENT(S)

We all have had key moments in our lives. Really key. Really special. Sometimes a moment comes along when you can do something or not, take a risk or not, say something important or not. And if you choose not, maybe it's a fleeting second and you have to make a quick decision, you may immediately realize that you should have said or done something.

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And you may tell yourself well there will be another opportunity, another chance. But there may not be another chance. Sometimes you hear an athlete in a really important game, maybe a championship game, say something like well there will be next year, or we'll get them next time. But there never is a next time. That was the time, that was his life's key moment in that regard.

Back in 1913 a young amateur from a low income family amazingly won the US Open championship in golf. That was his life moment. It set his life on a new course. From the movie about that event, at the end, the great British golfer Harry Vardon who had lost congratulated Frances Ouimet and said we'll play again. But of course they did not. Ever. That was their earth-shaking time together.

In many key instances in people relationships, in big life decisions or even small decisions, the opportunity doesn't come again. Maybe it's a moment when you could start up or go forward with a relationship with a special woman or man. But once past, it is past. Or a career decision that requires an instant answer. Yes, in life sometimes there is no time to ruminate.

Some of us don't recognize life's key moments when they are here, when they are passing by. We think there will be another, but no, that was the moment.

A little bit this is like many years ago when Monday Night Football was just started and very popular on ABC. One of the hosts decided to leave and go out on his own. I remember another of the hosts saying sometimes we think we are moving on when we are really moving out.

Somehow, pray that you will be alert to the key moments the Lord arranges in your life, that you will see with his eyes and know in your heart what to say or do. Be prepared spiritually. Know what the Lord thinks about issues so you are prepared ahead. Don't encounter a bad situation and fail to take action you should, or a potentially wonderful situation and fail to take action you should.

If there is risk but if this is the moment you are here for, who cares about the risk? Take the step. When John Glenn was asked about all the risks in the things he did, he said that they (the astronauts) knew there was risk but they didn't think about that, they just went ahead.

The reverse of all this is also knowing when not to act, when not to get involved --knowing this is not your moment, not your case, not your issue. Avoiding terrible life distractions that will get you way off course is also important.

Sometimes these life moments may not be long term commitments. They may involve safety or something happening right now. I remember many years ago walking through the airport in Manila on my way to the gate for my airplane out of the Philippines. As I neared the gate I looked out the window and saw my plane waiting. And I saw one of the engines taken down on the tarmac and in parts as mechanics stood by and pondered what to do. I turned and immediately went to the customer service for that airline and boldly but kindly asked for another flight out of there. I have flown enough to know when something is likely not to happen, and may even be really dangerous. When something like that is staring you in the face, make a wise decision. I don't think it was an accident God let me see that plane on the tarmac. I could have missed it and just been waiting for hours or even a day or more, and also perhaps

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have put myself in increased danger there. Don't just sit and let things happen around you when you know you can influence the situation for the better.

So in the end, you must not go through life asleep, not being cognizant of what is happening around you, just willy-nilly bouncing off daily happenings. Be alert to those you encounter. Some of those, maybe all, are there for a purpose. Some may be angels. And why are you there? Think about it. It should go without saying that the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially that gift of discernment, is essential in all this.

I think in the near future - months or years – many of us are going to have such life moments. Opportunities to step up to the plate, to take action, to make the right decision. Maybe it is a decision to truly become a disciple of Jesus, or maybe it is a decision to step out and tell some key people in your life about Christ. Or maybe something else, something relating to the more difficult times that are likely to come as we near Jesus' return.

Be alert. Be sensitive. And don't miss your life moment.

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## **BEING THANKFUL THIS THANKSGIVING**

So this Thursday is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. I know so many believers are concerned about all that we see happening in society – in the government, in the news, in entertainment, in the universities. I admit it is staggering. But you know, we have a great advantage. Contrary to all other people we know what is going on. We know the times, that we are in the last of the last days. We know the Lord and we know he is soon to return.

We know the end of the book. We have read it. God wins! And so do his believers!

How's that for something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving? Maybe you should stand up and praise God. We all should.

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## **SOME FINAL THOUGHTS ABOUT THESE DAYS**

(1)These days really are disturbing. There is no denying that. Has America truly run over the moral cliff? Looks like that at times. But you, as we just said, you know the truth. You know where we are in time. In all things at all times keep your eyes on Jesus. Stay focused on him and his words. Quote scripture into a situation as God brings that to you. Spend time with the Lord. Early and late and whenever you feel like it. Why not just stay in his presence all day as you move about your activities? Let that peace which passes all understanding guard your heart and your mind.

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(2) And speaking of guarding, the other thing you should not be neglecting is using the spiritual protection God has given you. The evil one, the devil, satan, is obviously running amuck these days. Signs of his attacks abound. But God has shown us how to protect ourselves. Every morning before going out, in fact before getting up, put on the armor of God described in Ephesians 6. And ask and thank God for the protection of his wonderful angels. He has sent angels to serve you (Hebrews 1:14), and certainly protection is one of their services. You should thank God for this protection at night too before you go to sleep.

And whenever you sense the need, in Jesus' name order all evil spirits, all demons, all harmful germs, viruses, bacteria, and more to get away from you and your family, from your car, from your home. Good to do that when you come out of a hospital for example, or a shopping mall or a school. Good to pray against all that before you even go into such places.

Our newsletters of December 2016 and January, February, and March 2017 are good to read with regard to protecting yourself. So too you can listen to our CD *Fighting Evil* or watch our videos by the same name on the website.

(3) Lastly, considering the times we are living in, reflect on what you should or might be doing to help in God leading others to Jesus – your friends, family or relatives, co-workers, neighbors, others. Ask the Holy Spirit for his guidance in this. There is not a more important role at this time.

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***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!***

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*May you live in the blessings of the Lord always. He is coming soon. I have it on good authority. His.*

***John***

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