

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WHAT KIND OF TRANSITION ARE YOU LOOKING FOR” JACK HIBBS & FRANK TUREK

In everything, the word of God is to reign supreme in the believer's life. It is the authority of scripture that is to be exalted over the trends and feelings and ways of this world.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Transition, Sexuality, Image-Bearers, Sodom and Gomorrah, Sin, Forgiveness, Grace

Jack's Opening Statement:

The Place and Nature of a New Testament Church

We have several passages to combine as a montage.

:1 I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. :2 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: :3 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, :4 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, :5 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, :6 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! :7 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. :8 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” :9 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, :10 who will transform our lowly body that (it) may be conformed to His glorious (body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Biblical References

1 Timothy 3:15, 2 Timothy 3:1-4, Matthew 24:37, John 16:33, Luke 21:28, Philippians 3:20

Some of you are in massive storms right now:

- Health (cancer)
- Debt
- Addiction
- Relationship tension
- Divorce
- Sexual Abuse
- Wayward Children
- Children coming home from school claiming, they are LBGTQ - Trans

So, in light of all these things - what should you, we be doing?

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

Introduction of Dr. Frank Turek

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

So when you are going through a storm, remember to:

1.)

KEEP AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE.

- a. Know that trouble enhances your capacity to enjoy God now and forever
 - i. Going through difficulty on the way to a goal enhances your enjoyment of the reward when you achieve it
 - ii. Example of maligned QB winning MVP in the Super Bowl
- b. But what if you don't see the ultimate victory or experience the reward now? Remember, that there is a massive ripple unseen effect:
 - i. Most of the time you can't see the ripple effect because we can't see the future. Only God can.
 - ii. Sometimes you CAN see it, but only later:

1. Joseph in the OT: Genesis 50:20 ***“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”***
2. A boy (Jack) goes to church not to meet God, but to meet girls (like Lisa) ... ripples... CCCH!
3. Michigan State atheist: “Why doesn’t God stop all the evil in the world!” A rape created many ripples that ultimately led to thousands of disciples.
4. The greatest evil in history with the greatest ripple in history? The crucifixion of Jesus.
5. *“If God would concede me His power for 24 hours, you would see how many changes I would make in the world. But if He gave me His wisdom too, I would leave things as they are.”* Jacques Marie Louis Monsabré
6. We should do what’s right and leave the results to God.

2.)

KNOW WHERE YOUR TRUE IDENTITY COMES FROM.

- a. You were put on this earth to know God through Christ, and to make Him known.
 - i. Jesus praying for us as recorded in John 17:3. ***“Now this is eternal life that they may know you and Jesus Christ whom you’ve sent.”***
 - ii. Notice eternal life is more a quality than a quantity.
 - iii. You are not just to know THAT Jesus is your Savior but to trust IN Him. To know Him in a personal way.
- b. So how do you know Him? Romans 10:9 ***If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*** You then have a new identity and follow Him.
- c. Christianity is the only worldview where you don’t achieve your identity, you receive your identity.
 - i. If you have to achieve your identity, all the pressure and anxiety is on you.
 - ii. Kids (and many adults) are filled with anxiety because they have too many perceived choices and not enough direction.
 - iii. Ambiguity breeds anxiety. We must be clear with our kids about the right direction!

3.)

REALIZE THAT EVERYONE IS TRANSITIONING! THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHO ARE YOU TRANSITIONING INTO?

- d. As a Christian you have a secure identity. But you are in a life-long process of transitioning from your sin nature to Christ's nature.
 - i. Romans 8:28-29 *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...”* (BTW, predestined doesn't mean you don't have a choice... it means that for believers the outcome of becoming like Jesus is guaranteed, just to different degrees)
 - ii. You have a choice when going through pain and suffering: you can become better or bitter; you can be the victor or the victim. If you choose to follow Christ, you will become better. You will be a victor.

- e. But what do you say and do when your kid says, “I am trans”?
 - i. Don't freak out. Pray and remain calm. You have to be a source of strength. Understand that this is a social contagion, and it might be a cry for acceptance and attention.
 - ii. Say and show, “There is nothing you can do that will make me stop loving you.” (Rules without a relationship lead to rebellion.)
 - iii. The way forward is to approve your child but not the behavior. Love does not mean approval (every parent and child knows this but needs to be reminded of it!)
 - 1. If she thought she was a mermaid, would you take her off the coast and drop her in the ocean?
 - 2. If she thought she was overweight, but she was really anorexic, would you take her for liposuction?
 - 3. You don't treat mental delusions with surgery; you treat them with prayer, counseling, and questions.
 - iv. Ask questions, such as:
 - 1. What do you mean, you're “trans”?
 - 2. How did you come to that conclusion?
 - a. What happened that made you feel this way?
 - b. Do feelings always tell you the truth?
 - c. Do feelings ever change? (Yours have; think they may change again? Point out that it's totally normal to feel odd. In fact, puberty is one big transition!)
 - 3. Have you ever considered that about 80% of people your age who have these feelings grow out of them by age 18?

4. How much have you read about the long-term effects of doing this? ***SHOW QR code of the new book “Correct, Not Politically Correct about Same Sex Marriage and Transgenderism”***
 5. If Jesus, who sacrificed Himself for you, wanted you to live according to the biology He gave you, would you obey Him? (When God creates something good, we do evil when we destroy or mutilate that good creation.)
 6. Don’t follow your heart; guard your heart: “**Above all else, guard your heart because everything you do flows from it.**” (Proverbs 4:23)
- v. Get your child off social media. (Story of the older lady who works at Starbucks)
 - vi. Pray more, talk less.
 - vii. Pray that those who are misleading children will repent: Jesus said, “**If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in Me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.**” Matthew 18:6
 - viii. Be less concerned about who is offended by what you say, and more concerned about who remains misled when you say nothing.
 - ix. Keep an eternal perspective. **Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

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