

Theme for 2020

I AM WHAT ‘YOU’ SEE!

‘LORD, Open My Eyes, Help Me Believe, I Am What YOU See.’

“Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light... Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb. I thank you, High God—you’re breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you. The days of my life all prepared before I’d even lived one day. Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! God, I’ll never comprehend them! I couldn’t even begin to count them—any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you.”

Matthew 6:22 (MSG); Psalm 139:13-18 (MSG)



This Week’s Thought – July 5, 2020

Happy 4th of July Weekend!

“In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.” **Judges 21:25 (NIV)**

“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.” Spiritual and moral decline is the fruit of a nation or person who abandons absolutes. Once absolutes are dismissed, liberties are limited. A decline in spiritual fervor and moral purity always leads to the loss of freedom. For example, a home or car left unlocked in the past is locked today for fear of robbery. Indeed, small losses of freedom lead to larger losses of freedom. Without standards based on absolutes, absolutely anything can go.

Immoral and unspiritual individuals become deceptive and dishonest if allowed to do what is right in their own eyes. Without boundaries and absolutes, anything can go, and if anything can go, your freedom will deteriorate and eventually be destroyed.

The cultural battle that rages in our country is over the soul of our society. If absolutes win, then our children and grandchildren will see their cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness extended.

Therefore, will we bow to the false promise of freedom wrapped in the guise of no absolutes, or will we expose the lie and uphold God’s standards and His definition of absolutes? People flourish where freedom loudly rings!

Yes, we lead out of love and compassion; however, there are behavioral boundaries to be guarded with vigilance. When the sanctity of life and the sanctity of marriage are under attack, we cannot sit passively by and be silent. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have a mandate to defend these bedrocks of civilization.

Your freedom, our freedom will continue to deteriorate like the “frog in the kettle” that is unaware but slowly boiling to death. We should be the thermostats of society, not the barometers, and the influencers rather than the ones being influenced. Consider how you might get involved in the parent-teacher association at your child’s school or the local government. Volunteer in church or ministries that need your skill set, gifts, and passion. Model the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) as you influence the culture for Christ.

Public policy is a reflection of private morality and spirituality. So, by God’s grace, continue to raise the bar of expectations and absolutes so that everyone is doing what is right in the Lord’s eyes

“I am who You say I am! I am God’s workmanship, created in Christ unto good works. (Ephesians 2:10) I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9). I am greatly loved by God (Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12). I AM WHAT ‘YOU’SEE!’”

Application: Ask yourself, *‘How can I best model and live out His absolutes in my life and in the life of my family? How would Christ have me engage in our cultural battle?’* Pray and ask God to give you the moral courage to do what’s right, as He defines what’s right according to His Word.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, please give me the grace to walk in dignity before You. Give me the ability to cease from anything that can cause me to sin against You. Help me to use accurate judgment, and let Your Holy Spirit guide me into all righteousness so that I can be fit for Your Kingdom. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King