

TURMOIL AND WAR

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph. 6:12



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WHAT ARE WE TO MAKE OF THE TURMOIL IN THE WORLD?

Have you seen the news broadcasts lately? Reporters are jetting around the world to report (where possible) from the scene of the latest tragedy, catastrophe, flare-up of hostilities and scandal. The airwaves are flooded with images that shock the mind and sear our consciences leaving us dulled and de-sensitized to the plight of others.

What seems to be new ways to inflict greater harm on more people is not new. Mankind has been wreaking havoc across the ages. Even in Biblical times we can trace the patterns of following God and then falling away again and again.

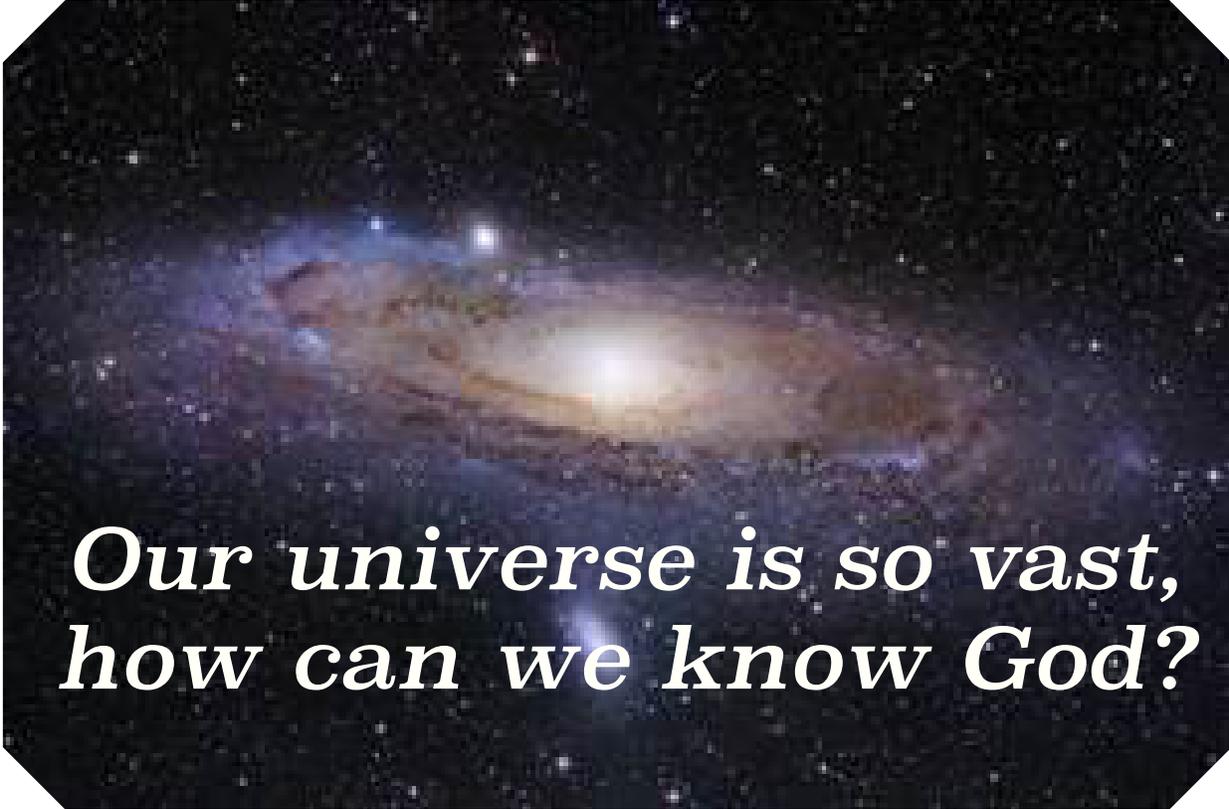
Just because some of the actions are geographically distant, we are not unaffected. The seeming sense of security some cling to is but a box to hide from the realities that surround us. *Ultimately, our struggles are not against flesh and blood.* The real battle is an intense spiritual war against all humanity. The enemy of our soul attacks so that we are kept from a living, loving relationship with our Creator.

Satan is the real enemy! His spiritual minions do his bidding to distract us and dissuade us from seeking God's Kingdom, purposes and promises. This battle will not be won with spears and swords. It cannot be won with guns and bombs. It is fought on our knees, intensely in our prayers. It is the war for souls lost in sin, but for whom God sent His Son to die to redeem us from sin.

I grew up in an era of great turmoil. The Viet Nam era saw radical change in our society: campuses were bombed, protesters fought the establishment for change, and through it all I was lost in spiritual darkness. Today, I am eternally thankful that one loving, prayerful layman cared enough for me, my soul and my eternity, that he prayed for my salvation daily for three years. He invited me to discover for myself the truth of God's love and how the enemy seeks to keep us all away from that love.

We urge you to pray for your friends who do not believe in Jesus yet. Pray for their salvation and willingness to consider the case for Christ. **To help you, we are enclosing a flyer to print on the next page to share so that others can discover the truth, too.** Before placing this in someone's hand, pray. Pray that they would honestly seek for truth that they might find shalom, peace with God.





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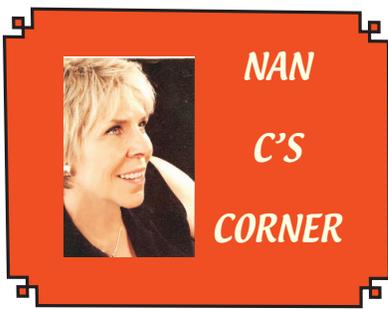


We invite you to consider the Creator of the Universe and
His longing to be in a living, personal relationship with you!

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“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18; “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father--the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father--he will testify about me.” John 15:26

Fill-Er-Up!!

I haven't heard that in a long time, except when I'm in New Jersey or Oregon, where an attendant must gas your car for you. I heard it all the time when I was growing up and gas was 25 cents a gallon. Those days are long past. That expression, however, fill-er-up, needs to be in our daily morning prayer. We need all the help we can get to face each day as a believer who is ready to give an answer to every man about our precious hope in Y'shua! “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” I Peter 3:15

As soldiers of the cross, we must always stand ready. As this weary world grows darker and the Day of the Lord approaches, we need to be vigilant always. We never know when the opportunity may allow us to share the Truth. Steve and I travel a lot. If you ever want to test your sanity and marriage go on lonnnng car trips with you beloved...whew! The truth is, we have a good time – we pray the minute we get into the car and often pray for family and friends and supporters as we drive. However, our key request is to daily be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and that the Lord give us opportunities to share.

As we returned home from a four-week trip to the North to visit with family and speak in meetings and conventions, we had some exciting encounters at the gas stations.

The first experience was in Hayti, Missouri. While Steve was fueling up, I purchased drinks for the

drive. A wonderful older gentleman came up to me and began to talk baseball. I explained that I have never enjoyed watching grass grow while men stood around on it, spitting and looking at home base. He laughed and said, “You surely aren't from Missouri are ya?” We both laughed and began a 15-minute conversation about the weather, his health and his retirement.

I needed to wind up the conversation so I introduced myself, to which he took my hand shook it and said, “My name is Richard Mays”

I said, “Mr. Mays, this is a long shot, but as much as you love baseball – could you possibly be related to Willie? Not missing a beat he said, “He was my cousin”

Then he continued, “I have had a good life and my wife and I raised 3 fine men and while I am honored to have been Willie's cousin, my greatest blessing has been my salvation. I stay here three to four hours daily and tell people who come in about Jesus!” I assured him that I know that when I die I will go to haven and I asked God to bless his outreach at the gas station. He gave me a wonderful hug and walked me out. Whew – what a blessing!! Here's a man unashamed to share the gift he was given so many years ago! Those conversations challenge me and encourage me to do the same.

The second encounter was at our very next stop. We were in Arkansas. Steve again was pumping the fuel and I told him I was going to the restroom (gave him a little hug and kiss before going in the store). When I exited the restroom, Steve was paying for tea at the counter, I slipped my arm in his and waited with him for the change and the attendant said to us “I wish I could be as happy and in love as you two are” Steve asked him if he was married and the young 20-ish man said, “Yes, but she doesn't love me.” I patted the guys hand and left. Steve then began a conver

sation of hope while I prayed in the car. He was able to give encouragement, advise and get the young man's e-mail address. We prayed together both for the man and for our testimony, which is always under scrutiny whether we know it or not.

The last visit we had was last Sunday after church. We stopped, Steve fueled and while the car was filling up, he commented to the owner next to us on the neat car he was driving. The middle-aged man walked over and they began talking. After the brief encounter we left. The man was a born-again neurologist, who just happened to work in the same group as my orthopedist. He told Steve that he loved Bible study and Steve was able to invite him to one that he is involved in. The doctor then said that he would put our precious Micha on his prayer list.

Divine Appointments!

A gas pump! Afraid to share? Hand the next guy or gal a track. You may be the answer they are seeking. Now more than ever we need to tell before it's eternally too late for others to hear... before we lose our freedom to do so!

This is from my heart, nancy

FOR YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

For Audrey Leseiko's husband, Michael, as he recovers from hip replacement surgery

For Brenda who is facing some severe family challenges in Michigan

For Micha Cohen as he battles Huntington's Disease

For Joe's father and mother that they would receive Jesus as their savior

For peace in Jerusalem and the world through the Prince of Peace, Jesus

For the families suffering loss in the many tragic shootings in our country

For the students at Concordia University Texas that they would increase in passion for reaching the lost

For Jackie who is battling a serious disease

For believers to stand firm in faith and lovingly share the Gospel

For our upcoming board meeting on October 30th as we consider moving forward with planting a new mission in Israel

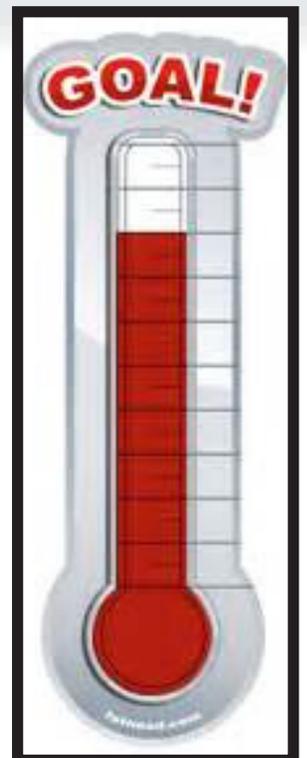
For wisdom and stamina in service to the Lord

THANK YOU!

A WORD ABOUT MISSION SUPPORT...

We are now in our 20th year, and each day we give thanks to God for the caring, praying and sharing individuals and congregations who underwrite the ministries of The Apple of His Eye.

We thought you would want to know that as we end the calendar year, we are nearing our Goal of \$260,000 - so prayerfully we seek your over-and-above support at this time. May God bless you richly as you have us!!!



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What hope is there for peace?

Does watching the
nightly news showing
all the turmoil in the
world bring you

ANGST?



How many times can we watch
24/7 coverage of mass shoot-
ings or tragedies or catastrophes
natural or manmade before we
become numb and insensitive to
the plight of others?

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Columbine

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Sandy Hook

Mother Emanuel



We have some good news that
probably will not be shown in
the major news media...

God invites us into a loving
relationship with Himself
through the promised Messiah
of Israel, Jesus.

He brings us peace as we
receive forgiveness from our
sin and new life now and for
eternity.



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

The BIBLE - Psalm 31:1-5

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

The BIBLE Romans 10:9-10

My child
**YOU WORRY
TOO MUCH.**
i've got this, remember?
Love, God

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