

The Beginning of the End- Hearing the Right Voice

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Transcript

The month of July is on the end times. I've been kind of, you know, not avoiding that topic, but just not really hitting it head-on and we're going to talk about the different questions out there the mark of the beast the Antichrist and you need to realize though that a lot of Christians are divided over these issues because there's not a lot of clarity. We don't know you know when things are going to happen how things are going to happen Did they already happen at the mark of the beast? Is it here the Antichrist? What I've been hearing about that.

What is that? Are we you know, pre pre tribulation Meaning you're out of here before it gets tough post tribulation meaning you're out of here after it gets tough mid tribulation Meaning you're going to go through some of the stuff. Is there even a tribulation Shane? What are you and you remember what I am? I'm pan trip. I'm gonna see how it all pans out And be ready be read that's the the urgency is to be ready for Christ's return to there's an urgency there's a there's an The imminency of Christ and he's coming back at any moment and that's how we're supposed to live so the message this morning is Talking about the end the end times the title is the end Hearing the right voice the beginning of the end hearing the right voice.

Amen Anyone tired of mixed mixed reviews out there and mixed opinions and not a lot of sources of truth but we're being you know told this and told that and even pastors many pastors are not kind of you know going the direction we thought they would be going many Christians are Are seemingly, you know thrown to the this side and others thrown to this side and we just Lord We need to hear from you now on this issue of truth I'm gonna tell you up front that we're starting to move some of our content to something called parlor p a r l e r parlor Calm it's a free speech Platform amen, so I don't get I don't get stuff from Facebook every week. That's not nice. You can't say that That's not the truth.

That's you know, Facebook and YouTube and Google you got to understand They're all corporately owned by people who do not like what I'm saying or what the majority of Americans are saying that Hold that for stand for truth and even with Google in their analytics and Analytics, but their algorithms, you know They will put top stories at the top and you can't find the truth way down here at the bottom somewhere and and that's what's Happening. So we're moving of our videos to God to calm God to calm and parlor calm Of course, we'll stay on the platforms We're on as long as we can but there has to be a backup plan as things begin to heat up We want to be prepared for that and last week I was in Ephesians verse there gird up with the truth Gird up your loins with the truth now What did he what was he talking about the the loins here the the stabilization and many of you in the fitness industry know? There's a big trend out there called core Stabilization training you stabilize the core you strengthen your lower back your abdominals your all the this is the core This is really what keeps everything together And so the truth your gird up the truth it was it would hold things together in place that and that's what we have to Look to in our society Gird up with the truth and truth is spoken. Yes, but truth is also an idea It's a reality as well.

And we have to look only to what God's Word says and I might have to do part two next week I Was going through these different things and I it was hard for me to get right to the point because I don't want to rush Through a topic like this because we are actually going to talk about traits characteristics of false prophets False teachers and we need to be very alert in these dire times that we live in So I might have to do part two next week. We also have special worship special worship next week Uh, so I want to encourage you to be here for that. Uh, you got to get here early though If not, there's overflow here and there's overflow in the side building and that's just the way it works.

So first come first serve um So let me get into the message And i'm going to talk about how many of you have seen that video that went viral this week on on the dream That that pastor from kentucky had okay. That's a lot of people. I better talk about it for just a minute Because it does fit here Uh, and a lot of people have been asking how it's relevant with this and i'm going to get to that in a minute But I believe that God prepares his people We don't have to leave live in confusion and wonder what what's going on and the world does But christians are actually supposed to discern the times to be equipped to understand what's going on Not not fully but to live with hope live with peace and use wisdom So how does God direct you? How does God prepare his people? He prepares us primarily Through his word.

So this is a call a reminder that you hear there go shane again on the word of god Yep, that's right And probably till the day I die because you know what i'll make you a deal I'll stop talking about it if you start living in it The word of god becomes becomes becomes everything to you and you get your your gauge of truth through the word of god And there's got to be a call back to god's word because that's how we're supposed to disseminate information If you're looking to cnn and fox news Woo, you're gonna be in trouble. What does god's word say about how we're supposed to live? Amen i'm gonna try just hold hold tight here. So we have to look to his word and we have to look to wisdom Wisdom, what is wise? I'm i'm i'm i'm shocked by how many people not using wisdom And here's what I think the trick is you can have

god's word as knowledge, but unless you apply it, it's not wisdom So so many people know god's word be doers of the word and not hearers only living in deception So we have to know god's word then we have to walk in god's word Which we talked about last week listen to last week's message on a gentle answer Turns away wrath on seasoning our words with grace on being quick to speak and slow to listen Anyone catch that you're not in the word Quick to listen slow to speak And that god can gauge us through these times of uncertainty and civil unrest and i've been running into people that Probably don't like me with all the civil unrest and i've been smiling.

Hey, man, how's it going? And you can diffuse that right away You can you can actually create an environment of friction, right? You got your nr nra bumper sticker You got your american flag 20 feet high and you got your shotgun on the back and you know You can you can fuel those flames Or you can help to quench those Those those flames of fire and just so you know, I love the flag I own a shotgun and uh, i'm not gonna tell you if I belong to the nra or not. So I I but we but that's The second service you guys let me get too carried away here But I do but I believe and actually we did a podcast yesterday. So that's why in my heart I believe I believe that the second amendment can be biblical.

I believe that the founding fathers Realizing that we broke away from tyranny and that the people representing themselves should be able to govern themselves and protect themselves So that was the whole point of the first amendment guns don't kill people people kill people and you know There's there's some solid biblical support on one hand. Jesus says don't take a sword. Don't take a money bag I'll provide for you But then he says when i'm leaving by the way grab a sword and take a money bag and you know It's okay to protect your family and I think defend yourself in some cases and there'll be a podcast We're going to release me and luke sit down and talk for about 20 30 minutes on this topic We also actually I guess i'll just promote that but we did a lot of them yesterday What to say to your child when they come out gay we talked about how to quench the fires of civil unrest and how do you know god's will and So we're going to be releasing all those podcasts on youtube and on on our platform.

So be encouraged look for those Um, so we look to his word. We look to wisdom and you have to become people of prayer Why is that because prayer is positioning? We want to hear from god, but we don't want to position ourselves God would you show me and open these doors? Yeah position yourself in prayer. So here's what happens in prayer I'm getting removing the news media.

I'm removing ungodly influence. I'm removing all and lord I just need you to speak to me. I need to hear from you in that time of silence and And and hearing from god he begins to direct you and and begins to put things Thoughts into your heart that are that are biblical and of god and it's just time away and alone seeking god That's without that.

He's not going to direct you very clearly and it was you would be amazed at how do you ever hear names like, um, george muller Who funded orphanages in the 1800s? Uh george whitfield john, wesley david brainard who used to minister to the native american indians, uh people like, uh, martin luther John calvin and I mean pretty much all of the great christian men and women amy carmichael on the mission field That used to come before us all spent significant times in prayer without that without a shadow of a doubt Actually martin luther who translated the bible into the german language think he might be a little busy there, right? And it didn't have youtube or didn't have internet where you could copy and paste it was candle and and parchment scrolls or the book and and taking the the latin vulgate and translating in the german and And and he was so busy he would still find three hours a day to pray And they asked him about he said i'm too busy not to pray See, we forget that prayer doesn't take your time It actually restores

your time because you begin to prioritize yourself and I just I just hear from so many people I know they're they're not not you guys. Okay, don't make me don't don't get me wrong here other people You know, oh shane, I understand but man I am so busy Listen if you're too busy to pray you're too busy But you're not too busy to have the internet on and and netflix for three hours a day Isn't it's actually prioritizing let's get convicting you want to get convicting let's get convicting it's about prioritizing our time a friend of mine Just asked me this week goes because i'm I just i'm releasing another book if my people and it's Saying chronicles and they're like, how do you have time to write a book? I just don't watch tv That's it Hey three hours a day Seven days a week. That's 20 hours a week.

That's a part-time job. You're giving to the media That's a 20 hours a week. So you take that time and you put it towards the things of god So it's not I have more time or you have it's prioritizing Because we all know that we'll find time for those things that are most important to us, correct? It's amazing how many people are so busy, but they'll find time to go to a laker game when they have them Or go to sports event or go drive down to the beach for the weekend We find time for those things are important So we have to get back to being a praying church because god positions our hearts through prayer We begin to hear his voice through prayer You don't know this but now you will but majority of my sermon notes come from times of prayer I'll sit there and I better have some post-it notes and i'll just start Just god's down and i'm just writing post-it notes post-it notes all over my my area I've got to take those and put them together and put them succinctly and make it flow and god begins to just Minister to my own heart during this times of prayer I've never prepared a sermon watching the media or with five kids in the car causing havoc It's it's those times of quietness before god and and obviously then obviously You'll relate to this number four is he he will guide he will prepare his people through preaching He guides people through the proclamation of his truth That's why all of us including myself are hungry for teachers.

I listen to alstair begg I listen to tony evans. I listen to all the people on our radio network. I I listen to them I need to be fed myself and we listen we get direction through the preaching of god's word So it's very important at this critical time in our nation's history is to hear the right voice to listen to the right spokesman So what about this video and the only reason i'm tying it in I normally wouldn't spend time on a sermon but so many people Are are have watched a million people I think in one week and went viral on This pastor in kentucky believe god gave him a dream on what is going to happen to the united states of america And a couple things i'm not going to spend a lot of time here But I want to say i'm not linking this in the category of a false prophet whatsoever.

I think he was sincere I think he did have that dream I do I do think how I see all those things though all of those things could Definitely happen without a shadow of a doubt. Absolutely. Of course, if anybody doesn't think that could happen They probably should take a look at the news headlines however That type of prophetic word has to come under the the submission of other prophetic voices In other words the spirit of the prophet the spirit of those speaking god's truth has to come under the accountability of others and so myself I looked at many other people their comments and I actually didn't share what he said on social media for this very reason I sent it to maybe a half three four dozen people just for feedback But there wasn't Anytime god speaks to his people.

There's also going to be hope So it's not just doom and gloom buy guns and ammo store for food. Goodbye, america It's usually a message of hope as well The prophet jeremiah would warn but then he would offer hope and we also see This kind of goes against what a lot of us are sensing a lot of us are sensing This civil unrest this spiritual upheaval, but I believe and i'm Praying and I believe god has raised up this church to participate in god bringing another awakening another spiritual revival Why why why

would he give me a give me such a hunger for america 20 years ago to start reading the founding fathers To start reading something called the declaration of independence, by the way, very good stuff You ask people they have no clue. Why do we celebrate fourth july? I'm, not sure I mean, there's just no there's no knowledge of what god has done and and he's given me this desire for revival from early on Once I experienced this this mighty powerful Anointing filling unction baptism, whatever you want to call it.

You better have it of this overwhelming power and presence of the holy spirit That's why when we sing that song I love that song spirit of the living god fall afresh on me and I would submit to you that many of you need that Many of you need that I do That's biblical That the teaching that you receive the holy spirit at conversion. That's it is is good Which is true, but paul says be being filled if you look at the the breakdown of the hebrew I'm, sorry the greek in the new testament and the the active tense of that verb It's a be being filled i'm being emptied through the things of the world I need to be filled spirit of the living god. Would you fall afresh on me? Come on, you know, you know when you got some holy spirit gas in your engine, you know when you don't You know when you're just flat and you're dead I know there have been times where I didn't get much sleep like last night And because people think it's fun to light firecrackers so four in the morning haven't discovered why that is so fun yet My dog hated it my kid, you know, so so so god I need you to move through me because i'm not feeling it But the spirit of the living god is not concerned with my feelings So spirit fall afresh on me fill me mightily with your spirit so I can discern your truth So I can preach with boldness if I walk up there in the power of shane eidelman.

This will accomplish nothing And we need that that so god's given me that passion for revival for awakening There's a stirring and as I read about awakenings, it would often be dark before the light would come You should you should read about colonial america before the first awakening drunkenness skyrocketing prostitution gambling lying, uh mischief murder Just it's in history read it And then god brought an awakening that shut down bars Hundreds of thousands converted churches popping up all over it was so It was so powerful a move of god that they would have to have What they would call methodist methodist circuit riders They would go on horseback from every town and preach the gospel churches would pop up bars are closed down It's amazing to see what god does so I believe there has to be hope in what a person is offering so The bottom line is I don't know and no and you don't either If what he said will come to pass Now if we see like he said russians And china military in our capital then we're in trouble america is no longer existing. I'll tell you that right now So I don't see that. I don't feel that I don't sense it doesn't mean he's a false prophet I believe he saw that and he felt that and and uh, we just gotta be careful on our dreams sometimes because I don't believe It's pretty hard to have an in an errant inerrant 100 accurate dream Right because we like to add a little hamburger helper Well, this is what I think and that's what I think.

So i'm not dismissing. I'm not mocking. I think his heart is sincere I think I think we should pray about what that means to us.

What does it look like? I think we should be prepared. Uh, if you're not prepared financially, I would encourage you to be prepared financially What does that look like talk to god that means don't overspend get things in order have some cash on hand There's nothing wrong with those things It's good to be prepared. Uh, god would spoke through, uh, you know the list he spoke to pharaoh about an upcoming famine and used joseph joseph had a dream right to avoid Persecution took mary and jesus away out of egypt.

I called my son. He came back from Egypt into the area of Israel and Daniel had a dream Paul had a dream a man said would you come to Macedonia and and so God can use these things I've had some I might share at some point if I ever do a sermon on a dream Uh that that is uh, very interesting. I think God will use it sometimes as confirmation will he not So anyway, okay.

I know you want to know about one I'll tell you one But I've already told you this on a Wednesday night. It was a while back It was it was it was the most exhausting conversation I've ever had with a Jehovah witness who knows his stuff those kind of That's tough because no matter what you say doesn't matter, right? And so he was coming back again with a friend and here we go I'm preparing and then that night I had a dream of a black leopard black jaguar And I would shine the light in its face It would just come around to come and get me kind of I'd shine the light Its face it would come around. It was just very perplexing so vivid I wake up and then wouldn't you know it God brought that right to my mind as I'm getting frustrated He's dressed in full black I'm bringing the light of the gospel and it's slipping around and that was the oh Now you could just say that was just a coincidence.

Well, I'm glad it was a coincidence because it sure helped me It oh, that's right Lord. And so I was able to diffuse my frustration And just keep back on the point of and you know And you know you're in trouble when you say hey Do you guys mind if I open in prayer as long as you don't pray in Jesus's name? That's a cult if I've ever seen one that there's a group that does not know God And they need to know God through love and grace and you got to know your your Bible because they'll bring all kinds of Tricky little things in there the wiles of the devil They'll bring um A brainwashing in is what it really is. The brain has been so uh, so formed in this way of thought It's hard to break out.

So I hope that helps I don't know if we will release the first service or not, but in the first I talked more about uh the dream uh and and What I view on this and I don't want I just feel maybe God doesn't want me to spend too much time on that with the second service Uh, we've been having a lot of issues with this type of message Our internet actually went out during the first service So thousands and thousands of people didn't even see the first service and our Facebook thread's like You cut off it didn't so The enemy's working over time for sure now, is that just coincidence? Maybe I don't know All I know is that God has called me to give the message. I want to give you this morning I don't think I'll finish it all but we're going to talk about unmistakable traits of false Prophets unmistakable traits of false prophets. You need to be aware I need to be aware of false voices speaking into our life Now, let me give a big disclaimer here So many people put false prophet on somebody in some and some leaders that are not false prophets.

They just don't agree with them So that's not a false prophet is a very strong word A false prophet a false teacher in the Bible is someone who actually doesn't know God They are unconverted. They are apostate. So what they do is they tell you here is what God says when God doesn't say that A false proclaimer a prophet.

You don't have to get worried about that term A prophet is just someone who speaks forth God's word So they're saying that God said something when really he didn't so a lot of these points You might on one point you might say. Oh, I know that. Yep that fits that person No, they could just be weak in the faith.

They could be wishy-washy. They could be quenching and grieving the spirit So they might have some of these characteristics That doesn't make them a false prophet a false prophet will hit all of these characteristics And they will it will be blatant and and and Noticeable that they are not following the one true and living God, especially after you look at all these points And we'll finally we'll find these in Jeremiah

23 But i'm going to open with matthew 24 Matthew 24 11 and 12 then many false prophets many fault This is jesus many false prophets will rise up and deceive many people and because of lawlessness Because of lawlessness The love of many will grow cold sound like america today The love that because because lawlessness will increase lawlessness. What just turn on the news turn on facebook Lawlessness will increase the love of many will grow cold.

Are you not sensing a lack of love? I mean life doesn't matter anymore. Nothing matters It's just this lawlessness that is trampling upon the rights and freedoms of many people And there needs to be voices condemning it Now I should backtrack a little bit matthew 24 depending on what is your eschologic eschatology Eschatology I'm, trying to say the big word there, but it didn't fit I'll try i'll practice for next week, but eschatology is the study of end times Meaning you look at the at the end times what is going to happen in matthew 24 that whole chapter is a famous chapter Uh that people use to talk about the tribulation period and I don't discount that But what's interesting is matthew 24 If it is for us today It doesn't mean that it wasn't for the disciples in jesus's day because anytime jesus would talk to his contemporaries Do this be prepared be ready flee jerusalem Hope it doesn't happen on the sabbath that your flight is in the sabbath. He's talking to his contemporaries as well And so that's why this is interesting uh theologians like d.a Carson would say that if we apply this verse to us today Then that means it's the only time in all of the recorded gospels where jesus did an audience shift So instead of talking to his disciples, he's instead talking to us See why it gets confusing and why there's different views all millennial pre-millennial Post-millennial pre-trib post-trib mid-trib all of those terms come from this type of belief That did this already happen? Is it happening to us? What's going on? So i'm going to try to unpack that this month It's difficult because there are different opinions.

So i'm going to give you the different opinions on that But I believe this this is my my kind of theory on theology of the end times I believe god's word is living and active meaning and the bible says that it's it's applicable 2,000 years ago It's applicable now And I believe that god speaks to each generation through his word and some things can have dual meetings So when jesus spoke to his contemporaries and telling his disciples, which was true That the false prophets will come false teachers will rise up and that did happen in jesus's time after jesus left And that prepared them but that is also happening today. So we see this dual fulfillment of what is being happened or what is happening, but when we get into matthew 24 more on Show us the end of the times and jesus said well not one stone will be left upon another stone They will trample jerusalem and and you can see that that actually was fulfilled In ad 70 by titus the roman emperor that or the roman Soldier general that conquered jerusalem that actually did happen a lot of those things but a lot of those things are still Coming and fulfillment. So i'm going to try to unpack that i'm going to i'm going to really make you think about something interesting You can research this if you take the words, I believe it's caesar nero And you take the hebrew numeric value of caesar nero.

It actually is six six six So they believe that john was writing to warn the early church About this person in the conquering of jerusalem in ad 70 Now do I subscribe fully to that? I would say that's very interesting and The tribulation it looks like is coming. It looks like there could be a one world system around there Looks like the nation of israel was reborn in the 1940. So there's connecting a lot of dots here but that's why the church is divided on this issue because Scripture is not crystal clear.

It might get tough You might not be raptured out of here when it gets tough Uh, there there is a catching away that word rapture comes from uh I believe it's the latin vulgate where it talks about a catching away and And there will be that the catching way and and coming to christ or meeting christ in the air but I have a problem sometimes with that because They don't those who teach that do not believe that's christ's

second coming They believe that will happen, but then there's a second coming later and I don't see Okay, that's interesting and in the millennial reign if there is a millennial why is there sacrifices again and animals being slaughtered to jesus? So see that's why people My point my whole point was I guess I could have said this 10 minutes ago Hold your end times theology loosely in the palm of your hand For people to say this is how it's going to happen have been proven wrong time and time again over the last or hundreds of years So we have to look at scripture and we have to ponder but at the end of the day We have to say does it draw me closer to jesus? Am I prepared for his return and will I be able to go through? Tribulation and persecution jesus said be ready persecution is coming Tribulation is coming if the world hated me know that it's going to hate you So we should not be surprised by any of this. We should be ready for it. So here we go.

Jeremiah 23 We're looking at traits at false prophets and I can already tell you a half hour into this We're gonna have to repeat some of this next week So I feel like jeremiah, let me tell you about poor jeremiah known as a weeping prophet We think we got it hard this guy preached his heart out And did not see anyone really turn back to god that we know of Can you imagine that? Preaching your heart out calling people out on sin and at the end of the day, they wanted to kill him Get rid of the voice of jeremiah it parallels today get rid of the voice You must understand that the majority the what a lot of what i'm saying Is actually would be labeled hate speech A lot of what I say from the pulpit love speech is actually labeled as hate speech. Why get rid of? the voice That's calling us to conviction. There's no difference.

So here's jeremiah. He says my heart within me is broken My heart within me is broken Jeremiah because of the prophets because of the false prophets and all my bones shake I'm, like a drunken man and like a man who wine has overcome Why why is he like this because of the lord and because of his holy word? Let me sum it up to jeremiah is broken He says these pre these false prophets are leading the people astray and i'm like a drunken man I'm stumbling through life My eyes are like tears because I recognize the holiness of god I look to his word It says here because of the lord and because of his holiness because of his holy standard the closer you draw to god's holiness the more the more uh, uh, uh Sick you become of sin And you see oh god the weeping the shedding of innocent blood the mocking of your truth the removal of your word The slandering of jesus christ and oh I see your holiness and god it breaks my heart Can not anyone relate to that today? Or is that just me? I can relate to this like never before my heart the heart within me is broken jeremiah I said i'm crying tears of water and turning into rivers and he actually wanted to quit the ministry Oh, if you cannot relate to that, I don't know what to tell you If it wasn't for the fact that god has called me. You don't know how many times that thought entered my mind But you can't do it because his word is in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones I'm weary of holding it back So we want to quit in our humanity, but we want to go forward in the boldness of the spirit So jeremiah is saying saying I saw god I saw his holiness and i'm staggering for the sins of the people for the land Is full of adultery Is it not? You can't even watch wait what we're what you're watching right now on netflix.

They would have blushed 30 years ago They would have said how is this allowed in our home 30 years ago? So what used to alarm america now? I'm sorry what used to amaze america now comforts her What used to alarm us is no longer alarming we've been desensitized You don't think so the perversion that's coming in no longer they would have never allowed that 40 years ago Leave it to beaver I love lucy. Where are those shows? Where are those shows where the husband was the hero? Not the idiot The father led his family Don't that's i'm gonna take a rabbit trail. I need to get back on the road But don't you see christianity is being influenced by the wrong voices Sexual things we would never allow in our homes or our kids to watch and that's no big deal And so jeremiah says for because because of a curse the land

mourns Anytimes god god's people drift from him the land mourns there's a there's a curse on the land because of this debauchery and and going against god and The pleasant places of the wilderness have dried up.

Does that sound familiar? the pleasant places the the the rivers of water running through the the deserts there and the the growing trees and all this god dried up all those things and they become barren and dead and the The course of their life is evil and their might is not right In other words their strength their vigor of these false prophets. It's not right It's not pointed in the right direction and jeremiah says for both prophet god's spokesmen and god's priests Those who would intercede before the people are all profane. Yes in my house God says I have found their wickedness And he calls out those people So let's talk about characteristics of some false prophets verse one in chapter 23 God says woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture Woe to them says the lord Therefore thus says the lord god of israel against the shepherds who feed my people you have scattered My flock and driven them away And you have not attended to them Behold I will attend to you for the evil of your doing what do you do when god is against you? He says you have not attended to my people you false prophets you fall and by the way false prophets will never read jeremiah 23 They'd be like, what is this? I'm getting rid of this book Because it convicts their apostate heart So again, I want to remind you just because somebody struggles and the points we're going to cover It doesn't mean that they're necessarily An apostate false prophet.

It doesn't mean that it just means they could need a mighty filling of the soul the spirit So they become bold again So number one we can glean from this they scatter god's flock rather than unite them I'm talking about a real believers a false prophet will scatter real believers Actually, they'll go look for other churches. They're confused. They don't know what's they scatter They're not protectors of god's people.

They're mockers of god's people And I saw recently someone I would consider a false prophet actually Someone i've tried to reach out to before and he he posted on facebook Mocking a church that actually had a meeting a prayer meeting a revival type meeting and some people got sick with the virus there Because they weren't following, you know good. I don't know what happened there. Anyway, as a result he's mocking them on facebook He's mocking churches.

He wants they divide they divide real believers. They're mocking voices They're there to scatter god's people They do not unite us and many of these false prophets you'll see are also aligning with false movements bad movements So these movements out there that are against america And and what god is doing and you know what they are i'm not going to say names I know, you know, but they the false prophets will align with that and divide god's people one characteristic of a false prophet is always Scattering and not uniting the true body of christ And many people might say shane. Come on be nice.

Don't say things like that. Oh, no. No.

No, you lost that months ago So many voices pulling us down it's time to pull us back up It's time to avoid that be that voice crying in the wilderness echoing the opposite Hey if they come if they come out with misguided truth with wrong information, shouldn't we be the opposite voice the Opposing voice saying this is not right But so many people are afraid because what might they think if I call out a certain movement? What might people think if I say this about a certain thing? They'll think i'm a racist Well, what does god think they're not going to think you're a racist if you're not We have to we have to offer the opposing voice Anytime the enemy brings in air god often raises up a john the baptist to confront that voice that competing voice You show me where truth is supposed to be silent just one verse Actually, we are to be slow to

Speak quick to listen But when god begins to fill you with the boldness of the holy spirit, you can't you can't hold that down Have you ever tried to hold a basketball at the bottom of a pool? That's what it feels like That's what it feels like being filled with the boldness of the spirit you got to say something They scatter god's flock And the silent majority is no longer remaining silent we are going to speak out in love, of course And then number two, they are self-centered and self-focused A false prophet is self-centered and self-focused now. We have to be careful here because who doesn't struggle with that? But i'm glad scripture clarifies Because god said in his word You drive them away and you do not attend to them. What is he? What is he talking about? They're not really caring for the spiritual needs of people.

That's why people are dying spiritually in america This is amazing. You you know, I sometimes I don't know what to tell you what not to tell you But you need to know that god has raised up this church to be a voice nationally We're hearing from people all every state of the union all over For this very reason to hear To hear what what what is the opposing voice? We hear we hear all this fear. We fear all this hopelessness Where where where are where are the voices of truth? The number one email is is right now that we receive we've been for years is can I find can you recommend a good bible? Believing church in and you fill in the blank but now the the biggest question coming in right behind that is Uh is people being dissatisfied and hurt and confused on why their pastor is not speaking out Can you believe that all over all over the united states now, there's many good churches.

Don't get me wrong hundreds and hundreds if not thousands that are holding to the The the inerrancy of god's word, but so many people are left confused on this point because they're not being fed Spiritually on the things that really matter right now They're they're they're dying on the vine So to speak they're not growing spiritually in these times of turmoil is when we need to be voicing What the truth is and there comes there with that comes a cost There comes a tremendous cost to speak this kind of truth. It's it's it's travail of your own soul It there's there's a burden you wrestle with the burden of the lord others may you cannot I have to live a certain way Into which I just allow the holy spirit of god to work into my life There has to be you have to be prepared for attacks on a daily basis spiritually physically different mentally emotionally and god God begins to point us in the direction of truth There's a cost to that a cost that many people don't want to pay And I should clarify if I didn't cling to the cross daily and seek god I could drift just like anyone else That's why you don't ever elevate a man you elevate jesus christ because all of us all of us If I said, you know what for the next this month? I'm not going to spend time in god's word. I'm not going to pray I'm gonna check out what's on netflix I'm gonna watch the series breaking bad and i'm gonna i'm gonna be bad and i'm gonna you know Do all these things you think? You think i'm gonna be able to speak boldly into what's going on? Why because it's god's spirit that speaks and many pastors many leaders Need a mighty refreshment a filling of the spirit of god to get that boldness back And so false prophets are self-centered and self-focused they don't care about the true spiritual needs of the people It's often about building up their ministry and and and and and uh, just kind of protecting themselves You'll notice this too that anytime I often say this and I will continue to say it till the day I die Everything i'm saying this morning go check it against the word of god Go open up jeremiah 23 and see if you come away with that same thing false prophets will never tell you that They'll never say go check what they're saying to the word of god.

They actually Diminish the word of god They don't they don't hold it up and that's the real problem. It's not the inerrant inspired authoritative word of god It's something that was written a long time ago, and I think I know more That's what the false prophets say They will hide you away from god's truth. Won't they the whole truth? They might quote some nice scriptures that feel good But they'll hide you away from the truth

and that's what happened.

Uh with roman catholicism Many years ago. Have you heard people like have you heard the names john huss? william tindale They were burned at the stake some of those people Why? Because they dared to translate the bible into the common tongue of the people See the bible was in latin Nobody knew what it said So you could you could teach purgatory you could teach Hey, hey after service come put a hundred dollars in here and your relative will get out of purgatory quicker That's how they built st. Peter's cathedral That's wrong I don't care if roman catholics get mad at me for saying it that's wrong.

That's the truth That's the facts anytime an organization wants to hide you from god's word run run Same thing. They'll come to your door. Jehovah witness.

They'll have their version or mormons. Well, here's the book of mormon Let me see the bible. Well, the bible's okay, but here's our book.

See no, no, no the author Nothing is supplemental. The bible stands alone as the authoritative god of god's word So That's that could have been another point itself. I just thought of that They can they'll get you away from god's word they won't say compare what i'm saying to god's word, please do And then verse 14 they commit adultery these leaders commit sexual sin and they walk in lies They also strengthen the hands of evildoers.

Can you imagine that? God is rebuking these prophets gods. They would call themselves prophets and priests representing god They would actually strengthen the hands of evildoers Anytime a person is strengthening sin voices in our nation strengthening sin. They are on a very dangerous path And that's why i'm concerned with some of these pastors backing Ungodly movements in our nation.

They are strengthening the hand of sinners. They're not calling people to repentance and reconciliation They're fueling more anger So god said they strengthen the hands of evildoers so that no one turns back from his wickedness instead of preaching repentance They're preach they're preaching peace peace God loves you. Don't worry.

Don't change the way you live god. There'll be peace. It doesn't matter So number three they indulge false prophets indulge the flesh rather than fight it They will tell you things that will indulge your flesh it they will not call you to repentance.

They will encourage you in Encourage you to sin now, let me clarify that as well. We should encourage people Through their sin Right a person's caught in sin. We encourage them through it's not doom and gloom you sin or how could you get out of this church? What is that? That's not the heart of god That's something you thought was serious, right? But you encourage them through god will see you through take the struggle to christ repent of yours You see them through the false prophet encourages them in it to stay in it For example, if you if you watch the interview I did on fox news the hour-long one on youtube If the question was asked of the person I was debating would you if somebody came to you and they're struggling with same-sex attraction Would what would you tell them? He said I would encourage them to embrace it See you're encouraging them to embrace sin That's a that's a very dangerous road a true spokesman for god will tell people you need to repent There will be encouragers in one sense, but they will not encourage people in their sin And what you do, that's why I guess on this topic i'll touch base on it the big complaint right now against what things like what i'm saying is that People who struggle with homosexuality and lesbian and same-sex attraction shane They're committing suicide at an alarming rate

and you have to stop being more encouraging No, the reason they're committing suicide is because you're not offering them.

Hope Everyone and everyone in hollywood and even their church can come around and say it's okay It's not wrong embrace it and they're still the conviction of the holy spirit, which you can never ignore So I believe that you can offer them hope and say listen point them to the cross I point you to redemption hope in jesus christ. They say sometimes that shane i'm still struggling with it. Well, guess what? We're all struggling with something Right if you if you're not come talk if you're not struggling with any sin after church, I would love to meet you Tell me how you do that Right.

The alcoholic is one drink away The xanax user is struggling right now as i'm speaking opiates See god doesn't often doesn't always just deliver someone sometimes they've got to live the rest of their life Struggling with the very thing. They've been delivered from Sometimes god does deliver praise god. I've met people like shane Once I came to lord, I never had that desire ever again praise god, but some of us aren't that fortunate Some of us still struggle with the old man Because he wants to take us down again So if you tell someone that listen just because you struggle doesn't mean you you don't know jesus christ Actually, sometimes this greater the greater the commitment to jesus the greater the struggles The enemy in all hell will break loose to try to get you to go back and ruin your testimony You don't you don't you don't think that you don't think I think the devil's got a Target on my head and on my heart and he's just waiting for that old man to come out again That's how he works the wiles of the devil the lust of the eye the lust of the flesh and the pride of life He's waiting to use those things against us.

So I truly believe it's not hate speech It's love speech if I talk to someone who struggles with any type of sin you point them to the cross But false teachers will validate their sin and not point them to jesus christ because they themselves Have never been converted. That's where the word apostate comes from. They are apostate.

They are children of the devil They are not spokesmen for god. They are liars and deceivers and god calls them to repentance So a sure sign of a false prophet is they encourage people in their sin I don't know for sure i've never researched this but i'm i'm i'm willing to bet Many false prophets can get on oprah I don't think i'll have a shot Or most people right or most people that speak Why what's the number one tell us what we want to hear? They will have people on like I would consider if you want names rob bell, I would consider a false prophet mocking the virginity Of jesus of mary and the inerrancy of scripture and embracing game and all these things If you if you go public people say shame Why do you do that? Because if they go public saying things things I have a biblical mandate to go public as well and counteract what they're saying I didn't open up the can of worms. You opened up the can of worms with your false statement.

So stop blaming me for saying things Because you opened up those can of worms you came out and said those things And see they'll go on these shows. Tell us what you want to hear Tell tell what is that? Oh god doesn't care about sin It's okay God loves us. God is love gopher.

God is he is love, but he's also holy There's not that god doesn't have one attribute above all the as a matter of fact, I mean if you've been coming here a while You know i've talked about this before the attribute if you study from genesis to revelation the attribute of god above all other attributes Are you ready for this one? It is holiness the holiness of god the angels cry. Holy holy holiness and the the holiness is without holiness You cannot see the lord come and worship the lord and the beauty of holiness and those

come out from among them And be holy be holy and set apart for god because true love is the embodiment of holiness as well And that's how we follow our lord and savior We don't we cannot elevate the love of god without elevating the holiness of god the righteousness of god the justice of god the judgment of god and the love of god Is it true that it's the love of god that compels us to share the truth of god? So it is out of a love if you think I you know, i'm glad I remember this again It's not my notes at all But so many people listening to this there are some watching this That are excited about my message They can't wait to send this message to family and friends Oh, this message is for you too, because you've got a hard arrogant pharisee heart We should not be excited about these things these things should break our heart like jesus he wept Over jerusalem, so I don't say these things I don't say these things with the spirit of arrogance and want to get them I say them with a broken heart and encouraging people turn back to your savior turn back to the lord You're denying get on the right road because the broad road to destruction is what you're on come back to christ Kneel your knee kneel your knee at the foot of jesus That's one thing you can kneel for right now in these dire times kneel. I kneel to jesus christ in him alone And you have to call them out and it's because of love and so many of you who are Pulpit pounders and loud get out of this building sinner.

You need to repent of your arrogance Arrogance is just as bad God says I hate a proud look I hate the stench of arrogance The arrogant I will humble and the humble I will exalt Humble yourself behind before the mighty hand of god in due time. I'll exalt you exalt yourself and I will abase you God hates god hates arrogance Why because humility is the aroma of the holy spirit Humility is walking and being conformed into the image of christ That's why leonard ravenhill used to famously famously say that you have to weep before you whip Jesus would weep over jerusalem before he made the the court and whipped There's a getting your heart right before god There's a there's a there's a waiting on the lord and then out of the the the abundance of your heart Your mouth is going to speak because you spent time with god And then fourth you could tie this in with the other one they encourage sin rather than repentance You will not hear them talk rarely rarely about repentance It's all They encourage the person in their sin and I talked about this before and I don't want to go into again But we do need encouragers You know, not everyone has a calling of john the baptist, uh, for example, you know, max lucado you read his books You know, some of you is good encouragers people like that great encouragers They're not they're not They don't do what I do and I don't do what they do. We need we need each other god raises up different voices different encouragers But these people do not encourage them in their sin.

They call them out of their sin They continually say to those who despise me. So look at this is god i'm going to end with this They continually and i'm only halfway done So next week they continually say to those who despise me the lord has said you shall have peace You shall have peace and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart They say no evil shall come upon you And that's why I just tied in they preach peace and not repentance. This is amazing.

These false prophets are doing this it's happening right now They continually tell those who despise me Don't worry about it. God's not judging you And those who walk according to the dictates of their own heart means they do whatever is right in their own eyes The prop prop the false prophets say don't worry. God doesn't care.

You're good with god, man That's what a false prophet will do that They will they will not call the nation to repentance the false prophets today You will never hear a false prophet calling our nation to repentance Pointing out sin and calling people back to god because they themselves need to repent And that's actually do you ever heard the term liberal theology? That's where it comes from all of this They are liberal

in their theology meaning god's word is not the inerrant inspired authoritative word of god They're liberal in their theology did did and it really is a seat of arrogance because they say did paul really say I I think I know more than paul We're more educated than paul poor paul He's kind of put the bible together and these early christians didn't know this and and jeremiah, you know He was over the top and jesus really, you know Jesus was just mild and meek and never really upset anybody just as this humble attitude and he he would probably protest like the Protesters are protesting. He would probably burn down things and you know, they just have this this arrogance about them countering what the bible really says That's a sign of a false prophet saying peace peace Peace So you will not hear them sounding the alarm today False prophets do not sound the alarm. They don't say peace peace I mean they say peace peace when there is no peace Let me just encourage you Before i'm going to get into the rest next week.

Nothing is hopeless when we turn to god. Amen Nothing is hopeless when you turn to god you do not allow you do not have to allow the false prophets To dictate or to control your choices and your decisions You can come out from among them be separate You can reject the voice of falsehood and embrace the voice of truth and it begins Maybe it begins with some of you in this room Some of you listening you've been listening to the wrong voices. You've been following the wrong movements You've been you've been growing, uh angry and irritable in your spirit and god says come back home Come to me bow your knee to me and let me rebuild your life.

Let me renew Your life. Let me restore you focus on hope again Isn't it amazing how when you get back to god's into god's words you get built up and encouraged again Reading the psalms and and you read that god is your refuge And that god is your strength and that god will see you through and and you look to the hills And where does your help come from your help comes from god almighty from look just look to the hills Where does my help come from it comes from god the maker of heaven and earth? What army is going to come against god what king is going to stop his plans? What nation is going to to to reverse what god has done? What movement in our nation can stand and shake their fists at god and get away with it? Oh, there's a day of reckoning There's a god of vengeance But the christian community has to turn to god in prayer and fasting again and uphold his word uphold his truth And get back to magnifying him and who he is We have to point people to the cross Point them to the cross So many people are being silent, but you got to point people to the cross I told my wife this week. I'm a spiritual sniper I'm going on facebook and social media and i'm just posting stuff posting stuff They say didn't you see their comments? I don't care what their comments is truth will not be questioned You can post the truth and say I laid it out This is what god's word says watch all those people They just want to debate all the time because they can't take the unfiltered pure word of god for what it is They have to try to deconstruct it and they want to comment comment comment comment I thus sometimes you just say thus saith the lord

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