

I. The Watchman's Mandate

They always ask me what my text is when they put my sermons out on disc or on the website, like John chapter 2, verses 1, 2, 3. They asked me this morning, and I simply told them, "Just put on 'Bob's New Year Message'," not New Year's Day, but "New Year Message," because that's certainly what it's going to be today. It just worked out this way, and I'm glad it did. Normally, I would have done this on the Sunday that Zach preached, but we had it worked out with our Bible conference, and I'm glad it worked out that way because it's better for me today to do this than it would have been last week.

The Bible says in the book of Isaiah that in the Old Testament, they had watchmen on the wall. Those watchmen looked for the enemies that were coming up against the nation of Israel. There's a great story on it, and we won't have time to get into it this morning. I'll give you the references here a little bit later, but it's a great picture and a great story of what, inspirationally, not only my job is as a pastor, but we are all to be watchmen. I gave you a couple of weeks ago how the third-day concept was built around two or three different systems: a day system, an hour system, and one of them was a watch system. There are four watches that span the church age from the time of Christ, we'll say 70 A.D., up to the Day of Jesus Christ and the Day of the Lord, the two days in the Bible that we are to be focused on.

The Bible says that if you see the enemy coming and you do not sound the alarm, then when the enemy attacks, when they overrun the walls and overrun the city, every person that gets killed, their blood is on your hands because you failed to be the watchman that God entrusted you to be. Certainly, as a pastor of a church, any pastor, I would think that you would see yourself, especially with your congregation, as a watchman.

I am sure, just as sure as I am standing here today, that back in the Old Testament, there were people who were annoyed by the watchman. If the enemy would have come at three o'clock in the morning, it would have annoyed them to be awoken so early. There were some who just simply probably did not care. But indifference on people's part in the Old Testament did not negate the job of the watchman. I come to you this morning, not only as your pastor and your friend, but as appointed by God as a watchman over this church and over the people who are in it.

II. History's Unlearned Lessons

If I have learned anything in my almost 50 years (April will be), it is a lesson I have never forgotten, thank God I learned it early: history will always repeat itself. It's a cute little saying, and we say it all the time, but it's so true. The only thing that men ever learn from history is that men never learn anything from history. Early on, if you would study the book of Ecclesiastes, you would see that in that great book that talks about "under the sun" here on earth, there is a cycle to history, and it tells you that there is no new thing under the sun.

I am going to talk to you today about, obviously, you have it figured out already, about some things that have transpired and some things that are happening within our country right now, and as a watchman under God's direction, I feel that it is my job and my duty to do that. But let me start by saying this, and I am going to sprinkle little "sprinklies" all the way through my sermon. First of all, I am not political. I am not a Democrat. I am not a Republican. I am not an independent. I am a Bible believer, and I do not have any political allegiance, and I will explain these things as we go through, but I need to make my opening statement: I am a Bible believer.

The thing that separates me from most of God's people today is the fact that they claim they believe the Bible, and they even have the right Bible, but when push comes to shove, they do not follow the Bible. That is the fundamental difference between me and them. I believe it is the Word of God from cover to cover, including the cover, and I believe that my job, your job as a Christian, is not only to have the right Bible, to believe the Bible, but, hello, use it in every aspect of your life. I do not think we have the right, and maybe you disagree with this, I do not think we have a right to pick and choose out of the Bible what part we are going to follow.

Now I say that, and by saying that, I will tell you, I do not like everything in it. There are things that I read in there that I just assumed He would have put your name in instead of mine, but He did not. But I also believe that God is sovereign, and I also believe that God has a plan, and I believe what the Bible says in Proverbs 21:1-9, that God is utterly in control. The Bible says, "The heart of the king," it did not say a good king, it did not say a bad king, it says, "the heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord." Now that is a great opener because you will find places in there where Nebuchadnezzar, who was probably the wickedest ruler of his day, if not throughout history, who hated God, God's people, destroyed God's city, and took God's people into captivity. You know what the Bible says about Nebuchadnezzar? God said, "Nebuchadnezzar, my servant."

We have some things that we need to understand today, and maybe up to this point it was, "Oh, okay, big deal," not anymore. We now, as a church, hopefully you as individuals, will understand the gravity of the church. Honestly, I know people will watch this on YouTube and all that stuff, and I just say that I know we have YouTube followers who are part of our church, and they are all around the country, all around the world, and I get that, and praise the Lord for you. I am glad we can be there for you, and I know we have our own people who cannot be here because they have legitimate circumstances that keep them, and rightly so, from being in church right now, and they follow us through, and I get that, and I appreciate that. But I want to say that this message is for nobody else but my people, and if you are listening to this, and you are not part of the church, and you do not like it, it is okay. I am not speaking to you. You can do whatever you want to do in life, as actually you can, but I am a watchman. You should be a watchman, if not only a watchman for your wives and your families, a watchman for each other.

III. America's Defining Moment

Several months ago, as I tried to help us see the real issues as we navigated our way through the COVID-19 pandemic that struck this country and the world, I know it was a very emotional time for people. Hey, I get that. Many people in our church got it. I got it. Barb got it. Everybody got it. The dog got it. The goldfish, they were not eating for three or four days, I guess they got it. I

preached you a message that went beyond us getting it, though I am not minimizing it. It is a terrible thing, and I wish nobody would get it. I told you that 2020 was going to be the beginning of a defining moment for Christianity. I know, I get it. Some of you think I am just a crazy old guy up here that just spouts things off, and I understand that. I am old, and I am crazy. Otherwise, I would not be a pastor here. But I am telling you, I am a watchman first. Just as back in Israel's time, people blew off the watchman, some of you will blow me off. Somebody would like to blow me up, but you are blowing me off.

Our country was hit last year, almost around this time, with a terrible pandemic. Throughout God's people, it induced fear and panic as it swept across this country. We were in lockdown even before, when they were only limiting you to 10 people. It was a terrible, hard time. I get it. It was not a terrible, hard time to go through; it was a terrible, hard time to adapt to. That is our problem. We have all had life too easy. We all are spoiled.

A guy was shot in Kansas City yesterday. They tried to evict him because he had not paid his rent, and I guess he resisted. I do not know the story. I am sorry he got shot. Immediately, there was a cry across the city that nobody should have to pay rent anymore. You know what really ticks me off? They did that after we paid our house off. We live in a society in America where we all think this country owes us something. That mindset has destroyed every fiber of our society, especially with our young people. They walk around with a chip on their shoulder like, "Mom and Dad are not going to tell me what to do." I saw a sign the other day that I was going to take a picture of, but I got caught up talking to my buddy and did not get it done. It said, "If you are 18 or 19 or 20, now is the time to move out from your parents, get a job, pay your own bills, buy your own car, pay your own insurance, get all of your own food, do it now while you know everything there is to know."

I told you back then that this was just the beginning of the end of life as we once knew it on planet earth. Again, I know how hollow that sounds, and I know to the ears of God's legacy and Christians, how you blow that off, not because maybe you do not believe it, but because you do not want to believe it. I know parents who have lost their kids because they could never determine that their kids had issues, when everybody around knew that they did. But, "Oh no," the parents could not see it, and that is the way it is. It is not the fact that you do not understand it or see it; it is the fact that you do not want to see it.

I told you then that 2020, learning the lessons of history. I am a student of the Bible for almost 50 years now. I am a student of the Bible, but that only pushed me to become a student of history because I realized very quickly that you could not separate history from the Bible. So what I saw early on is that if I am going to put my own life together and understand the life around me, then I have to look at history and learn the lessons of history. I told you then that 2020 would go down in history like 606 B.C. Do you know what happened in 606 B.C.? The world changed. Do not get caught up in the minutia of the details. The world changed. Do you know what happened in 70 A.D.? The world changed. Do you know what happened in 325 A.D. under Constantine? The world changed. Do you know what happened in 1948, just some 70-some years ago? The world changed. Those four dates changed the course of human history right under our nose. It is not about what you think or what I think or what the Republicans or the Democrats or the scholars

think. It only matters what God thinks about those days. Like today, the world and God's people never saw it, never understood it. Now they will not be able to understand 2020 and 2021.

Just listen and hear me out today. You probably do not want to put notes in your notebook because when they come to your house and they see it in there, they will arrest you. Two weeks into 2021, America as we knew it has died. I would say, if you want a popular analogy, in 2020, the United States of America was certainly on life support. But today I want to report to you the sad news that in 2021, she has passed away.

IV. The Agenda Unfolding

First off, I do not know if you have figured this out yet or not, but this tremendous pandemic of COVID-19 is not going away. The best medical minds in all of the world cannot get around it. We thought we had it. Now it is mutating. Now it has turned into your mother-in-law. It is mutated. It is as all diseases do. It will keep surging, surfacing itself. You get so many empty promises that you hang your hand on instead of hanging your hat on the eternal promises in Europe. Whole countries are now going down on lockdown. England. Jim Derschevich was supposed to spend a whole month of January in London. Thank God. I prayed, Jim, that you would not have to go, but I am telling you, he did not have to go. The whole country is locked down. It just keeps reinventing itself and surging. Right now, they all told us it would be over after the winter because the summer would kill it. But what the summer did kill is another 200,000 people.

We were told the vaccine, Operation Warp Speed, praise the Lord. Two or three medical companies got vaccine now available. I told you back then, I do not care if they got the miracle cure. The problem is not that. The problem is, can you imagine? I do not know how you ship things. But I know that here it is, three weeks after Christmas, and I am still getting your Christmas cards. Thank you all for post-dating your checks. But I am telling you, I sent packages through FedEx and through UPS; I got it in two days. I paid for a package for two-day delivery through the U.S. Mail; it took 28 days. The U.S. Mail has become the U.S. Snail. I am not picking on the postal service. I am telling you this: if you think a country as dysfunctional as America is going to be able to get the vaccine out to 350 million people, you are already hearing reports, "Let us cut it in half so we can make it go farther." In some places, they found five, six, 800 inoculations that were lost because they were not taken care of. They are so far behind. America, we are the country that put a man on the moon. Yet we cannot get vaccine out to people. Makes you wonder if we ever got anybody on the moon. I told you a dysfunctional government such as ours would be the joke trying to put it out. If you look in a dictionary and look up the word "dysfunctional," there will be an American flag there.

Now, along with that, with the election and the Georgia runoff, it is clear that the final portion of America's death certificate has now been filled in. I do not know, and here again, I am not a politician, care nothing about it. I am certainly not a conspiracy theorist. We are facing a total and complete takeover of our country by the ultra-radical left-wing liberals that now will hold complete power in the country for the next four years. We elected a president, Joe Biden, who is probably the weakest guy on the planet. Now let me just say that, do not get mad at me if you

like him. I like him. I think he is a fun guy. He would be great to have for Thanksgiving dinner. He would have a joke a minute. I like him. I do not dislike him. I like most about him because he is an idiot just like I am. He says stupid stuff just like we all do. He was at a rally one time, and he is down there, and a guy sitting in the front row, and he says, "Oh, there is Joe down there. Hey, Joe, stand up and wave at everybody." "Oh, he cannot. Joe is in a wheelchair." That is funny. Not for Joe, but mistakes like that are human. I have no problem with that. He said some of the funniest stuff that is like me. I am preaching sometime, and I will say something that is just totally goofy. I like that. Goofy is good. Goofy starts with a G, as the gospel does.

But I am not under any impression that he has an agenda, and has for a long time, which actually started with Obama. He is a left-wing liberal who is going to take a country and turn it into a godless, pagan nation without any sense of right and wrong. You say, "Well, I like him, and I think he is a great man." Well, and I like him too, but I am against anybody who is for same-sex marriages. Maybe you are not. Maybe you can get past that. I am sorry, I cannot. I am against anybody who wants to take away the rights that you have and take away your First Amendment rights and take away your Second Amendment rights. Maybe you are okay with that. I am not going to say maybe you are okay with that. Hey, that is all right. We are buddies. Come on after church. I will get you a cheeseburger at McDonald's. But I am telling you, we are seeing Isaiah 5:20 in full force, and God's people are so ignorant of the Word of God.

Isaiah 5:20

> Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

America has no moral compass to guide us. Now we put in a House and a Senate who have complete control with some of the most liberal, socialist, radical men and women who you have ever seen, whose one goal is to dismantle this country and everything in it that we held as a value system. You know what? Nothing is going to stop them. Every value system that you and I had, everything that we looked at in America that we thought was what made this country great, we are moving to a socialistic government. We now have in place men and women who despise our form of democracy and government. They want to establish a socialistic, communistic government that the lessons of history are so clear. A complete and fundamental takeover and makeover of our country. As I said, it started with Obama.

Again, I am not political. I do not care. I am not up here preaching this stuff because I want to change anything. I honestly do not give a flip. I am not political. I certainly do not buy into all the conspiracy theories. Boy, I mean, they are everywhere. I get texts every day, and most of it is coming from God's people. Most of it is coming from pastors or guys that are on the whatever. It amazes me. Do you know why I do not buy into any conspiracy theories that come out there, other than the fact that I am a Bible believer? I want to apologize for using so much Bible today, but that is who I am. Do you know why I do not get caught up in conspiracies? Here it comes. I bet you do not even know the definitive verse on the Bible and conspiracies, do you? I bet you have no idea of the definitive verse where God tells you and me what conspiracies really are. Do you? That is the difference between me and you. You take the Bible until you do not want to

follow it for your own personal agenda. I do not think I have that luxury. I think I have a mandate from God to follow the book, even when I do not like it.

Their agenda, he has stated, and again, if you like him, I am fine. I like him. He has stated that in the first hundred days, the 20 or 25 things that he is going to push through, a progressive push. Now there is nothing that we are going to do to stop it. You may find some midline people, but I am telling you, you have no idea of the progressive movement and the push that is already going on as we speak. I am not a conspiracy theorist, but I can look at his website.

He wants to remove the protection of gun manufacturers. He is not going to come down and take your guns. No, he is going to remove the protection from the gun manufacturers. So if your boy gets shot with a guy who has got a Glock or a Beretta, now you can sue the gun company. That is what they want to do. I said that, but they are going to leave Captain Morgan in place. Schlitz Malt Liquor, Budweiser will survive. Even though there are more people killed with drunkenness and drunk driving, they are not going to allow you to sue them. There is an agenda here.

He wants to remove, change all the names of the military bases down south that were named after Confederate generals, bases that have stood for 80 years, Fort Bragg, Fort Campbell. You have already seen it in Kansas City that they wanted to change Jackson County. They wanted to tear down the statue with Jackson. They already changed the state flag. My God, they are already making football teams take the names of the Indians or whoever off their names. I think they all had to just put "football team" on it. Let us figure it out.

There is an agenda for your kids in school that they are going to rewrite history. This is why they are getting away with everything they can. Let me tell you something. Every communist and socialist from Adolf Hitler to Stalin to Lenin to every fascist leader there ever was did two things: they took the guns away first, and then they rewrote history and gave you a phony understanding of who you really are. They are going to destroy in our public school system the very roots that your kids need to know. But you know what? Learn the lessons of history. You know why you have a tough time finding good books on church history? Because the Roman Catholic Church way back in the 1200s and the 1300s rewrote church history and took the truth out and did the same thing back then that they are going to do to your kids now. Why do you not learn the lessons of history? Is your video games that important?

They are going to make speaking against sin, homosexuality, lesbianism, transgender, tolerant of lifestyles. They are going to push to make that a civil rights violation. They are going to make that a human rights issue because this group that you love so dearly believes that that is an absolute okay mindset and part of a life that God made a mistake in making you a guy when He should have made you a girl.

He is going to open the borders. It is already said he is going to tear down the wall. He is going to allow 10 million illegal people to overnight have access to everything that you have. The reason why they are going to do that is because there is payback. They know if they bring them all in and they let them vote that they will hold the White House forever because that is who will vote for them. It is an agenda. It is a plan. I do not care. The agenda is endless. You can already see it.

They are going to replace churches like this. Biden has not got into office yet. He still has nine days. The liberal CEOs of all the mega big tech companies, you know what they are doing? They are taking off all of the servers for any groups. It starts tonight at midnight. Any group on their servers. This is Amazon. This is all of the groups out there. Every one of the big Apple, Google. They all give servers to these places like Parler and places that you can speak your mind and you can have an agenda and you can have dialogue and you can take a stand. We are all going off tonight at midnight. They are out of business. One guy said, "I have got 30 million followers." But after tonight, "we will have no contact with." They have not got into office yet. There is a spirit moving through this country with an agenda to make this country over.

You saw it, and maybe you were not paying attention. Most of you probably were not. Emanuel Cleaver, has to be related to Wally, Chaplain of the Senate, opened up in prayer. This is where it is going. He did not say, "Oh, to the omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent God." No, it was "the monolithic God." That is a nice liberal term for God. "Monolithic God." Really? And then when he closed his prayer, it was, "Amen. And a woman." Laugh it up. Yuck it up. Laugh it up, Bob. Laugh it up, all of you. Yuck, yuck, yuck, yuck, yuck. You will not be laughing when they come down through these doors right here because of what I am preaching this morning. You walk upstairs, and there are big buses that are putting you all in. Never pray again and say "Amen" without saying "A-woman." You know what the funny thing is? "Amen" in the Bible has nothing to do with men. "A-woman" has everything to do with a woman. But "Amen" has nothing to do with men. This is your church coming. This is your theology. As they shape everything for us, they are going to shape this church.

I have not even got into the worst one. The only thing that kept America from slipping under the waves of this life was her national policy toward God's people, the nation of Israel. Once this thing gets moving, Israel will be abandoned. Every one of them hate Israel. Every one of them want to see Israel taken over. Brother, when that happens, I will get to that in a minute. Obviously, if you want to put things together, the COVID-19 pandemic will be the tool that they need to get this thing moving. They are already telling us that it is so rampant over in Europe and here. They were discussing this the other day, not on a conspiracy theory, but on national television, that they are thinking about giving ID cards to people who have got the vaccination so you can prove that you will be vaccinated for overseas travel, and then, a slip of the tongue, "I can see that in the future for going to ball games where there are 30,000 people."

V. A Biblical Perspective

Now allow me to be clear. I say this again, probably say it several times, I am not political in any way, shape, or form. I am not in any way part of any conspiracy theory because I read the definitive verse in the Bible where God said about conspiracies. I am not a Republican. I am not a Democrat. I am not an independent. I do not align myself to any worldly political group. You see, I read in the book of Ecclesiastes where he laid out 34, 35 great government systems that man is going to come up with, and there are many devices in a man's heart to overthrow God's system. He tells me every one of them is vanity. No, I am not a Republican or a Democrat. I am

not political, nor am I in a conspiracy. I am much worse than that. I am a Bible believer. My position is a biblical one.

My Bible in Colossians 3:1 says I am to set my affections on things above, not on this earth. I know I read this someplace, maybe in Ephesians 2:19, I think. My citizenship is up in heaven. You see, I am not of this world anymore because I was taken out by a new birth, and then I was sent back, 2 Corinthians 5:20, with a new job, and that is to be an ambassador to a world that I am no longer part of. Was that complicated? Why do God's people have such a tough time getting caught up in the affairs of this world? So you will not catch me at a political rally. I am going to be busy doing God's work in God's house with God's book.

I do not like the word "stupid." My mom, she would call me stupid. She was right. I was stupid. But I cannot find a better word for Christians today because Christians are so stupid that they refuse to learn the lessons of history. Therefore, they are bound to repeat the mistakes of history. I cannot tell you the pastors in this country, friends of mine, guys that I was back in Canton with, one in particular is an evangelist. He is a great preacher. He is a great evangelist. He wrote some great books. He really knows his Bible. I am not talking about some fruitcake. This kid knows his Bible. But you see, when you are traveling around the old circuit and you do that for 20, 30 years, and you run out of steam, you have to find a new edge. All of these guys, all of them, are pushing the Republican political agenda to bring this country back to some kind of decency. So many of God's stupid people think that is so wonderful. Yet, lessons from history. In 1972, Dr. Jerry Falwell did the exact same thing with the Moral Majority. The Moral Majority was a movement of Baptist churches that was going to bring a moral majority back to this country. He was castigated and crucified by the same guys that are doing it today. You do not even know that. When the Bible says in Ecclesiastes, "There is nothing new under the sun," that is not you.

Again, let me be clear. I care nothing about the events surrounding us. You may align yourself with them, but I am going to tell you something. When I got saved, I got separated from them. I do not care. It is none of my business. Honestly, I do not blame anything or hold any anger toward the Democrats or the Republicans or Biden or Pelosi or Emanuel Cleaver or whoever. I do not have any ill feelings toward any of them. They have their world. I have mine. To me, they are just all equal, unsaved men with an unsaved agenda. I can deal with that. I understand that.

Two or three days ago, our Capitol got overrun. They say that it has not happened since 1814. That is not exactly true, but we will use that. In 1814, the British burned the Capitol. They are saying that, and it was a terrible thing. I watched it. I could not believe it. These people were absolutely crazy. There might have been 200,000 of them at least. They were crawling up the wall, and then they started breaking the windows, breaking down the doors. We have pictures of a guy sitting in Nancy Pelosi's office with his feet up on her desk. Somebody says, "That is terrible." No, put him in charge. We have a guy with horns, face all painted up. He probably just came from a football game. Sitting in the speaker's chair up there wearing a trunk blanket. I could not believe it.

The moment that happened, listen, please listen to me. As Julius Caesar said, "Men and women, lend me your ears. I will give them back to you after the service." Then the blame game started,

did it not? Tomorrow, they are going to start articles of impeachment on Donald Trump because he incited through his speech down there a riot, an insurrection that they want to say, sedition. All those nice words are being used. Trump is, the Democrats and the liberals are just going to kill him. Now, on the other side of that, the Republicans are saying, "Well, you know what? You guys did not care." For 93 days up in one of those Washington states, they took over a whole city and burned down police stations, burned down federal governments, and you just stood by and gave them hot dogs and donuts and coffee. For 90-plus days, they decimated and took over 10 city blocks, put businesses out of business, and not one Democrat ever lifted their voice. That is the other side. Now, the Black Lives Matter crowd gets you into it. This had not been over four hours than the Black Lives Matter crowd was saying, "This is proof of racism. This is proof of racism because no white folks got shot. If that would have been a black crowd, they would have killed every one of them." How do you win? You do not win. It is not about any of this. It comes down to a fundamental issue, folks, that we had better grasp. This country is so divided that we will never get back together again. It just simply will not. It will not come back together. I do not care who you put in office. We are in an endless whirlpool of issues that just continue to pull us under, and nobody is going to fix it.

In 1950, again, lessons of history. In 1950, the White House was switched to the Blair House because they were doing some repairs, but it was the White House at that point in time. Harry Truman was president. Two men, so this 1814 deal was not exactly correct, but it is okay. It is good press. In 1950, two anarchists broke down the door of the White House at that point in time to assassinate Harry Truman. It said it was only two of them, but they broke down the door. I had the guy's name that was a Secret Service agent, but I have lost it in time, but that is your report. The person that he introduced them to is only important. It was a guy by the name of Mr. Thompson. A Thompson .45 caliber machine gun. They never got past the door before they got cut in half. Things change. Back then they shot looters. Today we make sure they got their green stamps as they go out the door.

I am a Bible believer, and I have somewhat of an understanding in all this. I know, I know, I know, I know. Everybody out there, "Well, I am a Bible believer too." Again, just to be clear, the difference between me and you, not you, me and you, me and you. So I believe what it says all the way across the board. You do not. You take what works for you, and what you do not want to do, then you do not use. I did not get caught up in all of this because I do not want to miss the real issue. I cannot speak for you, but as a watchman of this church, as the pastor of this church, my focus is not on the political shenanigans of America. My focus for your sake has to be on the two days that are on God's calendar that He is focused on: for you and me, the Day of Jesus Christ; for Israel, the Day of the Lord. I do not want, as 1 Thessalonians 5 says, I do not want for me, most certainly for you, I do not want that day to overtake us.

Again, you would have to be pretty spiritually boring dead not to say that what you have seen and are seeing and what is coming our way has nothing to do with Joe Biden. It has nothing to do with Donald Trump. It has nothing to do with Fancy Nancy. It has nothing to do with Schumer, Republicans, or the Democrats. What God's brain-dead people cannot see and get is that everything we are experiencing is nothing more than the hand of God's judgment on a nation for

what God's people have done with the Word of God. Hey, we want to blame the Republicans and Trump and the liberals for America's mess. I will tell you where the blame lies. It lies in the pulpits of churches where pastors quit preaching a book, quit preaching the truth, and fell into an agenda that took them outside the two days you and I ought to be looking for. Then we have the audacity, the hypocrisy, to blame them. Unsaved men do what unsaved men do. The problem is when God's people do what unsaved people do.

Come on, history. What does Daniel 2 tell us? Daniel 2 says that God sets up kings and takes kings down. The problem in America, we like to blame it on them because we do not want to be accountable to ourselves. But if I may speak personally, the problem is all of us. The salt has lost its savor, and the preserving fact of the Word of God no longer is in effect. Psalms 9:17 says that God judges nations just as surely as He does people.

Psalms 9:17

> The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

What you saw last week in the Capitol, my dear friend, as your watchman, is only the beginning. I am a student of history. I know that you cannot see the future without seeing the history because the book of Ecclesiastes tells me that history is a cycle, and there is nothing new under the sun. It says somebody will say, "Well, look what is new." And they say, "Been there a long time." We have been deceived. God's people have lost the lessons of history because they have given themselves over to fear and replaced the principles and the promises of the Word of God with the faulty promises of the world. We have allowed this worldly, godless system to stop Christianity in its tracks. Proof of that, when was the last time you won somebody to Christ? Proof of that, when was the last time you sat down with somebody and taught them the Bible? Proof of that is when was the last time you ever wept over somebody that was lost and dying to go to hell? But you sure cried when that bachelor guy gave that woman the rose. I think he should have stood her up, bent her over, and drop-kicked her through the goal post on the door. But that is just me.

I have told you before, and now you are seeing it unfold, the greatest single lesson that you could ever learn of history. I just do not know why God's people refuse it. I do not know why. Maybe it is you do not want the truth. Maybe you cannot handle the truth. "You want me on that wall. You need me on that wall."

Lesson number one, folks: No nation in the history of the world ever survived 200 years after they have rejected the Word of God.

Czechoslovakia did not. You say, "Where is Czech?" It does not exist anymore. But there was a time that it did. Back in the day, John Huss and the Hussites, that whole country had come to a conversion almost without exception to Jesus Christ. Where are they today? They are gone.

Germany. Martin Luther brought the greatest revival to Germany that any country had ever seen. It was less than 200 years later that that was all gone. Then they got another great prophet in 1933.

Africa. Africa is all Muslim now or communist now. But there was a time that it was Bible-believing.

England. They used to say that the sun never set on the English soil of that little country the size of maybe California. Now, nothing. The greatest nation that gave us the book that you have in your lap is gone spiritually and experiencing in an incredible way, as all Europe, as all the world is, God's judgment.

America, as we speak, is 130 years into her rejection of the Word of God. What you are seeing, please do not blame on the Democrats. Do not blame it on the Republicans. Do not blame it on the liberals. I want to tell you something, folks. There is an end to God's long-suffering. I want to tell you something. There is an end to God's patience. If you do not know that, then you better go back to Basic Bibles 101 because in the Old Testament in 606 B.C., His patience ran out. The long-suffering God ran out. In 70 A.D., it ran out again. You know, as well as I do, in every one of your lives and the people out there that think they know more about God and the Bible than anybody else, there is a point in your life when you reject God's church, God's Bible, and God's principles that you get to the point of no return where America is at. God has had enough. He has had enough of the sin. He has had enough of the ungodliness. He has had enough of God's people's indifference. He has had enough of God's people disrespecting pastors, disrespecting churches, disrespecting anybody who says this or that, or "You have got to do this," and you say, "I am not going to do it." That is the exact same problem that God says, "I have had it with this country." God has had enough. His hand is turned now against America as America has turned her hand against God.

Learn from history. Israel is in the sorry state that she is in over and over and over again. As far as the New Testament times and our modern times, it goes back, learn history. She looked at the Savior on the cross, and she says, "Let his blood be upon us and our people." She looked at that Savior on the cross when Pontius Pilate said, "Should I crucify your king?" And they said, "We have no king but Caesar." You are a watchman. I am a watchman. We are the watch of what happened. We are guilty of the blood of those whom we do not warn. You and I and God's people today have said the exact same thing, "Let his blood be upon us and our people." When you look at the book, you look at living it and believing it and everything that you do, we take the same thing. We have no king but Caesar.

I am amused at all. I call them the keyboard quarterbacks, keyboard commanders, people who sit at their computer and spew out stuff that they have no idea what they are talking about. The social media, YouTube and all that is just filled with it. I do not see social media, but I see them on YouTube all the time. I have learned, at every ball game, when you used to have 30,000, 40,000 people, at every ball game, you used to have hecklers in the crowd, probably a thousand of them. They are always yelling at the ump or yelling at the guy, "Did not make this play right," or "The coach should have done this," or "The coach should have done that." It is quite easy to sit in the stands and heckle. But when it is your turn up to bat, pal, let us see how you do. I go to the gym a couple times a week. They have donuts and coffee there. I do not ever say anything, but I listen. You have these guys in here. I do not even know why they come to the gym. They are all on weight loss programs. They have lost their weight loss program someplace along the

line. I listen to them, and either some ball club played pro or college the day before. They are sitting there getting dressed after they showered and everything, and they are just ripping the coach up, the quarterback up, this guy up, this guy. They are saying what they should have done here. I just stand there, and I am amazed. This guy has not seen his toes for 20 years, and he is an expert on what they ought to do. You have these guys on there. They have never pastored a church. They have never built a church. They have never built people, and most of them, when you look into their life, they have lost their families. Yet they just keep spewing out this stuff and have no understanding of what they are talking about. The only people stupider than them are the people that take them seriously. They set themselves up as the authority of what is going on. Learn the lessons of history. If I could implore you to do anything out of this thing before they come and lock you up, I would try to get you to become a student of history. Understand what we are facing right now.

Lesson number two in history: Just as Daniel, the Hebrew children, Ezekiel, and all the prophets of the exile were swept up in the judgment of God against the nation of Israel for their rebelliousness and for their wickedness and carried away to a nation of godliness and filth, Babylon. Keep in mind, they never saw their families again. The lifestyle that they had back in Israel was gone. They lost their jobs. Many of their husbands were killed. Many of the wives were killed. Many of them were taken captive and separated. Daniel, no mention of his family or the Hebrew children, Ezekiel. It is just they were separated totally and completely by a worldly system that I want you to know was not put in place by the worldly system, but put in place by the hand of God because God's people were rebellious to God's Word. You better learn the lessons of history.

So today we as God's people are being swept up into another captivity by Babylon. The Babylonian system, the modern-day one, is taking us as Christians in captivity of this system just like it did with Daniel and the Hebrew children. History will always repeat itself. There is a cycle to it. We want to sit around and blame it on everybody else out there, which is the way it goes today, instead of taking responsibility for ourselves. I think when I say this of Psalms 137:1-4, where one of the captives writes:

Psalms 137:1-4

- > *By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.*
- > *We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.*
- > *For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.*
- > *How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?*

There is going to come a time in your life, in my life, where we are going to sit down and we are going to weep the way it once was. The quicker you grasp this thing, brother, the better off you are going to be, because life on planet earth as you once knew it, just as they remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. This is where you get the name for the trees, weeping willows. They are down by the river, taken captive, and they are down there,

and they are hanging their harps, sitting there remembering, "I wonder where my father is, I wonder where my mom is, I wonder where my husband is, I wonder what happened to my kids." Verse 3, "For there they that carried us away captive, required of us a song." Is that not what the world does? The world takes it all from you and then makes fun of you. I can just see them, their harps are hanging on the willow trees, they are crying, they are weeping, they are thinking about that, and the captives come up and say, "Hey, sing me that song, you got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in your heart." "For they that carried us away captive, required of us a song, and they that wasted us." I really like that. You know why he put that word "wasted"? He could have put anything in there he wanted, "took us captive, beat us up, put us in jail." Why did he use the word "wasted"? You better learn this. Babylon wasted them because we wasted God. You wasted the time He gave you, you wasted the Bible He gave you, you wasted the ministry He gave you, you wasted the church He gave you, you wasted the time. "That wasted us, required of us, mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion." Here it comes. Verse 4, "How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?" You will not. Brother, God's people, right now as we speak, are entering into the strange land, and I am afraid that God's people are going to fold up and fall because they have wasted everything that God has given you.

We are up against God's judgment coming for two days, the Day of Christ and the Day of the Lord. It has nothing to do with the Democrats, the Republicans, Trump, Biden. God's day is coming. As Israel, the last grain of sand is falling through God's hourglass before those days come. You know what? God sent the nation of Israel long before the captivity came, prophets to tell them what was going to befall them if they did not do what was right. Just like me, many other pastors standing up in a church preaching to those people as a watchman, what is coming and what we better do, we do not listen any better than Israel did. Voila, the captivity. God's people have forgotten that the fear of this day has blinded you to the two days that we should be looking at. It is just that simple.

What a privilege and an honor to be in this time period as a child of God. What a blessing this time should be for us. The Bible says in Philippians 4:6 that we as God's people are to give thanks in all things. How is that working for you today? You see, this is the difference between me and many of God's people. I relish the chance to stand beside the Waldensians, the Huguenots, the Albigensians, the Cathari, the Anabaptists in the Day of Jesus Christ. I welcome the opportunity to pay my dues, as insignificant as that will be to what they paid, that I do not have to stand there next to them with my tail between my legs. Ezekiel, Daniel, the Hebrew children. We have an opportunity to take our stand against our modern-day Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon. Let me give you the verse. This is what your verse is today.

Daniel 1:8

> But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

God's people ought to be ashamed of themselves. After all God has done for us, after His suffering on the cross, we want an easy way out. We do not want to be involved in ministry or do

this or do that because of the fact we might get it. We might get sick, and God, I hope nobody gets sick, but you know what? The heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord. I have seen this coming for a long time. I have actually spent the last 17 years building you, building this church to withstand what is coming. Now I am telling you, all this is just like the Old Testament prophets who told Israel of God's coming judgment, and it did not change a thing for them. You are too busy getting ready for your Biden and your Trump rally.

VI. The Church's Stand

Now know this, folks, I am not looking to build a church anymore. I do not think we will ever, ever, ever probably get back to what it once was. I am filling lifeboats. I am helping who I can. I am taking in who God sends me. I am trying to find a way to do the ministry through all of this because I never got a mandate and a call from God to stop. Maybe you did. I missed that call. Thank God. I am going to establish family, people's lives, relationships, and what is coming our way because I am telling you whether you know it or not, or whether you believe it or not, and I do not really care. There is coming a day that all we are going to have is each other. You have picked a very bad time to leave church. God's people have lost the sight of God's, this country, sinking right before their eyes. It is like we are on the Titanic, and it is sinking, and millions of people are going to die, and instead of sounding the alarm, we are all busy rearranging the deck chairs. Oblivious to God's hand of judgment on this sinful, godless nation, we are to be a watchman. It is Isaiah 21:11.

Isaiah 21:11

> The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

It is Ezekiel 33:6.

Ezekiel 33:6

> But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

Whether you like it or not, or you care about it or not, I am going to tell you right now, my responsibility is to be a watchman for this church. I have told you, the blood is on you now.

I say this to say this, I took my stand when the COVID-19 came out that I would continue to do the ministry. We had to rearrange some things, we had to adjust some things, that is normal, but we did not stop. I did not let the elementary fall completely apart. We put the Timothy program together, we are about to get the other thing up and moving here, and hopefully we can work through it as we go through it. You see, my Bible says in Luke 19:13, "my mandate is to occupy till he comes." There is no discharge from this war I am in. We had some people leave, I totally get it, I am not mad at anybody, I understand, I have said it many, many times, but you are going to do what you have got to do. But I have got to tell you, it was an eye-opening experience. All the "hold the line," "back to back," "Oh Bob, I love you. I love this church. I love this ministry."

It was as empty as your chair is this morning. It meant nothing. Just words to you, talking points, key little things out of the sermon that you thought, it does not matter when push comes to shove. Where are you? It is just a fun idea. It worked for you right up to the point that it all hit the fan. I am totally okay with that. I really am. That is between you and the Day of Christ. But I am putting you on notice this morning. I am not stopping. I will not stop the preaching. I will not water it down. Two years ago they tried to put in play where every pastor in a state had to submit his sermon to somebody on the liberal side to have it approved before he could preach it. Now you laugh all you want. It is coming. I am not conforming. I will not be politically correct.

I told you before the coronavirus pandemic will look like a trip to the world's fair compared to what is coming. We would all agree that 2020 was a tough year. I would say you have not seen nothing yet. Last week you got a taste of civil unrest and anarchy that is all through this country. We have now raised four or five, at least, generations of young people that have no idea of authority, respect for authority, respect for anything. That is why in churches you can tell them to do this and do that. They will not do it. "Nobody is going to tell me what to do." Now we see the total error of a rally and storming the Capitol, which is only the beginning. Somebody said, and I do not know this, that they were going to other capitals across. I think Carolyn said that they were doing it up in Lincoln, Nebraska, and some other places. I guarantee you there are ridiculously goofy God's people that think that is the right thing to do. Hey, that is between you. It is not a criticism. I would never criticize your stupidity. You have no clue about history. You are being swept right into it, and into it you will go. Last week you got a taste of it.

Up to this point, the attack, excuse me, God's judgment has been a terrible disease. Again, we want to blame China. Actually, it may be it started in Wuhan, China. I do not know. Any place called Wuhan probably needs to have a disease associated with it. So you hear that kind of stuff from the news, new something, new media. So everybody blames China. Trump wants to bomb China. I am not saying you should not bomb China, just bomb China because you have nothing else to do this afternoon, but not because of the virus. If it came from China, probably did. Then God's judgment, He used China just like He used Nebuchadnezzar back in 606 and 587. He used Sennacherib to chastise His people. God's people are so inept when it comes to history, the Bible, the real issues, that you buy into everything that is said. You get into the conspiracies when you do not even know the definitive verse in the Bible on conspiracies. You look at the coronavirus and you say, "Oh God, God would not go. No, it cannot be. It has to be those mean Chinese, those slant-eyed guys. They have to be those guys. They destroyed Pearl Harbor." It was not the Chinese. It was Japanese. I do not want to go on your date. But they are just terrible, terrible people. It had nothing to do with the Chinese. Directly. Maybe indirectly, not directly.

How do you know that? Well, again, I apologize. I know this is way too much Bible for you. 88 times. Of course, you know this. You know this because you are a smart guy. You know this, you keyboard commando. You know this. 88 times in that Bible, God judged people or nations with diseases. There are only 66 books in the Bible. 88 times. Of course, you know that. You know that is what God does. Learn from history. 88 times. 2 Chronicles 16, Ezekiel 34, Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, 2 Kings 20, Jeremiah 8, John 5, Job 2, Isaiah 18, Psalm 38, Isaiah 11, Jeremiah 30, Leviticus 26. On and on and on it goes. That is how it started. Now, it is going to be a

physical attack on me, on you, on everybody in America, your family, and everything that you ever held dear in this way of life. Here again, I hate to do this. This Bible, it is just get something else here. Can I preach out of a Life magazine or something?

The book of Judges. Five times in Judges. Five times in Judges alone. He used other nations to take His people into captivity. Forget 587. Forget 606. Forget 70 A.D. In Judges alone, five times because of the rebelliousness, stubbornness, and the rejection of God's people to that clear mandate in the Bible, they went into captivity.

VII. A Call to Courage and Commitment

So here is my advice. I have laid this out as honestly and as openly from a pure Bible, biblical, historical, everything lined up, defined in the Bible without one stick of political, anything connected with anything outside the Word of God. So here is my advice. Take this week and think about it. I tell you to pray about it, but that would be absolutely stupid because there is something you do not have to pray about. I would think about this week and decide, do you really want to be part of this church? Because I am not putting my tail between my legs and hiding under the bed. I am not going to stop preaching the clear mandate of the Word of God. I am not going to stop it. My mandate goes beyond your fear. I understand my ministry is different. I have no problem with people who do not want to be a part of what I am doing. Hey, I understand. I am looking for a certain kind of person, and your position ought to be in the rear with the gear. We have got to be online. We have got to be on the wall. We cannot stop. I am not going to go to my day, the Day of Jesus Christ, and stand next to a Waldensian or an Albigensian and look at him at the price that he paid, knowing that I hid in my home. That I was scared to death of getting something. So I just quit coming to church, quit doing this, quit doing that, quit ministry. Was not going to do anything.

I had a guy tell me, six, seven months ago, in the middle of summer. He said, "You know what? I would love to come to church. When I come home, my wife makes me take off my clothes in the garage. She will not let me come in the house. We have a shower there. She makes me shower and put on fresh clothes before I ever come in the house." Are you kidding me? But yet you are so stupid, you could go out and get your mail and get it off the envelope. Fear. I have never seen God's people as such cowards as the day and age that we are living in. I am not saying you do anything stupid. We wear masks. We are going to wear them or do not come to church. Just that simple. I do not like it. I do not want it either, but I do not have a choice. I am not going to get any more phone calls because you guys do not respect what I say as your pastor.

This is the worst time in the history of America to be outside of a Bible-believing church on your own, flapping in the wind. But it is the best time to be in one. There are thousands of people out there on our website. We are almost at a thousand people that are following us. I told you on New Year's Eve, almost 500 people. People want the Bible. Your Zoom deals. People are getting involved in that. You know, you are going to have people believe it is okay. I never focused on who left. I always focus on what I have. If next, and please, please, please do not come up to me and say, "Bob, I should rock," or this or that. I do not care. I mean, I love you for that. But you know what? Please. You know how many times I have heard that, and in the next week, they are

gone. Just show up next week. Show up with your rifle, your bayonet, and a clip load of ammunition, and we will get some things done. That is all I want. I do not want your loyalty to me. I want your loyalty to the Word of God. If your loyalty is the Word of God and a mandate of God given us, you and I will be just fine. We have got a job to do. We have got kids growing up, and it is only going to get worse, and we are going to get pressured, pressured, pressured, pressured, pressured. Somebody said it during the Revolutionary War, "We do not all hang together. We will definitely hang separately." But I get it. When you have got nothing invested in a church, it does not really matter if you come or you do not. But I am just telling you for your own good, you better make a choice because I am not stopping. It is not going to get any better. I just assume if you cannot handle it, I just assume you go to First Baptist or the Flubber or something like that and just kind of melt in.

I have already made my choice, and my family has already made our choice, and that is to find that we will stay, and we will give real meaning to "hold the line." We will give real meaning to "back to back," and we will give real meaning to "us." It is not going to be empty words. I got a ton of inquiries this week, "What direction are you going, Bob?" And, "What is your plan?" I will tell you, my plan is the same as it was when I started the church 17 years ago. Stay faithful to the book, stay faithful to the people God gave me, stay faithful to the truth, preach the truth, save as many as I can, and help train them up as many families and couples and singles that God gives me. Nothing has changed me. The problem is the world has changed you.

Now those that stay with me, remember, Ephesians 6:12. Here is our battle. It is not knocking down the Capitol. It is not rallying around the Capitol for Trump or Biden. Our warfare, Ephesians 6:12, is not against flesh and blood, not against brick buildings, not against colonial-style columns and stained-glass windows. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but our warfare will be the battle over the Bible, the minds, and the families. We will have to take our stand over the spiritual wickedness in high places. We are not up against the Democrats or the Republicans or Trump or Biden or the liberals. We are facing two coming days, the Day of Jesus Christ and the Day of the Lord, which you cannot see because you have been blinded by fear. Our battle against Ephesians 6:12 is not flesh and blood.

Ephesians 6:12

> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

So choose this day whom you will serve. For me, of all of this, it is just another level I have spent my whole life preparing for, knowing that someday it was going to come. I thank God before I get to go home to heaven, I got a chance to take my stand with the men and women of history of the church that paid the price that I may have what I have today and not go home to heaven so thankless, so fearful, so worthless, so scared, so pathetic. Men and women who saw the hour and they saw the need, and they answered that call against those two days. May God in these last moments, as the grains of sand go through the hourglass, may God give us the courage, the stamina, the strength to play the man.

The people that are generally home that need to stay home, need to stay home, you stay home and take care of yourself. Let us help you get on the lifeline, let us check on you, talk with you. Those lifelines are going way beyond what I designed for them to do, and that is exactly what I intended for them to do. They have become a personal outreach to so many people. You YouTube people, whom I love dearly, who are so supportive, that every week I just get 20 or 30 emails or texts from you. For you pastors that I work with on a regular basis, who are struggling through your churches, through all of this, and you have got some challenges. You stay with us, let us help you.

I end by telling you a story. Years ago, I had a missionary friend of mine that was a really good missionary at the time. He was in a country down in South America that was in the midst of a terrible civil war. He was down there with a couple other American missionaries who worked together and had built a really good church. When the civil war broke out, there were death squads everywhere, and they were killing everybody. They would kill people on the street, they would bust into homes, they would assassinate. Every morning when you drove to church, he would see dead bodies along the road where they were killed at night by the death squads. They had one place where they dumped all of the bodies; they were piled up like a little mountain. He never got involved; it was a communist movement against the government. He never got involved one way or the other. He followed the principles of the Bible, and he stayed neutral and just preached the Word of God. But he was under attack. He had death threats all the time. A couple of the other guys that were there with him, I cannot even describe how graphic the war was all around them. One missionary family that was with him was there, and they were in an apartment here with an apartment there, and they actually heard the death squads kick the door down, the people were screaming, and they machine-gunned everybody. They got a husband and wife with those little kids, eight or nine years old. People were being shot in people's yards, out in front of the houses, cars being bombed and exploded. The two missionaries that worked with him could not deal with it anymore. They came back to America until it all subsided. He stayed. He had, I do not know how many death threats on him, and the men of his church came to him and asked him if he would go back to the States because his life was in terrible jeopardy. You know what he said to them? He said, "You know what? After everything I preached to you, after everything I have told you, how God will protect you and sustain you and get you through, if I left now, all of that would be empty words." He stayed through the battle, through the death, through the death squads, and through everything that went on. When it all subsided, the other two missionaries came back. They lasted about another six months or a year. You know why? Nobody had any respect for them. You had a pastor who stood the test with his people and never put his tail between his legs and ran back to the safety of America. You had two, and they are not bad people. They just lacked the courage to trust and believe what the Bible said. And they went back.

I am nowhere a brave man. I am nowhere a courageous man. I am as frail and fragile and get as scared as anybody else on the planet. The steel in my backbone is not because I am a tough guy. The steel in my backbone is not because I am fearless and foolish. The steel in my backbone is that I have got a book that holds me up. When I fail and I get fearful and my knees begin to buckle, I just encourage myself in this book. It got the Waldensians through it. It got the

Albigensians through it. It got everybody through it down through history. It will get us through it. But you have to decide that for yourself. Take this week and decide what you are going to do. I love you one way or the other. I really will. I will not look down on you. I know courage is a premium. I understand that Christianity is in the shape that it is in. If I just have 20 or 30, 40 people, I will do what I have to do with that. We will get the job done. I am not building churches anymore. I am filling lifeboats. I want this church to be a lifeboat for you, for your family, and for everybody in this church that we can actually fulfill those words, "hold the line back to back," that we do on this darkness of this night because we have got the light of the day in this book. Thank you for your time today.

Let us pray. I know I am a little longer today, but I am sorry. There are some things that sometimes need to be said. I heard P.R. Lakean preach one time. He was preaching on the second coming of Christ. He opened in prayer before he got into the sermon. I have never forgotten this. He is praying and asking God's blessing. Then before he closed out, he said, "Lord, help me preach today like this may be the last message that I ever preach. Because, Lord, it may well be." He says, "And then, Lord, allow these people to listen today like it might be the last Bible message they ever heard, for it may well be." The urgency of our hour. The privilege for us as a church in these last days to hold the line.

Father, we thank you and praise you for the Lord Jesus. We do love you. We thank you for all that you do for us. We just thank you, Father, for what you have given us. I pray, Father, that it is not all in vain. I pray that the labor of years of training men and women and teaching the Bible will pay off when we need it to pay off. I know some will leave. Some will get attitudes. It is okay. It is all right. It does not matter. It does not matter. It does not matter. It never matters. It never matters who does not stay. It only matters who does stay. Help us to decide this week that this is where we are going to hang our hat, and together we are going to hold the line. Give us the vision, the camaraderie, the fellowship, and the courage to hold each other in our arms to do this good work. We will thank you and praise you in Jesus' name for the sake we ask it. Amen.