

The Revivalist

FINAL HOUR MINISTRIES

A GRAIN OF WHEAT

It is one of the most excruciating doctrines that Jesus of Nazareth taught. A doctrine that most celebrity charismatic ministries despise and strive to unravel. It is the doctrine that runs against the grain of our very nature; it is the doctrine of self-renunciation, self-denial. Jesus makes it quite clear that we must deny ourselves, and He doesn't leave it open to speculation.

John the Baptist understood it, as did Paul; this painful teaching that we should die to our desires and yield to the very desires of the Father. There is no way out. Unless the grain of wheat goes through that process of ceasing to be a mere grain of wheat, it abides alone. It has to die, cease to be in the form that it currently is, and

then it can undergo the miracle of transformation.



"... unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies..." John 12:24 NIV

While the birds of the field may enjoy an ordinary grain of wheat, it will not satisfy even a single bird, let alone will it make a loaf of bread. So we are aware of this demand of the Lord, yet it is the one thing we struggle so valiantly to

avoid. This "death" of self, and surrender to the identity of Christ. While you consider this, be aware of the fact that the world really isn't looking for you, or me. They don't need any more celebrities or politicians with global egos. The world is in desperate need of Christ, and the only thing that is of value is our ultimate surrender to the manifestation of His presence within us.

God is not going to get glory out of my life, or your life, as long as it is my life and your life! He will only be glorified when we deny and die to our own self, and allow Him to dwell alone in the core of our being, between the wings of the cherubim.

Tony Dingess

WHAT ABOUT THE PENGUIN?

Darlene doesn't like to write, but she preaches often (mostly to me), and the Christmas season is one of those times that she really gets stirred up. You see, she just can't understand what Pooh, Scooby, fat penguins, or fat guys with red suits on inflatable Harleys have to do with the Eternal Son of the Father laying aside His glory to enter the womb of

a poor virgin and to be born in a stable with a bunch of stinking livestock.

I try to enlighten her, and to convince her it would not be a good thing to shoot those giant inflatable icons of a generation that is perversely off track, but I must admit I may be wrong. Perhaps I should encourage her to wipe them all out? What

if we all shot the air out a few of them? Perhaps the world would know we actually believe Jesus is the reason for the season, and maybe even the Muslims would believe that we care about His name. Of course I am speaking rhetorically, or am I?

Tony Dingess

*"The Lord is near.
He comes softly
while the virgins
slumber*

Andrew Bonar

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WHAT NOW? LOOKING AT OPEN DOORS

A lot has transpired in the past month, and I want to simply take a moment to bring everyone up to date. We have started having services here in our home and today is the third Sunday that we have gathered, and the church is officially **The River's Edge Church**. We have had a couple of visitors, and at this time it looks as if we have around six adults who are committed to this work.

While the division that recently took place in our former church resulted in around 20-22 adults departing, we embrace the task of trying to encourage these to go forward, rather than backward.

It is a time of great apathy in America and we cannot afford to despair, to stagger at rejection, or take the path that seems so comfortable. While it is the path of least

resistance, it is also the path that leads to stagnation and unbelief, and for most it is the actual path of death. Often it is a slow, sublime death, nonetheless death!

We can only pray and encourage all of you! Those of you who left your former fellowship because of your convictions, we say "Glory be to God" who has given you wisdom to know the difference between right



WILL YOU CHOOSE TO ACTUALLY WALK IN THE SPIRIT, OR TAKE THE EASY PATH OF YOUR OWN INVENTION?

We are looking for those discontented souls that are disgusted with all that is called "Full Gospel" but is in reality "shallow, self-serving, circus religion."

and wrong. Glory be to God who is able to direct your paths and to fulfill His purposes within us all.

While we are not going to beg individuals to attend services with us (we have been meeting at 11:00 AM on Sundays), we do encourage all of you who are now outside the camp to pray and seek the direction of the Lord. What will He say? Rest assured He is not going to tell you to find someplace comfortable. He

isn't going to advise you to go backward, and He is not going to advise anyone to simply stop gathering. So the question is what now?

Well I must ask another question when I consider this question, and this is "what has God planted in your garden?" Everyone of you have something that God has put within you over the years, and for the most part it has probably been ignored, or in some cases, downright suppressed

by those who should have encouraged the growth of such. What is it that you think should be happening within the Body of Christ? Where do you think the Church is missing it? These are all questions that we think you should be asking, and we as leaders should be asking you.

Have your concerns been addressed by leadership, or your desire to serve in one capacity or another? Most likely the answer is no, and

tragically you are not alone. Churches all around the world exist where the pastors feed themselves without a real concern whether the flock of God gets a morsel or not. Countless pastors are concerned only with their egos and wallets, and the seeds God planted in your garden are left to dry in the fierce sun of leader's narcissism.

What we want to express is our concern for you, your God given dreams and desires, and we invite you to become a part of something that revolves around the people of God being filled with the Spirit and encouraged to lay hold of the very will of God for their lives. Our desire is to see every person that commits to this assembly being treated as an equal with something of value to con-

tribute to all. We are looking for those discontented souls that are disgusted with all that is called "Full Gospel" but is in reality "shallow, self-serving, circus religion." We are looking for those who are hungry for the very breath of God, poured out as revival on the land.

God give us children or we die!

Tony Dingess

YOU HAVE NOT STRENGTHENED THE WEAK OR HEALED THE SICK OR BOUND UP THE INJURED. YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT BACK THE STRAYS OR SEARCHED FOR THE LOST. YOU HAVE RULED THEM HARSHLY AND BRUTALLY.

EZEKIEL 34:4

COME LET US ADORE HIM



Darlene reminded me (as is so often necessary!) that I should write something about Christmas, and it is

something worth more than just a mere mention.

I want to encourage everyone that reads this to take time to meditate upon the mystery of the Incarnation during the days leading up to Christmas. Realize we are called to carry Jesus in our wombs, so to speak, and to do as Mary did in giving birth. He did not come to die by miscarriage, so let us realize our obligation to bring forth the One who is the Light of the World. He

chose to become impoverished so that we might be made wealthy, and this my friend is not according to the terms of the heretical prosperity gospel of some. He allowed Himself to be poured out, and so we ought to walk as He walked.

Let's take time to lay aside the insanity of commercialism and let our hearts be clothed in the swaddling clothes of humility and selflessness, and may it never be said again "There is no room for them in the inn."

CHOICES

Acts 20:7-12

They came together to worship and to break bread. Paul saw they were willing to hear and continued on in his teaching.

During this, Eutychus falls asleep and falls to his death.

Notice the word "falls". When we sleep we "fall". When we allow ourselves to go into a spiri-

tual sleep we are falling away and some fall into a spiritual death.

They fall away from the church. They fall away from God.

As sleepy Christians we have to AWAKEN. We have to open our eyes, shake off the lethargy. This is a choice YOU have to make.

Paul had compassion on Eutychus and "fell" upon him.

Threw himself on him. Laid

hold of him. His compassion turning to passion. Passion for one, just one that had fallen.

When does compassion turn to passion? When do we start throwing ourselves upon the "sleeping" and reviving them?

Marki

Tony Dingess

What you Want is irrelevant, what you've Chosen is at hand.

Spock (Star Trek)

NEXT WINDOW PLEASE?

I was at the bank the other day, standing there people watching. I love to watch people and how we interact with one another. Fortunately my husband is a people watcher too and this leads to fun and different opinions of what we both may have seen, yet perceived differently.

Anyway, inside the bank every teller window had the little sign up

that said "next window please". Not just one or two of the windows but EVERY one.

I noticed the drive thru was going in it's usual quick manner. That rhythm of drive up and drive off keeping pretty good time. But inside the bank there was no room for interruption from a customer.

How very thankful I am that when I go to the Father, he never treats

me as if anything else is more important than I am at that moment. If I only have the time to "drive thru", he accepts that. But when it's time for me to go and do "inside banking", with the transactions that take more time. I never find a sign in the window. Praise God.

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BELIEF IS TRUTH HELD IN THE MIND; FAITH IS A FIRE IN THE HEART.

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Awake...and God shall give you light!

Final Hour Ministries is a revival focused ministry praying for the return of the presence of God to the Church in holiness and awesome majesty. We believe that this last day shall be more astonishing than the day of the Book of Acts, and we believe in praying until we experience it!

Final Hour Ministries is comprised of Tony and Darlene Dingess, Dave Hicks and Marti Dolin.

Please keep us in your prayers as we respond in obedience to the Spirit of God's instruction to raise up a church that will be focused on the forgotten mandate "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

ARE YOU A GOD SEEKER ?

This newsletter was sent to you because we heard you were a God seeker.

If you want more-it will be coming; that you can be sure of.

If you don't, just let us know.

Above all, know that we love you.

Our Lord is coming!