

John 14 The Message Bible – “If you loved Me you would be glad that I’m on My way to the Father because the Father is the goal and purpose of My life.”

Romans 2 The Message Bible – “God is kind but he is not soft. In kindness He takes us firmly by the hand and leads us to a radical life change.”

Romans 15 The message Bible – “Those who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is convenient for us. Strength is for service, not for status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, “How can I help?”

That’s exactly what Jesus did. He didn’t make it easy for himself by avoiding peoples troubles, but waded right in and helped out. “I took on the troubles of the troubled,” is the way scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure that it was written for us. God wants the combination of His steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in scripture to come to characterize us, keeping us alert for whatever He will do next.”

I usually seek out news items that come from sources other than mainstream television or radio reports. As I was updating myself the other day, I drew back for a moment to really make myself aware of what I was reading. Events such as bombings, potential wars that more than likely will have some impact locally, cloning, retina scanning in schools, people killing their friends for no apparent reason or for some minor infraction of their space, and so on.

As little as two or three years ago, some of the items that are news today would bring such fear and disgust, that they would be unbearable. Now, they are so common that we have become desensitized to their horror. We accept them as part of daily living.

There is no question that our world is changing at a rapid rate. Truth is, that it will never be the same as it was, even as recently as ten years ago. Back then, there seemed to be familiar standards, and reasonable responses to most situations. Now, receiving the news, whether on TV, or other sources, is chilling because of illogical, almost inhuman actions, some almost unbelievably sadistic, presented as everyday occurrences.

Over the years, Godlessness has taken its toll in our land to the point that we’ve become a people that would be unrecognizable as human, in many instances, if someone would observe us with even mid twentieth – century eyes. We have changed drastically in our actions, responses to challenges and even how we resolve our conflicts. The single news category of children killing children, a horror that once was unthinkable, and almost unheard of, has become a frequent event in today’s society. It has become so commonplace that the rational mind has had to either not think about it, or place it somewhere with the unbelievable.

I am convinced that we, as the human race, are seeing the results of our sin in this land. I would almost go so far as to say that we have been turned over to our sin. If that is so, we haven’t seen anything compared to what is ahead.

For those of us who have been in training to represent Jesus, the only antidote for what is occurring, is to stop playing the “Christian” game, and accept the position intended for us while there is still time. Souls are in desperate need of a Savior. The world is screaming for answers. How we represent that “Answer” is up to us. Will we heed the wooing of the Lord and function as we were intended to function in the world we live in, prodding ourselves to truly hear our directives, or will we continue to play “ostrich” and openly display our self-serving disobedient heart to the hopeless world?

Needing to start implementing what I have been taught – Jim Corbett