Snow Hill Baptist Church

Upside Down World - No Regrets Family

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We live in an upside-down world, where what is wrong is now right, and what was once right is now wrong. Very similar to the times of the Judges described in the Old Testament "*Every man did that which was right in their own eyes.*"

For example, it is wrong to have a Black woman on a syrup bottle, but you can put a fake woman on a beer can. You can't let your son dress up like an Indian or play cowboy and Indian, but you can let a man dress up like a woman (drag queen) and read a book to children in our public libraries. We prohibit female collegiate and Olympic athletes to take drugs that increase physical ability and performance, but we allow a man to compete in woman's sports and win everything. We hear "my life, my choice, my rights" but, when I preach the word of God against sin and the protection of life in the womb and for the innocent unborn child, I am labeled as someone who hates or who does not care. Woke culture praises men who want to be women but disparages God-fearing women who love the Lord and respect their husbands.

Our nation is in a famine, not for lack of food, but a lack of the Word of God. We have no moral compass.

Jesus teaches us important lessons about life and children in Luke 15. In the story of the prodigal son, the youngest son said, "*father give me my inheritance.*" The youngest son is selfish, and he makes a foolish request. Though his son may have been entitled to this money it was not what he needed in his life at the time. Do not give your child what they want, give them what they need. There is a big difference between what we want and what we need. If I give my children everything they wanted they would be spoiled brats and unappreciative of hard work and sacrifice. Children need love, the Word of God, and discipline. Parents, we need to learn to say "no". But this father gave his son the money and the son left home.

The youngest son left his father to travel to a foreign country and spent all his money on a frivolous lifestyle. A great famine came, and the son was left destitute. Famine means a lack of something that we need. Today we lack the Word of God. We are in a famine for what is morally right. The Bible says where there is a lack of the Word of God people perish. This is what we are seeing in America the demise of the family because of famine for godliness. I thank God that Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost in the world. Luke 15:10 "10 *Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.*"

The Bible says the prodigal son became "a citizen of that country". How sad when we lose our children and our heritage to the world. We join ourselves in the world and we become citizens of a lost and dying world. Jesus said a person cannot serve two masters, you cannot serve both God and the world. The son is a citizen of a dark place and in bondage to sin. But thank God the father prayed for the salvation of his son.

The Son comes home and repents his sin and selfishness and begs his Father to forgive him. I am so grateful for the Grace of God. A son who was far from home eating pig's slop is now in the loving arms of his father. The lost son has returned home and is now wearing his father's ring, and robe, and has shoes on his feet, no longer a citizen of the world but an heir to all the goodness and grace of the father. Though we live in desperate times, we serve a deserving God. God deserves our praise and gratitude. He knows what is going on in the world today. Our despair has not escaped His attention. He told us "*In this world you will have tribulation but be comforted I have overcome the world.*" God is still on the throne and looking for and saving the lost.

God bless you.

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