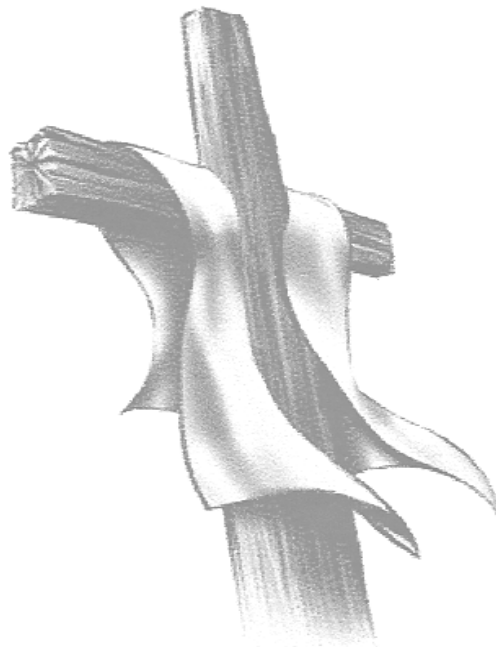

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A Word From K.C. with Andy Blake

Below is a quote from a sermon entitled "Ten Shekles and a Shirt" by Paris Riedhead. This sermon has truly impacted my life and I would just like to share a story from it with you because I think it speaks very powerfully about the worthiness and holiness of God.

"Two young Moravians heard of an island in the West Indies where an atheist British owner had 2000 to 3000 slaves. And the owner had said, "No preacher, no clergyman, will ever stay on this island. If he's shipwrecked we'll keep him in a separate house until he has to leave; but he's never going to talk to any of us about God. I'm through with all that nonsense." Three thousand slaves from the jungles of Africa brought to an island in the Atlantic and there to live and die without hearing of Christ. Two young Moravians heard about it. They sold themselves to the British planter and used the money they received from their sale, for he paid no more than he would for any slave, to pay their passage out to his island for he wouldn't even transport them. As the ship left it's pier in the river at Hamburg and was going out into the North Sea, carried with the tide, the Moravians had come from Herrenhut to see these two lads off, in their early twenties. Never to return again, for this wasn't a four year term; they sold themselves into life-time slavery. Simply that as slaves, they could be as Christians where these others were. The families were there weeping, for they knew they would never see them again. And they wondered why they were going and questioned the wisdom of it. As the gap widened and the housings had been cast off and were being curled up there on the pier, and the young boys saw the widening gap, one lad with his arm linked through the arm of his fellow, raised his hand and shouted across the gap the last words that were heard from them, they were these: 'MAY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN RECEIVE THE REWARD OF HIS SUFFERING!' This became the call of Moravian missions. And this is the only reason for being, That the Lamb that was slain, may receive the reward of His suffering."

A Word From Louisiana with Josh Boudreau

He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. After He has gathered His own flock, He walks ahead of them, and they follow Him because they know His voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from Him because they don't know His voice." John 10:3-5 (NLT)

To walk with Jesus in whole-hearted devotion and obedience, we must know His voice. Much of the body of Christ, as well as those who profess to be a part of the body of Christ, have been taught to listen to their Pastor's voice or their prayer leader's voice, or their parent's voice to know what the Lord is saying to them. We should be thankful for those voices, if indeed, they are true believers in Christ, but, at the end of the day, we must come to hear the voice of the Lamb who humbled himself, died, and rose again by the power of no human hand. God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit are 3 persons, not just forces that keep us safe from harm and not simply beings who scripted a list of rules for us to follow, so that we can make it into their heaven. All 3 of them are alive, and most importantly, they speak. Unfortunately, many ministers today and in the past have watered down the fact that God has a voice and we can hear it, personally, with our hearts. We have settled for simple scripture reading, listening to our Godly parents, and submitting to our Godly leaders as the necessary voices to direct us.

But, though the wonderful scriptures were indeed inspired by the Holy Spirit's voice, simply reading them does not get us in tune with the Spirit. If we could simply read the Bible to get us close to God, there would be no reason for Holy Spirit, because we could know all the knowledge of God by knowing and memorizing all of the scriptures and live it out in our own strength. No, if we are to come to know the person of Jesus, the Shepard of the sheepfold, we must come to know His voice that speaks right now. He is the Word of God, He embodies the scriptures, and He speaks to us through His spirit and enlightens us in understanding and wisdom.

But, if we are going to come to know His voice, we must begin to quiet the other voices. The Spirit will not speak louder than the other voices; He wants us to be serious enough about hearing from Him that we lay aside everyone else to the point where we begin to know what He is saying to us. Not only will we be able to understand His word better, but we will come to know His purpose for our personal lives much better. As you look through the Book of Acts, you will see how those guys heard the voice of God. They did not have the Gospels, and some of them did not walk 3 years with Jesus. They found His voice through making Him the center of their time alone and in everything else they did. They knew when their flesh was trying to pull them, when Satan was attempting to deceive them, and when Jesus was calling to them. They only reached this point through a whole-hearted desire to meet personally with the Lord daily.

I find that most believers that I talk with about hearing Jesus's voice say that they just can't hear Him like that. I believe that the reason why most folks think that they cannot hear Him is because they do not believe that they can hear Him. So, you have to believe that He will speak if you pursue His still small voice above all others. Because, without faith, it is impossible to please the Lord. If you use your faith and be ardent in your desire to hear Him, you will hear him. You cannot stop seeking Him out until you hear from heaven. Otherwise, you will be controlled by other voices and always lean on their guidance to direct your life, and you will be limited to knowing God's character through other people. This is a huge mistake, because we never get to directly know the real person of God and we are subject to being directed by imperfect man alone. A pastor is a Shepard, but Jesus is THE Shepard. Let's yearn to hear His voice above all others, so that we go where He goes and do what He does.

Teaching



Once again this month, the teaching part of the newsletter will be a selection from one of the papers I wrote in class during the previous semester. The title of this paper is: “God’s Mercy versus God’s Judgment.”

When the long-withheld judgment of God begins to fall upon the world, John sees the victorious saints standing upon a sea of glass mingled with fire. In their hands they hold harps of God; the song they sing is the song of Moses and the Lamb, and the theme of their song is divine justice. “Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou alone art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest” (Revelation 15:4). Revelation 19:6 says: “And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.” These two verses in Revelation are shouted by a people that have understood God’s plan in the end-times. They

understand that the works of judgment poured out upon the world are from God Himself and are a result of the prayers of the saints. They know that these judgments are the least amount of judgment from a righteous and merciful God whose supreme purpose for these events is to cause the maximum amount of people to be taken to the highest level of love for their God and to cause the least amount of death of the wicked. The cry in Revelation 22:17 made by the Spirit and the Bride in for the Lord to come is to be understood not as a plea for personal vengeance but as a longing to see moral purity prevail in human society, restoration to come to the planet, and the Lord Jesus Himself to come to dwell amongst His brethren. Those who do not understand this about God’s judgments are spoken of by Jeremiah in chapter 5 verse 4, “Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God.”

This is the seventh paragraph to the paper entitled: “God’s Mercy versus God’s Judgment.” You can read the paper in its entirety on my website, www.bobbyjtaylor.com.





Future Events

December 4th – 6th

-Practical Prophetic Hearing Intensive

Hear His Voice, Be a Voice

December 28th – 29th

-Something 08 in KC

December 31st

-the Call in KC

January 2nd -4th

-Luke18 Project's Leadership Summit

January 5th – 10th

-Cultivation Forerunner Worship

Looking Forward

Wow! It is hard to believe I have now been in K.C. for a year-and-a-half already! I am such a blessed man to be able to do what I do. The reason I am able to do it is God moving through all of you and your generosity. I am so very thankful for what all of you have contributed. I mentioned in last month's newsletter several of the new leadership positions the Lord has placed me in here in K.C. One of those positions will be giving me the opportunity to lead a group of students on a ministry trip to South Korea. We will be there for a week, and the students as well as myself and a couple other leaders will be putting on a four to five day conference at one of the local churches in Seoul. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,800 per person. The plane ticket is the majority of the cost. Housing will be provided, but we will take on all other expenses ourselves as to not be a burden upon the people of the church. All offerings will be given to the church in Israel. If you are interested in supporting me and this ministry trip, please contact me via email or phone. Thank you so much for your support and your prayers.

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From now on please send all your checks to **11315 Grandview Rd #A306, Kansas City, MO 64137**. If you do want your tax deduction, please make your check out to **IHOP-KC** and no longer write my name in the memo blank. If you do not do it this way, it will prevent you from getting any deduction. I will be paying 20% in taxes on all tax deductible contributions. So if you do not want your tax deduction, please continue to make your checks out to **Bobby Taylor** and write anything you would like in the memo.

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