

Are Facemasks Creating Health Risks for Those Not Sick?

If you are between the ages of 20 and 40, your risk of dying from COVID-19 is the same as your chance of dying from playing football.

If you're between the ages of 15 and 24, you're more likely to be fatally afflicted by falling down the stairs than by COVID-19.

Kids under 15 have more chance of getting hit by lightning than of dying from COVID-19.

Healthy women under 40, your odds of dying from COVID-19 are about the same as dying from a plane crash.

"If you're under the age of 65, the chance of dying of COVID-19 ... is the same risk you face driving on your commute to work." This is how John Ioannidis, M.D., professor of medicine of health research and policy and of biomedical data science at Stanford University School of Medicine, presents the insignificant risk posed by the "deadly and novel" virus.

The six-month manic COVID-19 campaign—driven by Big Pharma's panic for profit, aided and abetted by un-American censorship from Big Tech's Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google and a drumbeating mainstream media—has reached the point where if people were told to get into boxcars to be taken to "Virus Protection Camps," many would rush to get in line.

The turbulence and upheaval engineered by government bureaucrats and blue state potentates will require brisk countermeasures if freedom is to be sustained.

As early as May this year, retired neurosurgeon Russell Blaylock, M.D., issued a warning about wearing face masks: Not

only do masks fail to protect the healthy from getting sick, but they also create serious health risks to the wearer—airlines, are you listening? The bottom line, Dr. Blaylock says, is that if you are not sick, you should not wear a face mask. He added, “[No credible scientific study has] established a conclusive relationship between mask use and protection against influenza infection [read: COVID-19].”

You might be thinking, *Why have we not each and every winter worn masks as protection from the flu?*

Linda Johnston, M.D., spells out, “The coronavirus is about 100 nanometers in diameter. Cloth mask ‘holes’ are 1,000 times larger than a virus. An analogy is used that a mask is like a mosquito getting through a chain link fence. It’s actually much worse, it’s a mosquito getting through a chain link fence with holes 14 yards in diameter.”

Regarding the question what might be going on in America, Steven F. Hotze, M.D., has this to say: “The purpose of masks is to break your will, destroy your individuality and make you submissive to tyrannical government bureaucrats [Fauci] and leftists [blue state governors and mayors]. First you lose your identity and then you lose your freedom.”

The medical mantra to make masks matter beyond their measure, mindlessly multiplied by the mass media, has mandated a state of muted “maskism,” or rather masked “mutism,” where assertions are unquestioned and misgivings remain unanswered.

Before attempting to make spiritual application, we go 43 years back to the days before this writer got converted. Would you have known David Lane then, you would have thought, “I cannot imagine anyone in the world less likely to be saved by Christ! It will be near impossible to find someone more irresponsible, more heedless, more ungodly than him.”

This once again brings us to Gov. Gavin Newsom. Over the past few months, we have pointed out the sullied history,

irrepressible arrogance and questionable character of the 52-year-old Newsom, as seemingly closely affiliated with the serpent of Gath in 1 Samuel 17. Goliath's strutting encroachment of Israel and blasphemous taunting echo Newsom's malevolent manifesto of declaring California churches "non-essential," while classifying liquor stores, marijuana distribution centers and abortion clinics as "essential."

Before pagans like Goliath of Gath roamed the earth to oppress and abuse others, earlier leaders and rulers also thrived on the large-scale spreading of fear and panic, which is the trademark of tyrants (Num. 13:25-33). Israel cowered before both. Today's blue-state governors and mayors are just the latest hectors exploiting agonizing angst and petrifying panic to gain control of the public square.

It would seem that American Christendom has been strategically positioned for an urgently needed wake-up call by the living God. This is our *kairos*, our propitious moment for action. If Christians are to sustain freedom and liberty for their children and grandchildren, a serious change of impact will be required.

Loyalties are now being tested in the present crisis as "serpents" and "giants" stalk America, for instance, in the likes of Newsom, Black Lives Matter, antifa and Fortune 500 Companies, indirectly or directly rooting for looting and setting fire to America's cities.

To those pastors sitting out the battle against grandiose pronouncements demanding a halt to reopening America's churches, we paraphrase from *The Making of a Man of God: Lessons from the Life of David*. For a while it will be possible that you, like David, may be able to soothe or satisfy radically secular elected officials and government bureaucrats by playing your spiritual harp. But the moment you raise your head in opposition to their wanton and unrestrained abuse of power, and despotic misappropriation of authority,

they will take aim at you. Or as Alan Redpath expressed it: "You will discover that the place of rejection by others is the place of acceptance by God."

We'll find the answer to wanting to know what to do in Ronald Greer's *If You Know Who You Are, You Will Know What to Do*. He tells of the dark days of Nazi usurpation of Holland with Gestapo everywhere and Jews vanishing. Dutch Christians asked Dutch reformed theologian, linguist and missionary Hendrik Kraemer (1888-1965) what they should do.

The missionary responded, "I cannot tell you what to do, but I can tell you who you are. If you know who you are, then you will know what to do." He then read to the fearful Christians the words first spoken to the equally fearful Christians in 1 Peter 2:9: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people claimed by God as His own, to proclaim the triumphs of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Whereupon the people thanked the missionary, departed and started the Dutch underground resistance movement.

Neither needing yet another political rally nor a prayer march around the Capitol, what America really needs is a Joel 1:13 call for lamentation and repentance over what we, pastors and churchgoers, have allowed to let happen in a nation "founded for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith."

The appeal will be for mercy. It won't be about who can come up with the loftiest prayer. American Christendom has become flabby and palmy, yet spiritually listless with no influence in the culture. We must begin with reshaping public education and decluttering secular culture. Following admittance of culpability, confession should be immediately wedded to action. This way we will quench the massive fireball heading our way on Nov. 3, 2020.

Yet, let us never forget that those who walk with Christ never lose hope, because we know that "Man's extremity is God's

opportunity. But He does not always, nor generally, act immediately, when we are brought low. No, he 'waits to be gracious'" (Isa. 30:18), that our helplessness may be the more fully realized, that His delivering hand may be seen the more clearly, and that His merciful interposition may be the more appreciated" (A.W. Pink, *The Life of David*).

"May the Lord bless you and keep you;; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Num. 6:24-26).

Gideons or Rahabs are rising to stand. {eoa}

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Spirit-Filled Pastor: Are You Too Serious for God?

One morning, as I stood in the kitchen preparing my favorite drink, iced tea, my lovely wife Marsha walked in and saw the seriousness across my face.

She gently asked, "What's wrong?" My typical male response was "Nothing."

"What are you thinking about?" She asked again. "Nothing," I repeated.

Marsha then commented about my solemnity, and said, "I don't see you smiling much lately. The man I fell in love with, the

man I married, loved to laugh.” Then she asked a question that was beyond hiding my facial expressions and moved beyond my mental thought process, “Honey, have you lost your joy?”

That was a question that sat in my heart for the next several days and weeks. When the word “joy” comes to mind, in my humanness, I often think about people in the world who drink too much, who are kind of spacey or deny reality. In my spirit, I know joy comes from something more profound.

Where had my joy gone?

Where has your joy gone?

Are you aware of the serious time in which we live?

Have you seen the news? I hope you caught the question; I’m a little sarcastic.

We live in a serious time of a pandemic, elections, Supreme Court appointees, the future of our country, fires consuming the West, unemployment, riots, protesters, people dying in our streets, abortion, churches in court fighting for the right to open and the list goes on.

I dare bring up the subject, a three-letter word “joy.”

joy is not about what’s happening outside of you, but what is happening inside of you.

The word “joy” is mention 300 times in the Bible. Our world is lost. The planet we live on is groaning for the return of its creator to break the curse. Yet, we are still called to live out joy.

Keep in mind the words of David’s song when he was messed up. Psalm 51:1-2 (NIV) says, “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my

sin is always before me.” Let us repent of our fear that masquerades as seriousness and choose the joy of the Lord!

Yes, we are serious leaders who speak the Word of God in power. But joy is the Holy Spirit element that awakens people that we have been in God’s presence. “In His presence is fullness of joy.”

The pump on the well of salvation is “joy.”

Remember, some of the most challenging words ever written in God’s Word when facing trials, “count it all joy” (James 1:2). These are four words I don’t like but need to hear.

–Good days: joy.

–Bad days: joy.

–Up day: joy.

–Down days: joy.

–Win: joy.

–Lose: joy.

Say to yourself, “Jesus, you’re the center of my joy. All that’s good and perfect come from you”. Every day ask God to release His joy no matter what the challenge before us is.

Today, I choose joy, and I hope you do too.

You are beautiful; I see Jesus in you.

Have an awesome week! {eoa}

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Japan, Singapore, India and Thailand. He conducted an outreach celebration in Manila, Philippines, reaching 200,000 teenagers with the Book of Hope. Through the generous support of partners, he has presented the message of Jesus Christ to millions of people in the nation of Russia through televised citywide soul-winning celebrations. Mikel considers it an honor to assist in conducting the annual pastor's conference, where thousands of pastors from Russia's 11 time zones come for training, teaching and equipping. Mikel and his wife, Marsha, reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

California Church Celebrates Nearly 1,000 Baptized on Beach

One California church is rejoicing over the record number of baptisms that took place on Sept. 12.

Calvary Chapel Church in Chino Hills held the outdoor baptism at Corona Del Mar State Beach in Newport Beach where nearly 1,000 people made a public declaration of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Church Director Gina Gleason told CBN News that "California may be experiencing a spiritual revival." She explained that the typical number of candidates for baptism is 300 but Saturday saw over three times that.

“It’s remarkable and a significant number,” she added.

The area where everyone assembled, also known as Pirate’s Cove, reflected a scene of jubilation as adults, children and families encountered the love and goodness of God.

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How You Can Gain Kingdom Success and Favor From God

As children of God, our hearts long to walk in the fullness of God and to see His favor in our lives. We want to see His blessings and to excel with great success in what we put our hands to.

Since this is the case, it’s vitally important that we bring definition to what success looks like in the kingdom of God. Often, the system of this world is diametrically opposed to the systems of God’s kingdom. For example, from a worldly standpoint, the apostle Paul’s mission wasn’t always successful. He suffered severe persecution and eventually died as a martyr. From a natural viewpoint, it doesn’t seem like God’s favor always encompassed Paul. But from a biblical perspective, we know that God’s favor and success in the kingdom doesn’t look like our circumstances going perfectly all the time and it certainly doesn’t mean we won’t face persecution.

Many snares lay before the child of God. Pursuing success, blessings and favor from a carnal and worldly viewpoint will majorly limit our breakthrough as believers and hinder us from truly and purely walking out God's divine assignment in our lives. We need to embrace humility, fear God and cling to Christ in truth and faith. When we value God's Word above all else and submit to the daily process of knowing Him, we begin to supernaturally see God's favor burst forth all around us. God refuses the proud, but He lavishes grace on the humble of heart. Humility looks like trusting in God's Word and His ways above all else.

On the latest episode of the *Awaken* podcast, Michael Lombardo speaks with internationally renowned minister and Bible teacher, Andrew Wommack. Together, they discuss Andrew's latest book entitled *More Grace, More Favor*. At the core of his message is the necessity of humility, the fear of God and walking in the Word. Andrew gives a biblically sound message that will help all believers truly walk in the favor of God. Tune in and find out more. {eoa}

Why Your Relationship With God Isn't a License to Sin

During the time of Jeremiah the prophet, the people in Jerusalem were doing what we as modern-day believers are sometimes guilty of: trusting in the blessings of the covenant while ignoring the curses of the covenant. Why, the very temple of the creator of the universe was in their midst! But this wasn't their first time to misunderstand.

Over a thousand years earlier, during the time of the judges,

they took the ark of the covenant into battle against the Philistines. They imagined it to be a type of lucky charm, but they were roundly defeated, and the ark was captured. In Jeremiah's day, they felt they were immune to defeat because they had the temple to trust in.

They were much like some of today's Christians, who believe having their little Jesus statue or even saying "magic words" such as "Jesus loves me" somehow makes them immune from God's judgments when they behave in the most ungodly ways. It's as if they tell themselves, "Trouble is coming, so let me pull God out of my pocket and rebuke the enemy, and then I'll just put God away, as I can't have Him interrupting the good times!" This is what was happening in Jerusalem.

God was loudly speaking to the Israelites, telling them to mend their ways. He even told them not to trust in the temple, yet all they could repeat was, "The temple of the Lord," over and over. God said those were lying words. It was only if they thoroughly mended their ways—properly executing judgment; not oppressing the stranger, fatherless or widow; not shedding innocent blood and not walking after other gods—that He would allow them to stay in the land.

God asked the people whether they really believed they could steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely and burn incense to Baal and other gods, and then stand before Him in the very house called by His name and say that they were delivered to do all these abominations. And the house called by His name had become a den of thieves! This was the very reference Yeshua used in His day about the rebuilt temple when He drove out all the money changers, exclaiming that His house was to be a house of prayer, but they had made it into a den of thieves.

I hear comments all the time from Christians today that show they believe they have been released to do every type of abomination because they are covered by the blood and the law

is done away with. They have a big surprise coming!

God told the Israelites to go take a look at what He did to Shiloh because of the wickedness of the people. Again, He told the people He rose up early to speak to them, but they would not hear; He called them, and they didn't answer. He said that therefore He would destroy the house called by His name in which they trusted.

Very soon God will judge the modern generation of believers who think the same way. It will be a case of "Can you hear Me now?"

God wanted to bring out a very important point. He reminded the Israelites that when He delivered the people from Egypt, He didn't mention anything about burnt offerings or sacrifices. The only thing He commanded them to do was to obey His voice, and He would be their God, and they would be His people. The problem is they did not listen then, and they weren't listening now; they had been going backward and not forward.

God then declared again that He even got up early, sending all His prophets to them, yet they refused to listen, followed the dictates of their own evil hearts and went backward and not forward. All they did was stiffen their necks, behaving worse than their fathers had. God told Jeremiah to go ahead and speak these words to them, even though they wouldn't obey Him. He told Jeremiah to give them a call, and he would see that they wouldn't answer him either. It's as if God was asking Jeremiah to walk in His shoes and see how it felt.

How do you think God feels when we disregard His commandments and ignore the voice of the Holy Spirit calling us to mend our ways? I can only imagine His disappointment at the rift in our relationship with Him. Yet He doesn't threaten to destroy us or our places of worship. Because of what His Son, Yeshua, did on the cross, He is always gracious to forgive us when we ask

and to turn His face toward us once again. {eoa}

This article is excerpted from chapter 6 of Decoding the Prophet Jeremiah by Mark Biltz Charisma House 2020).

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Government Officials Continue Unfairly Targeting Christians; Seattle Blocks Worship Event

As antifa members hurled rocks, bottles and Molotov cocktails at Seattle police last week, city officials focused their energies elsewhere in the city by fencing off a nearby park to keep the Christian organization Let Us Worship from peacefully assembling.

Walker Wildmon, vice president of operations and public policy analyst at American Family Association (AFA), which advocates

for religious freedom, says the city's choice underscores the growing threat to American religious liberty.

"The Let Us Worship movement is an inspiration and couldn't have come at a better time," Wildmon said. "As government officials continue to unfairly target Christians, it is all the more critical that we continue to participate in corporate worship with fellow believers. Despite unconstitutional government edicts, churches across America must continue to open and remain open."

Officials obstructed the planned prayer and worship event from occurring because Seattle officials claimed it jeopardized the "public health of residents," Fox News reported.

AFA noted that concern for the public health—or of Seattle's police—seemed not to factor into the decisions of officials who indulged the violent antifa gathering nearby, which led to a police officer being assaulted.

AFA has rebuked local and state officials often this year for using COVID-19-related concerns as a pretext to abuse power by unlawfully restricting houses of worship from holding services.

Wildmon says instead of seeking permission to gather, Christians should embrace their constitutional right to do so.

"As Attorney General William Barr said a few months back, the Constitution is 'not suspended in times of crisis,'" Wildmon said. "Instead of Let Us Worship, I suggest we begin calling this movement We Will Worship."

Despite Seattle officials closing the park, Let Us Worship organizer Sean Feucht pivoted the event to become a "worship protest," as Fox News reported, that gathered on Labor Day.

Feucht, a California-based pastor, who has organized more than 20 rallies nationwide, noted the irony that while police

officers dealt with antifa members' attacks, "the city focused their energy on our peaceful worship and prayer rally," writes Fox News. {eoa}

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'Freedom Is Fragile': A Warning About America's Frightening Move From Truth and Morality

Author Joe Battaglia is on a mission to "make America good again," warning that the nation's move away from civility, truth and morality is disturbing and that the nation has lost its "moral character."

(Read also: [20 Bible Verses About Strength: God's Word on Faith in Hard Times](#)).

Author of the new book *Make America Good Again: 12.5 Biblical Principles to Unite Our Nation, Restore True Greatness and Reshape Our Political Rhetoric*, Battaglia decried the current

state of affairs in a recent interview with the *Edifi With Billy Hallowell* podcast.

“In our current day and age, I am just disturbed by the lack of civility ... our media not really going after what is true, but what is expedient to their ideology, which is frightening to a point,” he said. “I believe that greatness is about achievement, but goodness is about character.”

Listen to Battaglia dive deep into the power of greatness:

And it is character that has slipped away, according to Battaglia, with the result of this error catapulting the nation into a truly precarious and troubling place.

“I think what we have lost in our country is the moral character that made us who we were, despite the imperfections,” he continued. “A society is only as good as the people that comprise it.”

Battaglia said America has a “moral freedom” and that this freedom establishes what is “right and true and good.” These sentiments, which have been rooted in faith since the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, are essential. Yet this moral freedom seems to also be slipping away—something Battaglia discussed in detail.

“There is this intrinsic synergy between [faith and morality]—that faith breeds a certain morality and that morality enables people to become free,” he said. “That’s what establishes liberty.” Rather than seeking resolution, Battaglia said far too many people are focused on trying to restrict opposing viewpoints, thus trampling on the opinions and views of others. In the end, he’s hoping to encourage people to rediscover truth.

(Read also: [20 Short Bible Verses About Love for God and Others](#)).

“Freedom is fragile. It needs to be handled wisely, carefully or it will just be lost,” Battaglia said. “And we cannot lose the thing that so many people gave lives for and dedicated themselves to.”

The author wants to see people regain their moral compasses and unite, but he said it all starts at the individual heart level.

“We can’t unite our nation until we unite ourselves,” Battaglia concluded. Grab his book, *Make America Good Again*, for more on this important topic. {eoa}

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Messianic Rabbi: The Day I Quit Being a Christian

Before I start, I hope that all of my Christian friends will read this entire blog before grabbing the pitchforks and torches.

This Friday evening, Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets) begins, which is also known as Rosh HaShanah (the Jewish new year). With the sounding of the shofar, we begin the season of fall feasts, or holy days. These holy days, or appointed times, are described in Leviticus 23, as well as many other verses throughout the Tanakh, or Old Testament, and the New Testament.

Although the anniversary of when I believe I quit being a

Christian is in the spring just before Passover, every time I observe one of the biblical appointed times, I am reminded with each Feast Day once again what an important and correct decision I made when I quit being a Christian.

To explain what I mean and why I quit being a Christian, let me share a little history. I was raised in a Jewish family (according to , I am 100% Eastern European Jewish). I grew up going to synagogue every Shabbat. I attended Hebrew school. I had my Bar Mitzvah, and after my Bar Mitzvah, I helped to chant the liturgy each week during services. My family observed the biblical holy days: Passover, Shavuot, Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

We planted trees on Tu B'Shevat, ate Hamantaschen on Purim and played dreidel on Hanukkah. Judaism wasn't just our religion; Judaism was our life. It was not what we were, it was who we were. Shortly after my Bar Mitzvah, I started having questions about Judaism. I wasn't questioning G-D or the Bible; I was questioning some of the ideas, teachings and understandings of Judaism. The more I studied the Tanakh for myself, the more inconsistency I found between what was in the Bible and what I found in the modern practices of Judaism.

This blog would become too long if I was to make a list here. But the largest inconsistency had to do with how we received atonement for our sins.

My studies caused me to search for a belief system that was consistent with the Bible in how we as Jews received atonement. I found the answer to this question in Christianity and the sacrificial atoning death of Yeshua. I became a Christian, and in Christianity, I found the answers to many of my questions.

For a number of years, I was fully satisfied with what I believed and how I was living as a Christian. I became a pastor of a small church in rural Alabama and was comfortable

in where my faith had brought me. Until one day while I was praying, I heard a voice, which I knew was G-D speaking to me, as clear as if someone were standing right next to me, speak these words: "You are a Jew; live like one." I arose from prayer, shaken and concerned. What did this mean? I went and told my wife about the voice I heard and she said, "OK, but what does that mean?"

This was just before Passover, so we announced to our congregation that we would be hosting a Passover Seder and invited all of them to attend. We also announced that we would be adding a Friday evening Shabbat service to our weekly schedule of services.

I have to be honest and tell you that these changes were not entirely received with enthusiasm by our small rural congregation. Church members began to ask all of the "why" questions. It was only a few months later that we found out about a Messianic Synagogue in Mobile about an hour and a half from our town and began to attend services there on Friday evenings while we continued to have Sunday services at our church. Approximately six months later, my family moved to Mobile and became part of that synagogue.

Over the next few years, my lifestyle became more and more "Jewish," and I became less and less a "Christian." This didn't mean that I forsook my belief in Yeshua as Messiah—not at all. Actually, my increased connection to the Judaism that was passed down from generation to generation also increased my belief that Yeshua is the Messiah.

My decision to quit being a Christian has resulted in some people calling me a "Judaizer," which is untrue because it is not now nor was it ever my intention to make Jews of non-Jewish people. I have been accused of trying to obey the Law or Torah to be saved, which is also untrue because I absolutely, positively, totally and completely believe that our salvation is the result of the atonement provided by

Yeshua. I have been accused of “doing Jewish stuff” to manipulate and deceive Jewish people into believing that Yeshua is the Messiah. This also is untrue, as I do the things I do because I am Jewish, not to influence other Jews in any way.

So you may ask why then I quit being a Christian. The answer is simple: I quit being a Christian because Yeshua is the Messiah. Let me explain a little further. Everyone who is a born-again believer in Yeshua has entered a covenant with G-D—in this case, the New Covenant. However, the New Covenant is not the first covenant G-D made with humanity; there were many covenants made with people, beginning with the Adamic Covenant we find in the book of Genesis. These covenants are eternal promises made by G-D with His people and G-D will not, in fact, cannot break a covenant which He has made. In Galatians 3, beginning with verse 15, we read:

“Brothers and sisters, I speak in human terms: even with a man’s covenant, once it has been confirmed, no one cancels it or adds to it. Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn’t say, ‘and to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘and to your seed,’ who is the Messiah. What I am saying is this: Torah, which came 430 years later, does not cancel the covenant previously confirmed by God, so as to make the promise ineffective” (Gal. 3:15-19, TLV).

Notice that we are taught that a new covenant does not cancel a previous covenant. If G-D could break a covenant that He made, He would become a liar and cease to be G-D because G-D cannot lie. So, what does this have to do with my quitting being a Christian? I quit being a Christian and returned to biblical Judaism because the existence of biblical Judaism, a Judaism that holds to both the covenant of Moses and belief in the New Covenant, established the foundation upon which a non-Jewish Christian can stand with full assurance that G-D’s covenants are true.

So this week as I gather in synagogue on Yom Teruah and hear the sound of the shofar's call 100 times and recite liturgical prayers that have been said for thousands of years, I am not doing so to prove that I am Jewish, nor am I doing so because I no longer believe in Yeshua (because I believe more each day).

I am holding onto my Judaism because my covenantal Judaism proves that G-D is faithful to His covenants, which proves that Christians can trust in the New Covenant. The bottom line is: I quit being a Christian so more people could have faith in the New Testament. {eoa}

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Hollywood Couple and Leading Homeschooling Advocates Kevin and Sam Sorbo Join 'The Return'

Hollywood power couple Kevin and Sandra Lynn "Sam" Sorbo, who married after meeting on the set of *Hercules: The Legendary*

Journeys—one of the highest-rated syndicated TV shows of the 1990s—are joining forces with “The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance,” a likely pairing for the couple who are active Christians and routinely speak out for biblical values.

The Sorbos will join several thousands of Christians on an exciting journey to the National Mall in Washington, DC, on Sept. 26 for a landmark gathering known as “The Return”—fueled by hundreds of churches across the world. The gathering will amplify “The Return” call for all pastors, churches and families from every denomination and background to lead the United States in turning from sin back to God.

A biomedical engineering student at Duke University turned model and actress, Sam—a leading advocate for homeschooling—went on to write *They’re Your Kids*, arguing that teaching children about God is critical to their ethical growth.

“We need to be teaching children that there is good and evil, right and wrong and that they should aspire to things outside themselves,” Sam told *The Christian Post*. “Godly values and more instruction can do that. God is truth. He is the word.”

The Sorbos have long proven a powerful team as Christian faith leaders. Families who missed the 1990s *Hercules* series may remember Mr. Sorbo from his on-screen role in *God’s Not Dead* (2014). It is no surprise that the Sorbos are supporting “The Return” in calling America to once again find her moral footing in God’s eternal Word, not in the shifting sands of relativistic humanism.

New York Times’ bestselling author Jonathan Cahn, who serves as co-chair of “The Return” with Pastor Kevin Jessip, says that the timing for America to return to a righteous foundation is right now.

“This is the most critical time,” Cahn said. “It is crucial!

If ever I sounded the shofar, it is now.

“America is in a time of shaking, but there is hope,” Cahn continued. “The Bible gives an answer to the question ‘Is there any hope?’ The only answer is revival, and revival only comes through repentance. This is what God meant when he said, ‘If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.’”

Kevin and Sam Sorbo join dozens of other Christian leaders who support “The Return.” Leaders already on board include Mike Lindell, Michele Bachmann, Pat Boone, Dr. James Dobson, Mark Gonzales, Robert Morris, Marcus Lamb, John Kilpatrick, Pierre Bynum, Gen. William Boykin, Carter Conlon, Bishop Harry Jackson, Alveda King, Anne Graham Lotz, Pat and Gordon Robertson, Stephen E. Strang, E. W. Jackson and many more supporters listed at

“The Return” is set for 40 days before the presidential election, and on the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, in the days of America’s founding and dedication to God. Surrounding “The Day of Return” on Sept. 26 at the Washington Mall will be 10 days, known from ancient times as the Days of Awe, to be set as a special time of prayer and repentance from Sept. 18-28.

Cahn has recorded a special video about the event, which has over two million views. In addition, online resources are available, including videos and downloads for individuals, pastors and churches. Daily devotionals also encourage personal repentance and consecration.

Coordinated events within “The Return” movement will also take place throughout America’s cities, towns, houses of worship and homes, as well as in multiple countries around the world, as many believe the nation has been given a critical window of

opportunity to repent and return to God.

The following Christian organizations are partners of “The Return”: Family Talk, Gateway Church, Hispanic Prayer Network, House of David Ministries, Intercessors for America, Jensine Bard Ministries, John Kilpatrick Ministries, National Day of Prayer, Museum of the Bible and MyPillow.

Other partners of “The Return” include 10 Days, All Pro Pastors International, A. Larry Ross Communications, America’s National Prayer Committee, Anne Graham Lotz & Angel Ministries, Assemblies of God, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Bless Every Home, Calvary Chapel, Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, CBN, *Charisma* magazine, Church of God, Collide, CTN, Daystar Television Network, Engage Media Partners, EpicPay, Every Home for Christ, Family Research Council, Inciite Events, National Christian Foundation, Outreach, Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America, Redigging the Wells of Revival, World Evangelical Alliance, Pre-Born! and Triple Horse Studios.

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