

# Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's 'God Loves You' Tour Sees Mass Salvations

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Natural disasters, financial despair, pandemics, a deep political party division over cultural issues—indeed the enemy is working overtime to keep people discouraged and in darkness.

Evangelist Franklin Graham, however, says there is a solution, if only believers and non-believers alike will die to self and surrender their lives to Jesus. During the BGEA's six-city "God Loves You Tour," Graham said the emptiness in your life can be filled by a life-changing decision to follow Christ.

"People are searching for purpose and meaning in life. Is there something missing in your life?" Graham said in a Facebook post this week. "I shared with the crowd in Flint, Michigan, that we have a vacuum, an emptiness, in our lives that can only be filled by God.

"I'm not talking about religion—I'm talking about a relationship with God, through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. We give God the glory for all those who made the life-changing decision this evening at the Crossroads Village to come to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith. The Bible says, 'for God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved'" (John 3:17).

In Youngstown, Ohio, recently, Graham shared with a huge crowd that there's "only One who can solve all of our problems."

"We thank God for those who made the life-changing decision this evening at the Youngstown Foundation Amphitheatre to put

their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, and Him alone,” Graham said.

Thousands recently crowded into the York Expo Center in Pennsylvania to hear the Good News of Christ, and multitudes gave their lives over to Jesus.

“Are you sure your sins are forgiven? Are you sure that if you died tonight, you would be in God’s presence for eternity?” Graham asked. “I’m not talking about thinking so, but knowing so. Jesus Christ came to this earth to save sinners—and we are all sinners. He took our sins to the cross—He died for our sins, was buried, and God raised Him to life on the third day. He’s alive! He will forgive you if you will come to Him in repentance and faith. We thank God for all of those who responded to the invitation to put their trust in Jesus. Now they can be sure about where they will spend eternity.”

The God Loves You Tour continues on to Waukesha, Wisconsin, Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Waukesha County Expo Center. Along with the message of encouragement, there will be praise and worship music from Dennis Agajanian and the Newsboys (official).

“So many people are hurting and need hope,” Graham says. “They need to know that God loves them and they can find hope and peace by putting their faith in God’s son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Those that have given their hearts to Jesus during this tour have been forgiven—they have a fresh start. The Bible says, ‘if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation’ (2 Cor. 5:17).

“Would you join me in praying for them right now—men, women, young people—as they begin their new walk with Christ?” {eo}

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# Red Heifer Sacrifice Could Take Place in One Year in Jerusalem

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The sacrifice of a red heifer could take place on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem as early as 13 months from now.

Texas businessman Byron Stinson—the man instrumental in locating and helping get five red heifers from the United States to Israel—told ALL ISRAEL NEWS that finding the sacrifice-ready cows was not the only objective. Boneh Israel, the organization Stinson is involved with, has also purchased land on the Mount of Olives that meets the requirements for a biblical sacrifice outside of a temple.

Stinson explained that a sacrifice does not necessitate a new temple. It can also be conducted at a certain height and direction—and the plot on the Mount of Olives meets these requirements.

“This is a big step—this is a huge sign. If we’re able to do the ceremony in a year and a half, to two years,” he said. “It doesn’t mean that the temple is going to be built within one year, 10 years or 40 years, 100 years... because you have the ashes. Solomon had the ashes of the red heifer and then lasted 1000 years.”

“The red heifer does not mean you have to immediately build. However, I think it’s like a key that turns on the engine,” he added.

The five red heifers landed in Israel about two weeks ago to much fanfare, celebration, end-times speculation and a health dose of cynicism as well. The cows have all been determined by certain rabbis to be ritually pure for sacrifice—for now. They must stay unblemished and red in order to be sacrificed when they are older than two years.

Currently, the calves are all just under one year and are about to be released from a 10-day quarantine after **arriving from Texas on Sept. 15.**

The search for such a heifer has been going on and, in recent times, only a few have come close to meeting the requirements. These particular cows are the closest documented in recent history so far that meet the requirements.

The ashes of a red heifer are needed in order to purify the priests who would serve in the temple, according to Numbers 19. Because the entire animal is burned and the ashes stored and used sparingly—sprinkled into water from the Gihon spring—only nine such sacrifices had been performed throughout history.

About this time next year would be the earliest time that one of them—the tenth in history—could be sacrificed. But, Stinson explained, this also leaves plenty of time for any of the five to grow non-red hairs or develop any sort of blemish that would render them imperfect for the sacrifice.

As a Christian, Stinson believes that it is his obligation to support the Jewish sacrifice even if that is not what he believes himself, because the “purpose of the red heifer is to let the veil be lifted.”

“We can support them in having this ceremony of the red heifer, the temple being built and a daily sacrifice, weekly sacrifice,” he said. “We have to have a better understanding of what God is putting into place.”

“All these things, (God) designed as a mirror image of heaven,” he said.

Stinson said he is motivated by one main purpose: to foster unity between Christians and Jews.

He worked with rabbis from the Temple Mount Institute—an organization working to restore a future temple by crafting the physical elements as outlined in scripture and raising up priests as well. The red heifer is a big piece of that puzzle.

Nevertheless, a majority of Israelis—secular and religious alike—didn’t even hear the news that the red heifers are in the country because it was barely reported by the mainstream media. Many Israelis consider the Temple Institute to be on the fringes of mainstream Orthodox Jewry and do not align with its practices.

Christians were also galvanized by the news as it put a spotlight on end-times teachings. While Jewish sacrifices ended with the destruction of the Second Temple and Christians believe sacrifices are unnecessary because Jesus took the place of animal sacrifice when he died on the cross, the Bible does point to a temple and sacrifices reinstated in the last days.

This is significant for many Jews who believe that one needs to be sacrificed in order to restore Levitical priesthood, build the temple and perform ongoing sacrifices in Jerusalem. For them, it means that redemption is drawing near. {eoa}

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# **Retired Pentecostal Pastor: Voters Must Decide on Medieval ‘Anytime Abortions’**

The recent Roe v. Wade reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court in June returned the issue of abortion to the individual states. Kansas was the first state to vote on the issue in its August primary, where an initiative to allow greater restrictions on abortion was not upheld.

Now, in November’s midterm elections, four states have abortion-related constitutional initiatives to be decided. These states are California, Kentucky, Michigan and Vermont.

Voters in these four states are being asked to decide whether to join with a small number of infamous nations, like North Korea and China, which are among a small number of nations to permit late-term abortions, right up to the moment of birth. These “anytime abortions” could occur even when the mother’s life is not in danger and when the healthy baby could survive outside the womb.

Existing California law restricts abortion after the age of viability, usually about 24 weeks, unless a doctor determines the abortion is necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. Conflicting poll results are touted by Pro-Choice and Pro-Life advocates. But even some Pro-Choice supporters are not in favor of the harsh and extreme methods used in late-term abortions. Are you among them?

Pro-Life supporters contend that all human life is valuable and worthy of protection by our laws—from conception through natural death. While many in our culture reject this

traditional standard, most Californians increasingly indicate they want abortion limited at some point before birth. Are you among them?

Brittany Clingen Carl, vice president of Illinois Right to Life, has written about this “scientific and scriptural” tension at .”

“Scientific and technologic advancements in the fields of embryology and neonatology have made clear to laypeople what pro-life leaders have been saying for decades: A fertilized egg, complete with its unique and distinct set of DNA from the moment of conception, is a human just as deserving of rights, protection and care as any person fighting for his or her life in a COVID-19 hospital ward.”

Not only is abortion a moral tragedy; it is a strategic tragedy, as well. These anti-life politicians and adherents have, by now, short-circuited millions of potential citizens, voters and taxpayers, who could have productively replaced the aging “surplus population,” to borrow a phrase from Scrooge.

The Democrat-controlled California Legislature has already committed over \$200 million this year to expand abortion and reproductive services, including tens of millions to pay the expenses for abortion seekers from other states. With an estimated 3,000% increase in the number of people from other states coming to California for abortions, millions of dollars more will be required to meet soaring demand. Those vast sums will have to come from new taxes on a dwindling population of taxpayers in California.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom recently signed 13 bills, including an “infanticide” bill as California continues to tout itself as an “abortion sanctuary state.”

The state’s socially extreme and costly proposal does nothing to advance women’s health. Instead, it destroys precious human lives, each made in the image of God. King David confessed to

our Father God:

“You brought my inner parts into being; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will praise you, for You made me with fear and wonder; marvelous are Your works, and You know me completely. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret and intricately put together in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed, yet in Your book, all my days were written before any of them came into being. (Ps. 139:13-16; MEV).

The use of personal pronouns in these verses indicates that there was a *person* present before the psalmist’s birth.

Voters in California, Kentucky, Michigan and Vermont must determine *now* to say “No” to late-term “anytime abortions” by carefully voting on these critical state initiatives. {eoa}

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# **This Coach Can Help You Destroy Your Addiction to Pornography**

Let’s talk about a subject most people want to avoid. Let’s talk about pornography.

According to Covenant Eyes, statistics show that 28,258 users are watching pornography every second, and 20% of mobile

online searches are for porn. Among Christians, 20% of youth pastors and 14% of senior pastors use porn on a regular basis, and only 7% of pastors report their church has a ministry program for those struggling with porn.

Chances are, you or someone you know is caught in a vicious cycle of porn.

### **The Porn Recovery Coach**

Obviously, there is a great need to address this issue from a Spirit-filled, biblical and victorious perspective. And unfortunately, many Christians struggling with porn don't know where to go. They're living in fear and shame, having few resources to break the chain of addiction.

But DeAngelo Moss is the Porn Recovery Coach! He is seeing victory take place daily in the lives of people watching his Instagram videos and connecting with him personally for coaching calls.

Watch *Fleeing Immorality* with DeAngelo Moss.

### **Walking in Victory**

People stuck in the cycle of porn live in constant shame. And may feel distant from God. But DeAngelo asks the question, "Have you ever felt like the shame you have from things you've done in the past prevents you from approaching God in prayer? If you're a Christian, when you accepted Jesus, it was not your righteousness that gave you access to the Father. It was actually Jesus' righteousness that gave you access to Him. And you have unlimited access. Shame is deceptive. It'll make us think that we can't approach God. The truth is, Jesus' righteousness gives us access to God the Father, not our own."

### **Temptation is an Opportunity**

DeAngelo continues saying, "Temptation is not sin. It's actually an opportunity for you to show how dedicated you are

to live a disciplined life. Temptation is like our pop quiz in life. It's our opportunity to show how prepared we are for the tests that come our way. So the next time you are being tempted, don't look at it as a bad thing. But instead, see it as the opportunity to show how dedicated you are in living the life you want to live."

Watch Overcome Temptation with DeAngelo Moss.

People don't have to hide in the dark. There is victory for them and a listening ear to help them overcome porn.

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## **Orlando Megachurch Pastor: Florida Will Pull Through 'By the Grace of God'**

The city of Orlando may not be on the Florida coast, but it was directly in the path of Hurricane Ian, enduring flooding and powerful winds. As the city begins to clean up from the storm, a local pastor is encouraging those who are facing life's storms.

The winds have been howling and the rain has been pounding away for more than a day here. The former eye of the hurricane has passed but waves of hard wind and rain still come and go, a sign that the storm is finally on its way out. Ian's devastation is far from over as it's now headed toward the mid-Atlantic.

Here in Orlando, the biggest concerns are now tornado watches and flash flood advisories, both of which are still a possibility for the next 24 hours as the storm exits this area.

Retention ponds all over the Orlando area are made for situations like this, but they're spilling over which means the water has to find other places to go. So that flood concern is still very real.

CBN News had a chance to speak with a local pastor, the leader of Nation's Church Orlando. He was in the dark with no power like much of Florida still is, telling us about his concerns for his mom who didn't evacuate in time because she thought the brunt of the storm was going to be 90 miles north. Unfortunately, Hurricane Ian had other plans.

Pastor Russell Benson recently made contact with his mom and she's ok despite severe damage to the house. But the pastor still plans to hold Sunday service for the people here in Orlando, saying Florida is going to get through this together and by the grace of God.

"As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ—and the church of Jesus Christ—we have this amazing peace that gives us the strength during and after the storm," Pastor Benson said. {eoa}

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# The Real Truth About the Marriage of Politics and Faith

As I look back, I realize that God has given me a career path with some rather unique experiences. I have built bridges at the intersection of faith and government my whole life, and I have learned that serving people through a role in government can be just as important as serving them through a role in the church.

To be involved in our communities is also to be involved in the political processes that impact them. Is it not better to prevent tragedy before we must race in and help heal it? The tragedy of corruption and betrayal of the people is happening every day in our modern system, and we do have the power to do something about it!

Many Christians have quite simply forgotten our enormous collective power.

The United States has the largest Christian population in the world and, more specifically, the largest Protestant population globally, with more than 200 million Christians.

Some simply do not believe that politics is something Jesus would call them to do, so they take no action other than prayer. But the truth is, He has given us the authority and ability to govern. The truth is that the government is designed for moral people to run it.

I am reminded of Matthew 7:3–5, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the

plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

It is time to get the plank out of your eye when it comes to political involvement. Before you complain about the problems you see with the government, ask yourself, "What am I doing to get involved and make a difference?" Everyone can do something. To have a moral, efficiently running political system is as important as having clean water and healthy food.

Christians understand the concept of tithing, but they seem to be totally disconnected from the fact that just as money is needed to run a church and feed orphans, money is needed to run campaigns to elect the *right* kind of people to office.

I have seen firsthand that people of faith can make an incredible difference in the needs of suffering communities here at home and all over the world. I have witnessed them fighting problems such as homelessness, youth violence, drug addiction, HIV/AIDS and malaria. I have seen them respond to disasters, provide education, deliver food assistance, and so much more. That degree of caring, commitment, and organization can also work toward strengthening our democracy and governance.

First and foremost, we must humble ourselves and pray, for this should always be where we start. "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*" (2 Chron. 7:14, emphasis added).

It doesn't stop there however. Saying to our leadership, "I'm going to pray for you," and then going on about our lives just isn't enough. To restore the country and preserve our

freedoms, including our religious freedoms, *you* are going to have to get involved.

What would have happened if Elisha stopped with prayer in 2 Kings 4:32–35? “When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As Elisha stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.” Prayer was just the start of the miracle that was performed through Elisha!

We pray first that we are guided to make the right choices at the polls. Too often we blindly vote for the career politician because we recognize their name. Are we biased just because we’ve heard about them for years, sometimes most of our lives?

But what do we really know about them? Are they serving the people who sent them there? Many of these folks are good at getting elected, but they are not very good at serving their constituents. Perhaps you feel like God has been nudging you to get more involved politically or to even consider running for office.

Are you concerned about what you see happening around you but don’t know what to do? Thinking differently about how you approach the arena of government may be what God is encouraging you to do.

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## **Joyce Meyer: Winning the Battle Against Satan in Your Mind**

If you have received Christ as your Savior, then you have an enemy. Did you know that?

I know some people feel uncomfortable talking about the devil, but he is real and it's important for us to face the truth about him so we can have a victorious life in Christ.

Now, we don't need to be afraid of him because as believers in Jesus, the Holy Spirit who lives in us is greater than our enemy in the world (1 John 4:4). But we can't ignore the enemy's attacks and overcome him. And the Word of God tells us how to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12, NIV) using the weapon of the Word.

### **We Are in a War**

Ephesians 6:12 says, "For our struggle is not against flesh

and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” And 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 says, “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

There is a battle raging and the battlefield is the mind. That’s why it is critical for us to learn how to renew our minds with the weapon of God’s Word.

Romans 12:2 exhorts us to “not be conformed to this world...but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind...” (AMPC). The Word of God is the most powerful thing on the earth, and if we will really learn the truth in it, then the power of the Word will literally transform our lives by “demolishing strongholds” in our minds.

### **Know Your Enemy**

The Bible teaches us that the devil “is a liar [himself] and the father of lies” (John 8:44, AMPC). He comes against us by bombarding our minds with cleverly devised patterns of nagging thoughts that lead to suspicion, doubt, fear, reasoning and theories that refute the truth of God’s Word. When these thoughts get rooted in our minds, then we have strongholds that give the enemy control.

A stronghold is an area where the enemy entrenches himself and takes control. So when the Bible talks about strongholds in our mind, it’s referring to areas where the enemy has become entrenched in our thoughts, causing us to believe something that’s absolutely not true, but because we believe it’s true, it has become a reality for us.

Before I learned about being transformed by the renewing of my

mind according to God's Word, I believed things that weren't true, and they created a mess in my life. I remember thinking things like, "Nobody cares about me or loves me. Nothing good is going to happen in my life, so I might as well not expect anything good. I'm always going to have a second-class life because I was abused by my father and I'm damaged goods."

It's taken years of diligently studying God's Word and prayer, but God has set me free from those strongholds and I have come to the place where I can live in His righteousness, peace and joy every day. And like John 8:32 says, the truth has set me free!

### **Wield Your Sword**

Let's go back to Ephesians 6. Verses 12-18 tell us who our enemy is and that we need to put on the armor of God so we can stand our ground and resist him. Verse 17 says to "take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God" (AMPC).

So how do we "wield the Word"?

It's simple: When we hear the Word, speak the Word, meditate on the Word and sing praises from the Word of God, we are doing spiritual warfare. And as we study the Word, it becomes a filter in our mind that reveals the lies of the enemy and gives us the truth. That's why the devil will do everything he can to distract us from spending time with God and studying the Word.

I want to encourage you today to make a determined decision to keep your relationship with God and His Word your number one priority. Look up every scripture you can find about renewing the mind, then meditate on those scriptures and say them out loud. Ask God to reveal any strongholds in your mind and help you tear them down with His Word. Then, when the enemy comes against you, you won't be deceived. And like me, your testimony will be: Thank You, God! Your Truth has set me free!

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## **Prophetic Word: The Lord Says, 'Declare and Decree My Resurrection Power'**

This is an amazing time in this new month of Tishrei, the first month on the Jewish civil calendar and seventh month on the religious calendar, which began sundown on September 25.

I can hear the Lord say, "Declare and decree my resurrection power this year!"

In Hebrew Year 5783, as God calls our mouths to open as the number "80" is "peh" in Hebrew and number "3" is resurrection power and the Trinity. We are called as the children of the inheritance to minister His overcoming resurrection power! To roar with our mouths His dunamis miracle-working power!

What does, "roaring in the authority of resurrection power" even mean? It means that sin, death and the grave have been overcome and we speak it. We no longer have to toil physically or mentally with fatigue because we have authority as kingdom citizens captured by our death, burial and resurrection in Christ. We can simply rest in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross as we declare His dunamis miracle-working

power! I encourage you to rest with Him, just as the Israelites did as they traveled from Egypt to the Promised Land, and remember His grace and power during the Feast of Tabernacles!

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, when the apostle Paul asked the Lord to remove the thorn in his flesh three times, this was the Lord's response, "And He said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

We have stepped full force into the new Hebrew year 5783. It's a special time. God is calling us this year to realize the resurrection power of Jesus Christ at a new level and to walk in His authority like never before. We understand the power and glory of God when we understand what the apostle Paul was sharing about God's dunamis power made manifest in our weakness.

Learning to rest more in God and the finished work of our death, burial and resurrection in Him, and less in our own strength, will open portals for us to step into the true meaning of resurrection power and a fulfillment of the glory of the Lord.

In Philippians 3:9-10, the apostle Paul again stresses knowing the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. The scripture reads, "And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

A key this Hebrew Year of 5783 is learning to release more,

rest more, not to despise vulnerability, but realize it is a time where God Himself will flood your spirit and soul with a new understanding of His resurrection power. In other words, when you don't hate your weakness but instead embrace it as an avenue for God to flow through you, you are promised to see the resurrection power of the Lord invade your circumstances. Often our greatest strengths can inhibit the glorious move of God in the earth but when we instead embrace our weakness, we are confessing Christ victorious over them and through them.

God is going to give you a roar during this season. He is going to give you an utterance so you can stand in the authority of His resurrection power. Open your heart to receive it!

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## **It's Time to Rebuild Love and**

# Unity in the Church—Part 2

*Note: As we move towards Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement, Grant Berry, a Messianic believer, speaks about the deeper repentance needed in the Messianic part of the family.*

As you have read part one of this article during the month of Av and are now reading part two in the month of Tishri leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, please continue to be prayerful as they focus on some delicate and sensitive issues we need to face during these days.

They will help bring greater love and reconciliation in God's family between the Messianic body and the Gentile church. It's also interesting to note that during the month of Av, we remember the destruction of both Temples (Solomon's and Herod's), and in Tishri, we come into repentance. It is a convergence of sorts for judgment begins in the house of God (see 1 Peter 4:7), but God's Heart is merciful, always looking toward restoration.

However, I truly believe in this day that out of the judgments come His heart to restore His body (His holy temple—see 1 Corinthians 3:16-17) to make us ready for all that is coming.

When it comes to the human issues holding back the fullness of love and unity in the family of God between Jew and Gentile, we are actually all in the same boat. And just like our Gentile-believing family has emotional issues to deal with concerning this reconciliation, the same is true of us on the Messianic side.

Speaking from my own experience as a Jewish believer, I can tell you that one of the greatest challenges in my personal walk and in my heart before the Lord is this place of rejection that our people have carried for so long, for thousands of years which in turn has traveled through our generational bloodlines. And this has been compounded as a

Jewish believer being mostly rejected by the church and then rejected by our own people for believing that Yeshua is Mashiach.

For this is the spiritual environment that most Messianic believers have grown up in over the last 50 years. And it has had its effects on us in the Messianic body.

But now, as the Lord draws us closer to His bosom, for us to reconcile more with God's children from the nations, this spirit of rejection that I believe the enemy has been using against us (Jewish believers) needs to be fully exposed. And we need to understand better how it operates, as well as all the negative emotions attached to it. Such is most noticeable in areas of pride and defensiveness that can more easily cause us to be critical and judgmental, and not walk in love or being patient and kind in all circumstances.

This is why gaining a deeper understanding of the Father's blueprint to restore love and unity in His family is significant for us at this time to help rebuild our confidence in the restoration of His body, as, during these days, His Ekklesia/church must arise out of the darkness. Beforehand, God wants to expose and remove the obstacles in us and the blindness in the church that has caused her to be so separate from Israel in the first place. Then she will be able to see more clearly and fulfill her role to partner with us in Israel's salvation.

Frequently, when working on this message of reconnection and alignment in the Ekklesia/church, I have faced many of the obstacles which stand in its way and have to deal with and overcome these negative emotions. yet so often, in the process, He whispers in my ear, "I love My church."

Our Father in heaven is long-suffering and wants none to be lost. As we enter this season of reconciliation in the family of God that will lead to the greater glory being poured out

upon us, we need to be patient, trusting our Father and Yeshua/Jesus and His plans to heal the divisions and separations that exist between us to allow this process to transpire. Yet we also must be willing to humble ourselves for the Holy Spirit to heal the issues in our own hearts that fuel separation and division in His body and properly recognize and discern what is holding us back if we are truly to become ONE again with our Gentile believing family. For this to happen, we also need to be really honest with ourselves.

I also believe that the rejection issue has caused greater insecurities among us in the Messianic movement, even causing us to hold too tightly to our identity as Jews. Sometimes, this can cause an overdependence upon liturgy, where there is a danger of legalism to enter in. In this, we all know that legalism can quench the Spirit.

Most Jewish believers in the land (Israel) don't have to deal with this issue, as they have greater security in their Jewishness as Israelis. Whereas in the diaspora, we have had more of a struggle in this area and truly need to become freer in the Holy Spirit who can set our liturgy on fire for God when there is a greater balance.

Plus, we need to get back to the basics of prayer and evangelism and not trying so much to defend our Jewishness but instead, winning our people back to faith, for without Yeshua they are all still broken off branches that need to be grafted back into the Olive Tree.

Finally, some in our movement have become so extreme, even requiring Gentiles to come back under the law, that when earnest Christians are seeking out our movement and their Jewish roots, they are often quite confused by who we really are (Jewish Roots, One Law and Ephraimites). You can read more about these aberrations in The R911 Project materials. We must pray to God, during these days that we will do a better job of communicating what healthy Messianic Judaism is to help God's

children from the nations to embrace us more readily. We must also gain a better understanding of our call in the Ekklesia/church as Jewish believers.

I believe these are some of the deeper issues holding our movement back at this time as Messianic Jews and Gentiles that the Father wants us to look into more thoroughly. Not to mention the anger some of us still carry towards the church that is in need of healing. I know they are also sensitive and delicate matters, but if we want to get free in these areas, we must be willing to look into our hearts and allow the Father's mercy to wash us and prepare us for what is to come. This is a new day, and the Lord is doing similar things on the Gentile side of the family to get us ready. So ultimately, we can both be prepared to reconnect with one another and reunite in love and unity in TONM, which will help lay a foundation for other divisions to be reconciled. The other divisions in the body are fully explained and dealt with in The R911 Project teachings.

Beloved, you may not be one of those who has struggled with the church, or God has already brought you through it. But there is such a great need now to pray for our Messianic family to open our hearts to finding greater love and unity with our Gentile believing family who are also being prepared in the same way. This is God's timing to reconcile us and the reconnection is a power key that opens the door for God's end-time plans to transpire, and it helps lay the foundation for it.

On the other hand, some or even all of what I have written is touching your spirit. And you know a deeper place is needed for prayer and repentance in your heart. Please pray and connect with the Father and allow Him to heal and wash away any of these negative influences. This restoration is one of the main goals of The R911 Project, for all of us in His body to find greater connection with the Lord, and with one another.

Beloved, please join us on this journey as we begin to go deeper into the Father's Heart for His family to be ONE. In our next article, we will take a look at how this is going to happen. Until then, lots of love in Yeshua/Jesus.

To learn more about The R911 Project, please click on this link-. {eoa}

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## **Morning Rundown: Iranians Continue to Fight Back Against Leaders for Death of Mahsa Amini**

Here's a quick summary of the top stories on :

**Iranians Continue to Fight Back Against Leaders for Death of**

## **Mahsa Amini**

Since the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, protests across Iran haven't died down. Now Iranian Christians around the world are joining the movement, denouncing the death of Amini who reportedly died at the hands of Iranian authorities for not wearing a hijab properly.

"We are all together regardless of ethnicity, religion, language or belief, in this fight against the shared pain of injustice, oppression and religious dictatorship, as well as our hope for life, freedom and equality," Hangaam Council of United Iranian Churches said in a statement.

Thursday marks the 13th day of protests in the country and Iran's president is now warning the people that the protests can't continue. State media outlets in Iran are reporting that 41 people have been killed and more than 1,200 arrested. Some are reporting death toll numbers even higher at 76 including women and children.

## **Fox Anchor: 'God Wanted Me to Be Bold and Share the Gospel'**

"Fox & Friends" co-anchor Ainsley Earhardt has become a familiar face in TV news, but her children's books are also inspiring kids and families to see God's power in their lives.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." That popular Scripture, Jeremiah 29:11, is at the heart of Earhardt's new project, "I'm So Glad You Were Born: Celebrating Who You Are," a children's book inspired by a faith-affirming message from her own childhood.

"When I was growing up, my mother, on our birthdays, would say, 'I'm so glad you were born,' and that was her message to us. So, one day, I was on air and I said it and all of the crew and my co-anchors started laughing on 'Fox & Friends,'" Earhardt told "The 700 Club." And I said, 'I know it sounds

funny, and I know you've probably never heard that before, but think about it."

## **The Real Truth About the Marriage of Politics and Faith**

As I look back, I realize that God has given me a career path with some rather unique experiences. I have built bridges at the intersection of faith and government my whole life, and I have learned that serving people through a role in government can be just as important as serving them through a role in the church.

To be involved in our communities is also to be involved in the political processes that impact them. Is it not better to prevent tragedy before we must race in and help heal it? The tragedy of corruption and betrayal of the people is happening every day in our modern system, and we do have the power to do something about it!

Many Christians have quite simply forgotten our enormous collective power. {eoa}