

Re-Calibrating our “GPS”

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Sunday, June 7th

Christianity has lost its meaning! (Mt 5:13) “Christian” in Acts 26:28, 1 Pt. 4:16 is *Christianos* & literally means “A Follower of Jesus Christ” such that we progressively become “Like Christ”.

(Ro. 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18; 5:17; Gal. 2:20,21) It’s actually a personal and powerful relationship with the Creator, that begins with repentance and faith, (Mt 4:17; Ro. 5:1,2; Jn 3:3, etc) & leads to a life-long and transforming “Faith” journey! (Mt. 4:19; 11:28,29; 2 Cor 5:7; Heb. 12:1-3)

Jesus didn’t simply ask people to “believe” in him, but to “Follow” Him. (*Mt 4:19; 9:9; Jn 10:27*)

How would our country/world look different if “Christians” really understood this?

If Satan (The Thief in Jn 10:10) can’t keep us from faith in Christ, *He will seek to keep you from Following (obeying) Him!* (Col. 2:6-8) *“Beware lest any spoil you.”* (*sylogōge*’ō: to lead away)

1. Why Satan seeks to sidetrack us?

A. He knows that he can’t defeat us as long as we’re walking (in fellowship) with

Jesus Christ. 1 Jn 4:4 *“greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*

- 1) God protects those who walk with Him. (Ps. 34:7,8; 1 Jn 5:3,4; 1 Cor 10:13,14; Jn 15:1-6)
John 15:6 *“If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered.”*

B. Satan knows that If he can lure us away from fellowship with Christ, We’ll become vulnerable. (1 Pt 5:8,9; 1 Tim. 1:18,19)

- 1) He has an vast arsenal of tools and an army of resources that he uses to get us to detour or drift away from a vibrant “walk” (relationship) with Jesus. (1 Jn 2:15,16; 5:19)

2. Some of Ways Satan seeks to sidetrack us:

A. Storms (Challenging Circumstances) have a way of disorienting us!

- 1) Abram (Gen. 12)
- 2) Job (Chapters 1,2 and Job 13:15)

B. Strong (cultural) Currents. Ro. 12:2 *“Be not conformed to this world...”*

1 Jn 2:15,16 *“Love not the world...”* (2 Tim 4:10; Mark 4:19)

C. Seductive “Siren” songs. Jms 1:14-16 *“do not err* (planaō: drift, deceived, seduced) *beloved brethren”*
Remember Odysseus in Homer’s Odyssey?

D. Sabotage our (Heart’s) “GPS”

Pr 20:27 *“The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord; searching all the inward parts.”*

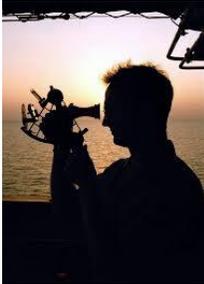
Job 32:8 *“there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”*

- 1) What happens when our “Internal Navigation System” becomes corrupted? (Ro. 1; 1 Tim. 3)
We’re seeing the tragic events in our own country! We are a Nation Adrift!

Jer. 2:13-17 *“my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out broken cisterns, that can hold no water... Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?”*

Conclusion: Satan seeks to get us:

- Blown off course by Storms (Crises)
- Drift off course by a Cultural current
- Be Seduced off course by the “siren songs” of the World. 1 Jn 2:15,16
- Or “Corrupt” our internal “Navigation system” (See Col .1:8) rendering it “reprobate” (Unreliable)



Due to the frequency and devastation of cyber attacks, (*Rendering GPS useless*) The U.S. Navy has begun teaching its midshipmen to navigate using the stars.

Wise is the sailor and the “saint” who periodically realigns their course by the eternal Purposes and Priorities of
“the Captain of our Salvation”. Heb 2:10

Ps. 19 compares God’s Word to His Stars!

Just as Sailors can navigate by the stars,

We can safely navigate our lives by the eternal principles of God’s Word.

Over the next several weeks, I’m going to share God’s eternal coordinates so that we can make sure that our Church (and individual) Navigation systems line up with Eternity!

Will you purpose to join me as we seek to “calibrate” our Church and individual “Internal Guidance systems” so that they reflect, not the World’s corrupted GPS (Global Positioning System) But God’s original (and Eternal) Positioning System. (Psalm 119:89-92)

Application:

Jer 6:16-17 *“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

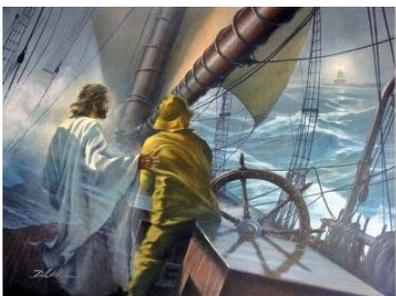
But they said, We will not walk therein.

Also I set watchmen over you, saying, ‘Hearken to the sound of the trumpet.’

But they said, We will not hearken.”

What will you say?What will you do?

“At the Helm” Danny Hahlbohm



“The Sailor’s Hymn” by Edward Hopper

“Jesus, Savior, pilot me, Over life’s tempestuous sea;

Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.

Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.”

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar

’Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,

May I hear Thee say to me, “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”