

Friday, September 6th ... Join in **fasting** for the day ... Night of Prayer & Worship begins at 7pm - 10:30pm.

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**Australia testimonies — Dylan & Kady; IRIS conf; Riverlife; Glory City — Lexington VA**

## Words of Life

### I. Faith Hope Love

#### A. Eternal Love

**1Cor. 13:1** If I **speak** in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, **I am a noisy gong** or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I **have** prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, **I am nothing**. **3** If I **give away** all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, **I gain nothing**.

**4** Love is patient ... kind; ... does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude... does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

**8** **Love never ends**. ... **9** For we **know in part** and we prophesy in part, ... **12** For **now we see in a mirror dimly**, but **then** face to face. **Now** I know in part; **then** I shall **know fully**, even as I have been **fully known**.

**13** So **now faith, hope, and love abide**, these three; but the **greatest** of these is love. **14:1** **Pursue love**, and earnestly desire ...

#### A. Creative Potential Confidence in Prayer.

**1Jn 3:21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have **confidence** before God; **22** and **whatever we ask we receive** from him, because we **keep his commandments** and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, that we **believe** in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, just as he has commanded us. **24** **Whoever keeps his commandments**

**abides in God, and God in him.** And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Obedience = LOVE.** 1Jn 4:16

Love existed BEFORE creation ... Love beyond the end of all things.

### **Faith, Hope and Love are eternal**

We confidently faithfully, lovingly and with hope decree life.

“Prophecy to LIVE to dead bones.”

God created the Universe with His words.

He is the **Designer**. **Good** and the source of what is good. **Life** and the source of life. **Moral** and the source of our sense of right and wrong character and interpersonal behavior.

**He Revives, Restores, Reforms — Person, Family, Church, Nation**

### **B. Creative Potential — Transforming Chaos into Image**

Gen 1:1 In the **beginning**, God **created**...

3 And God **said**, “Let there be...and there was”...

26 Then God **said**, “Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have dominion ....” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male** and **female** he created them. [Slide 1]

**LIKE DNA to Living Cells, the Divine Word carries the information for human thriving — Abundant Life!**

### **C. Creative Potential — Facing Hopeless Chaos**

Ezek. 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out ... and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was **full** of bones. 2 ...there were **very many** on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were **very dry**.

- 11 Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, **they say**, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’
- 12 Therefore **prophesy**, and **say to them**, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, **I will open your graves** and **raise you** from your graves, O my people...
- 14 And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and **you shall live**, ...”

## HOPELESS SITUATIONS? BIG MESS? BEYOND OUR FIXING?

### II. Chaos of Personal and Cultural Loss

#### A. Chaos in Culture is painful darkness - *The ways of society that ignore God.*

**John 3:17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that **the world might be saved** through him... **19** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness** rather than the light because their works were evil.

**Rom 1:18** For the wrath of God **increasing disorder** is revealed from heaven against **all** ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **by their unrighteousness suppress the truth**. ... **21** For although they **knew** God, they **did not honor** him as God **or give thanks** to him, but they became **futile in their thinking**, and their foolish **hearts were darkened**. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools,...

#### B. Restoration - declaring God's Love — Love one another, our neighbor, our enemy. Our motive is to make bring joy to the nations.

**Ro 8:31** What then shall we **say** to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

[Slide 2]

**Jn 8:31** “If you **abide in my word**, ..., **32** ... you will **know the truth**, and the **truth will set you free.**”

**15:7** If you **abide in me**, and my **words abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**11** These things *I have spoken* to you, **that my joy may be in you**, and that your joy may be full. **12** “This is my commandment, that you **love one another** as I have loved you.

**Tit 2:11NIV** For the **grace** of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. **[Slide 2]** **12** It **teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions**, and **to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives** in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to **purify** for himself a people that are **his very own**, eager to do what is good. *Zealous for good works*

**Because God is good and holy and moral, grace teaches us to say, No to ungodliness and worldly passions.**

### **III. Light in the Chaos Releases the Blessing**

**Love is relational.**

INTERPERSONAL TRUTH

So, we stay calm, and carry on, praying with gratitude and joyful faith in kindness and hope! We love and bless and pray. In the midst of chaos.

### **7 Creative Relational Decrees: Let there be light!**

**1. Between Husband and Wife — Marriage is a comprehensive, permanent and exclusive union between one man and one woman.** **[Slide 4]**

*Marriage is a comprehensive union — of hearts, minds, and bodies. In marriage, spouses achieve **true organic bodily union**, a union **only possible between man and woman**. **Profound Mystery**- Christ and Church*

Requires a total commitment from the spouses. Beautiful and good in and of itself and it is also fundamental to any society because **organic bodily union often produces children.**

Marriage allows **mothers** and **fathers** to give their children the promise of a stable and lifelong family bond, which children most need to **flourish.**

We know the real challenges that exist to a strong union! Working through the obstacles together creates mature, confident children, generating a positive ripple effect.

## 2. **Between Children and Adults** — **Every child has a right to a mother and a father; no one has a right to a child.** [Slide 5]

Mothers and fathers provide unique gifts to their children. Each sex makes unique contribution towards the healthy psychosocial development of a child. We know the ideal is not always attainable, but we give praise for those who strive to meet it.

### Every Child has

- a. The **right to life** from **conception until natural death**, regardless of the circumstances of conception, or family situation.
- b. The **right to be treated as a person**, not as a **commodity**. Children are a blessing – not something **owed** to an adult.
- c. The **right to modesty.**
- d. The **right to be raised according to one's biological sex and gender.**  
Boys and girls must be taught to celebrate the unique and fundamental gifts of their biological sex. **Gender is anchored by our biological sex.** It is not infinitely fluid and changeable. **6500 differences at gene level!**

## 3. **Between Children and the Family** — **Bonds between children, parents, grandparents and extended family should be protected and preserved.** [Slide 6]

Kinship involves the connection to the **ancestral line** that led to our **existence.** This gives an **anchor to our identity**, helping us to understand where we came from.

We admire adoptive and foster parents who seek to remedy broken bonds and open their homes to children in need with generosity and care.,

**FAMILIES!** [Slide 7] *In you shall all the families be blessed*

- 4. Between Adults of the Same Sex — Every person has a profound need to be appreciated, known and loved in the context of authentic friendship.** [Slide 8]

*Authentic friendship* is a relationship of mutual appreciation, in which people desire each other's good and value each other's uniqueness. This is real, valuable and intimate—a union of hearts and minds, resulting in profound happiness. **We counter the confusing modern meme that all emotional intimacy can or should be sexual.**

**CLEANSE OURSELVES OF EVERY DEFILEMENT** [Slide 9]

- 5. Between All Persons in a Civil Society — Every person possesses a unique dignity and is worthy of respect, regardless of sex, age, ethnicity, sexual feelings, race, educational level or religious or political ideas.** [Slide 10]

We are for those who seek to engage in *meaningful conversations* that preserve the dignity of all involved, and we seek to add our own **positive voice**. We value **the dignity of the vulnerable** among us: the unborn, children, the elderly, religious and sexual minorities, and the poor.

- 6. Between Government, parents and children — Parents have a right and a responsibility to direct the education of their children.** [Slide 11]

Government, and social institutions should **assist** parents in their educational task and **never usurp** parents' primary role, especially in sensitive areas pertaining to sexuality, marriage and family.

Parents today face governments, caregivers and providers that may seek — especially through sex-ed programs—to normalize and promote forms of sexual behavior that violate the consciences of many around the world and the clear Word of God.

- 7. Between Government and People of Faith — Every person has a right to freedom of conscience, thought, and religion, which**

*includes the freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs in a public or private way so long as these beliefs and practices do not harm others.* [Slide 12]

We celebrate the people who understand the positive role of religion in ordinary life and the importance of faith to the common good, whatever their professed creed.

***In YOU Shall all the nations of the earth be blessed:***

## **V. Commission to Declare the Goodness of God!**

A. *Let there be Light! You ARE the LIGHT that RELEASES FREEDOM!*

B. *There are **NO HOPELESS SITUATIONS! IT MAY LOOK DEAD, LIKE I'm SURROUNDED BUT I'm ... IN YOU!***

Ezek 37:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" ... 4 Then he said to me, "**Prophecy** over these bones, and **say** to them, O dry bones, **hear the word of the Lord...**"

## **The GREAT COMMISSION:**

Rom 15:13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

That we might pray and never give up!