

New Beginnings

By Bill Johnson



Happy New Year from Reagan Cassandra Johnson born on January 1, 2013 to Chris and Stacey Johnson. 6 lb. 5 oz.

I have heard others say it as well (at least those of us who are in their sixties and beyond). It isn't so much about us any more. It's about those who are coming after us.

I have never had a difficult time staying motivated. In addition, the innocence of youth spurs me on and on. I am fully engaged with my grandkids. They are precious and vulnerable.

We look around us and see so much that is displeasing to our Creator. So many spiritual, moral, judicial attacks upon marriage, life, morality.

Here is a little counsel that has been passed on to me that I would like to pass on to those coming after me. In short, strengthen your spiritual base for the days are evil.

1. Our children are a blessing from the Lord. Life is precious beyond measure. Let God get your attention regarding the huge responsibility it is to be a parent.

2. Build up your marriage. Children do best in happily married families. Biblical marriage. Do not divorce unless you truly have Biblical grounds and every attempt to salvage your marriage has been taken.

3. Take Scripture seriously. Stand on it. Live under it. Husbands love your wives as Christ loves the church. Wives submit to your husbands, as to the Lord. Eph. 5-6

4. Get right with God. Consecrate your life to the Lord. That means dedicate your life to the Lord. Seek His face. Earnestly seek God's help through prayer and a clean heart.

5. Develop a daily devotional life. If you aren't currently in the Bible, begin today! A good place to start is in shorter practical hard-hitting books like: James, I John, I Peter, II Peter, Ephesians, Galatians, II Timothy. Read at least a chapter and ask God to show you some verses that He wants to speak into your heart and life. Diligently seek Him. Pray that God will open your heart to His will for your life - how to live, how to obey His word. How to love Him and your family as He would have you love and live.

6. Read to your children even as they are very young. Read Bible stories around the table after dinner. My inlaws had parents that read through the Bible in one year around the dinner table. I'm not saying that's how you should do family devotions, but we could learn from previous generations who were in the Word and put us to shame for our lack of knowing and following God's Word.

7. If you don't have a church, diligently seek one and find one. Make sure it is a church that preaches the Word of God, that isn't a man-pleasing church, but rather one led by leaders who fear the Lord, preach salvation, preach against sin, and encourage their people to pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14.

8. Attend church faithfully - Sunday morning and Sunday night. Support your local church.

9. Let your children see that you love the Lord by the priorities that you set for yourself and your family.

10. Put away lesser things. Don't let sports or television become your god.

11. Spend significant time with your kids. Diligently love them and train them in the ways of the Lord. If you at a loss as to where to begin, seek help from your local pastor or a Christian friend who you respect for their obvious parenting skills. Diligently train them. See Deuteronomy 6.



Stacey, Reagan and Chris enjoying their new family together - January 2, 2013

12. Education. Though I know of a few families whose kids have not only survived the public schools but have excelled, nonetheless, many strong Christian leaders would say if at all possible run from the public schools which are increasingly a breeding ground for secularism, godlessness, relativism.

13. Look for Godly examples. I was blessed with Godly inlaws, Dave and Geneva VanSloten (now deceased). I saw them over 36 years in a wide variety of circumstances and I never once saw them do one thing that reflected poorly on their Lord and Savior. They were rock solid members of a local church through many years up to their passing. They were faithful tithers and church attenders. Dave served as an elder many, many times over his years at his church.

As our homes go, so goes our nation. It starts with you. It start with me. God help us. God blesses a nation whose God is the Lord!



From the desk of Bill Johnson

For we wrestle not against flesh & blood

The verse below is a vivid reminder of the nature of the true battle that we face day by day.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; Ephesians 6:12-14

As we battle every day here on earth, we need to understand the true context of the battle that we are waging.

Dr. Francis Schaeffer commented on this: *Do we really believe that we are engaged in this cosmic battle? Do we really believe that there are "powers of this dark world" which rule our age? Or as the Apostle John says, do we really believe that "the whole world is under the control of the evil one" (I John 5:19)? If we do not believe these things (and we must say that much of the evangelical world acts as if it does not believe these things), we certainly cannot expect to have much success in fighting the battle. Why has the Christian ethos in our culture been squandered? Why do we have so little impact upon the world today? Is it not because we have failed to take the primary battle seriously?*

And if we have failed to take the battle seriously, we have certainly failed to use the weapons our Lord has provided. ...

The primary battle is a spiritual battle in the heavenlies. But this does not mean, therefore, that the battle we are in is otherworldly

or outside of human history. It is a real spiritual battle, but it is equally a battle here on earth in our own country, our own communities, our places of work and our schools, and even our own homes. The spiritual battle has its counterpart in the visible world, in the minds of men and women, and in every area of human culture. In the realm of space and time the heavenly battle is fought on the stage of human history.

But if we are to win the battle on the stage of human history, it will take a prior commitment to fighting the spiritual battle with the only weapons that will be effective. It will take a life committed to Christ, founded on truth, lived in righteousness and grounded in the gospel. ...The only offensive weapon mentioned is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." While the others help to defend us against the attacks of Satan, the Bible is the weapon which enable us to join with our Lord on the offensive in defeating the spiritual hosts of wickedness. But it must be the Bible as the Word of God in everything it teaches - - in matters of salvation, but just as much where it speaks of history and science and morality. If it is compromised in any of these areas, as is unhappily happening today among many who call themselves evangelicals, we destroy the power of the Word and put ourselves in the hands of the enemy. Finally, it will take a life of prayer: "pray in the spirit on all occasions."

On the level of human history, however, the battle is equally important. Here too there is a fundamental conflict going on which is the earthly counterpart to the heavenly battle. This conflict takes two forms. The first of these has to do with the way we think -- the ideas we have and the way we view the world. The second has to do with the way we live and act. Both of these conflicts -- in the area of ideas and in the area of actions -- are important and in both areas Bible-believing Christians find themselves locked in battle with the surrounding culture of our day. [Taken from The Great Evangelical Disaster, by Francis A. Schaeffer, 1984]

On New Year's Eve, at our showing of the "Last Ounce of Courage," a mother/grandmother whom I highly respect said, "Where are the younger people?" She stated flat out that her own young adults, though they share our values, lay back and aren't engaging the culture. She asks "Why?"

This, too, is part of the spiritual battle that we are in. Having ears they do not hear. Having eyes they do not see.

Are you familiar with the verses out of Ezekiel 33? Starting at verse 8:

When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Friends in Christ: We must live unto Christ, encourage, warn and exhort.

We are making available two new DVDs:

"Last Ounce of Courage" drew applause at its completion at our New Year's Eve showing here at our auditorium. It has only been available on DVD for a very short time. It powerfully addresses the attack upon Christmas, the assault upon Religious Liberty, and highlights the importance of standing up.

"Never Surrender" is another must see movie featuring the life of Lt. General Jerry Boykin. It also includes commentary from Mike Huckabee, Dr. James Dobson, Frank Gaffney and others. This movie is a call to Christians to turn back to God for the hour is late.

In the spirit of Ezekiel 33, we will be bringing former terrorist Kamal Saleem to speak in three locations in early February. We urge your attendance:

Thursday, February 7. Prince Conference Center (Calvin College) at 7:00 P.M. - Grand Rapids.

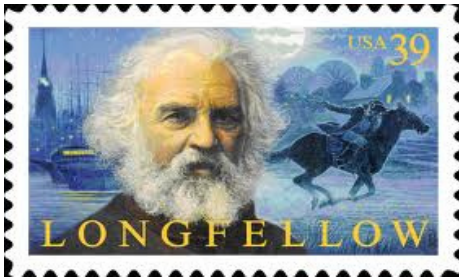
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We are called to be faithful. Thank you for your prayers, letters of encouragement and your faithful support. It means a lot!

Peace on earth, good-will to men

by: Chris Johnson



Christmas is special to a lot of people, whether it's because of the true Reason for the season or because of the presents, or the cheesy Christmas movies, or the weather, or just because the whole family is together. For all of those reasons, the Johnson family Christmas is without a doubt one of my favorite days of the year.

I picked out my parents' tree as I have every year since I could drive the truck to pick it up and, as usual, I've been scolded because it's too fat. The angel tree topper sits atop the fat tree with her mouth agape, presumably singing praises for the New Born King. I've always told my mom that this particular angel is rather ugly, but it takes its place on its green stage every year perhaps, now, a little out of spite.

We are blessed as a family to enjoy each others' company during the Holiday season. Our family gets along great, and there are several decent cooks, which makes the day all the more enjoyable. We don't have a whole lot of unique Christmas traditions, but one of them, I think, is worth sharing - particularly this year.

My mom pulls out an old green book, which, as she explains, holds my grandpa's favorite poem. It's not an obscure, self-affected piece, because he wasn't that kind of person. He was what they call a "simple" farmer, and his favorite poem is the classic written by the American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*.

Longfellow wrote it upon hearing that his son was severely wounded in the Civil War, but the words have never been more applicable than in the light of the Newtown Massacre.

*I HEARD the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."*

In C.S. Lewis' space trilogy, he imagines going to another planet with life created by God, but these beings were not fallen, like man is. In Lewis' imagination these beings were in perfect communion with God. They had no concept of, or even a word for, "evil" or "bad." The closest they could get was "bent."

We live in a "bent" world. It was once perfect, but is now deformed and deeply

flawed thanks to sin. It is not as it was made to be. Man was not made to shoot children, but to protect them, and that's why the shooting in Connecticut grabs our hearts and squeezes like it's wringing out a dish cloth.

The Wall Street Journal published profiles of the victims of the shooting, including comments of neighbors and friends who knew the kids. What slashes the emotions is reading these commentators saying, "she had a strong personality" or he "was such an incredible light."

Was? Had? We should not have to talk about kids this way. Parents are not meant to bury their children.

In Longfellow's time, the Civil War took the lives of 750,000 Americans on both sides in a war.

In my grandfather's time, two world wars where 36 million people were killed, plus 6 million Jews in the holocaust.

We've had wars and genocides and school shootings since then.

And the week before Christmas, 20 six-and-seven-year-old kids and seven adults were put in the ground.

Humans are bent.

There's only One who can straighten us out and that's what we celebrate at Christmas - the Birth of the One who has come to unbend us and make us perfect as we were meant to be.

The Reason for the season should be especially poignant this year. Hug your family a little tighter this year, enjoy your time with the ones you love, and praise God for sending His Son to unbend us.

Someday, we are promised, "the Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men."

Victoria Secret Underwear Parade on CBS

By Lisa Van Houten



In 2008 Victoria's Secret CEO Sharen Turney promised a toning down of the eroticism of Victoria's Secret – stating their image had become “too sexy” and the corporation would instead return to a portrayal of “ultra feminine” resulting, one would assume, in a turning away from the explicit pornographic advertising Victoria's Secret had become known for. At the time we were wary yet cautiously hopeful that maybe, just maybe the company was finally listening to the countless ones who had called, written, signed petitions, boycotted, picketed malls in protest of their unwelcome erotic displays and television commercials foisted upon shoppers and TV viewers.

Obviously, that promise was as flimsy as the products the company sells. Last month CBS aired the annual “Underwear Parade” – otherwise known as the Victoria's Secret ‘Fashion’ Show.

However, this display of barely-clad lingerie models has nothing to do with fashion, but is all about skin. As nearly nude women paraded down runways, cameras gave viewers close up shots of barely-covered breasts and derrières – all while the models strutted seductively down the runways.

As one VS model stated: “There's nothing like it on TV.”

National advertisers that sponsored this erotic display include: Burger King, Crest, Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese, Microsoft, Sprint, Canon cameras, T-Mobile, Motorola, Droid, Zicom, Paramount Pictures, and Universal Pictures.

The good news is that of the 17 companies we targeted last year, who sponsored the Victoria's Secret show in 2011, only four returned to advertise again this year – Paramount Pictures, Universal Pictures, Zicom, and local advertiser Logan's Roadhouse.

This was not a show about “fashion.” This was not even so much geared toward women. This was about appealing to men. The camera angles, the erotic poses and postures all with the purpose of eliciting a sexual response – and a flood of Christmas sales of lingerie by men who want their wives to live up to the image on display by Victoria's Secret.

This was also blatantly obvious in the Victoria's Secret ads which ran during the commercial breaks - each ad as pornographic as the show itself – if not more so.

Victoria's Secret actually boasted about how erotic their television ads have become.

One model stated: “One of the first (Victoria's Secret) commercials that I've seen was the one that got banned with Claudia Schiffer. That one was tame. The underwear was a lot more conservative than what we wear now.”

In 1996 the three major networks balked at airing a Victoria's Secret advertisement with Claudia Schiffer. The concern of ABC, NBC, and CBS was that the advertisement was too sensual and not appropriate for all audiences.

Another model stated:

“I think times have really changed and that's okay.”

I'm so glad to know that she's “okay” with an increasing flood of eroticism over television airwaves and in mall window displays, but millions of parents, grandparents, and caring individuals aren't okay with it!

We feel pity for these young women who prostitute their bodies for the pleasure of men; we grieve for our daughters and granddaughters who are being taught to degrade themselves for the pleasure of men - that their value is equated to their body parts and sex appeal; and for our sons and grandsons who are drawn into a pattern of lust and escalating pornography use.



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Fox TV “Honors” Sandy Hook by ...

by Lisa Van Houten



The terrible tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School has shaken us individually and as a nation. Any parent or grandparent especially feels the horror of what happened when evil shot its way through that school.

“Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.” (Matthew 3:18b)

Not since Sept. 11, 2001 has our nation so collectively grieved. Across the nation people gathered to pray. Flags were flown at half-staff; impromptu memorials sprang up; the ubiquitous moment of silence was featured before Sunday football games.

And then there was the FOX Network with its own way of showing “respect” for this horrific action and loss of life.

Sunday night FOX typically airs its usual lineup of debauched animated shows – *Family Guy*, *American Dad*, *The Cleveland Show*. As we’ve stated before, when we monitor these shows we know what we’ll find. The specifics might vary, but the overall content remains the same. Rife with vulgar dialogue, extremely crude sexual themes, and sickening, bloody violence, each episode is a new variation of the same repulsive theme.

However, the Sunday night following the shootings in Newtown, CT, FOX announced the decision to cancel the scheduled episodes of *Family Guy* and *American Dad*. FOX reportedly made the programming change “to avoid airing what might be considered “sensitive content” so soon after the violence that snuffed out the lives of 20 little children and seven adults.

Translation: The episodes scheduled to air had such graphic violence, common to these two shows, that the network was worried about backlash from viewers and advertisers.

Which begs the question, why is it okay for FOX to air such violent garbage 51 weeks of the year, but just not after a national tragedy?

The original episodes scheduled to air were entitled: “Jesus, Mary and Joseph!” from *Family Guy* and “Minstrel Krampus” from *American Dad*. One thing we know about the cancelled *American Dad* episode is that it featured a demon that punished naughty children at Christmas. And based on the title, I’m sure the *Family Guy* episode was bent on mocking Christ. Seth MacFarlane, the creator of these shows and an avowed atheist, has a history of focusing his most offensive material against Christianity.

While FOX did cancel these episodes, they replaced them with – reruns of the same shows! So instead of what was scheduled, *Family Guy* aired content such as this:

- * A baby eats “yellow” snow which had been urinated on by a dog – being told its lemon-flavored snow.
- * A woman plays a saxophone with her vagina while engaging in phone sex.
- * Elderly men are bashed in the head with baseball bats.
- * September 11, 2001 is mocked.
- * During a phone conversation with his elderly mother, viewers hear Peter, the main character, tell his mother:

“You’re staying in the nursing home! I don’t care! I DON’T CARE! Believe me, no one is touching you in your sleep – because you’re gross! And even if they are, who are you saving yourself for?”

Yet, FOX deems this material acceptable week after week – including sickening violence that is no less gruesome just because it’s animated.

Col. David Grossman, a former West Point psychology professor, Professor of Military Science, and an Army Ranger, is a leading expert addressing the psychological costs of war and the root causes of the current “virus” of violent crime that is raging around the world. He co-authored “Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill: A Call to Action Against TV, Movie and Video Game Violence.”

The summary of which states:

“Jonesboro, Arkansas; Paducah, Kentucky; Pearl, Mississippi; Stamps, Arkansas; Conyers, Georgia; and of course, Littleton, Colorado. We know them all too well, and for all the wrong reasons: kids, some as young as eleven years old, taking up arms and, with deadly, frightening accuracy, murdering anyone in their paths. What is going on? ...there is blame to be laid right at the feet of the makers of violent video games (called “murder trainers” by one expert), the TV networks, and the Hollywood movie studios--the people responsible for the fact that children often witness literally hundreds of violent images a day.

“Lt. Col. Dave Grossman and Gloria DeGaetano offer incontrovertible evidence, much of it based on recent major scientific studies and empirical research, that movies, TV, and video games are not just conditioning children to be violent--and unaware of the consequences of that violence--but are teaching the very mechanics of killing. Their book is a much-needed call to action for every parent, teacher, and citizen to help our children and stop the wave of killing and violence gripping America’s youth....”

Will FOX and Seth MacFarlane’s consciences be pricked regarding the culture of violence they’re contributing to? I highly doubt it. As long as they can rake in money by producing this filth, they will continue to do so. The only thing that trumps MacFarlane’s license to offend is FOX’s quest to make money. Fearing advertiser and viewer backlash led FOX to cancel these two episodes.

But what about the episodes that air next? FOX has no qualms about spewing the filth of *Family Guy* and *American Dad* over the airwaves and many advertisers have no problem with sponsoring it. As FOX has demonstrated, money talks. And that is the Achilles Heel of advertisers and of FOX. Letting them know they have lost a customer (or a viewer) may be the only thing that will get their attention.

The real story of polygamy

by Lisa Van Houten



Each week the TLC show “Sister Wives” paints a pretty picture of polygamy – a modern day “Brady Bunch.” Each episode strives to normalize this sickening lifestyle and succeeds in doing so in the case of many undiscerning viewers. Somehow the fact that polygamy is illegal is swept under the proverbial rug. Instead, TLC gives a one-sided positive depiction of this warped lifestyle, while opposition to polygamy is portrayed as persecution.

Well, as Paul Harvey would say, here’s the rest of the story. Recently, we received this email from a woman who was raised in a polygamist family. In this and ongoing communications with her, she sheds light on the truth of polygamy.

She writes:

To those with open minds,

Note that the objective is to decriminalize polygamy, not to legalize it. Polygamists don’t want polygamy to be legal. If it were legal, men would have to accept the legal responsibility for their excessive families. Sure, any woman can file a paternity suit, BUT SHE CAN’T COLLECT if he already has a family that exceeds his capacity to provide or if his assets are held in a business, a ranch or a corporation in a name other than his own.

Polygamy is not a “lifestyle.” It is an indoctrination wherein men believe breeding with multiple mates makes them a God, but a disloyal woman should be “destroyed.” It is mind control wherein those who don’t

condone it, are in danger of losing their children, their salvation, and acceptance of their families and in some cases their lives. Those of us who were raised with the teachings in Vol. 4 of the Journal of Discourses, know this is an inconvenient truth. Most polygamist families teach from these books today, complete with gender and racial bias as part of God’s plan.

Polygamy is not held together by faith. The glue that binds polygamy is FEAR. This fear is the primary reason women endorse polygamy. The other two reasons are a lack of education or capacity to be responsible or provide for oneself and or one’s children.

We polygamist children were taught from birth to sacrifice our body, mind and our rights.

The emotional and intellectual needs of women were considered weaknesses to overcome. Women had to accept polygamy with grace and pretend they liked it or be accused of being unholy and having an evil spirit. Yet none of these men could or would have tolerated what they demanded of women. If the men had to share their mate, they would realize that polygamy is in itself abuse. In polygamy suffering is not required by God but rather by greed. Polygamy is a form of slavery condoned through religion. Decriminalizing it would take human rights into the dark ages.

... Where ever there are discrepancies in human rights, the abuse is always in direct proportion to the distance between the entitled and those not entitled. The extreme dual standard of polygamy creates a spawning ground for abuse. ... abuse should NEVER be decriminalized nor should it be presented in any civilized society as acceptable, normal or a “lifestyle”.

R.K.
Born in polygamy

This is exactly what TLC’s “Sister Wives” is doing – de-stigmatizing polygamy. Those in rebellion against God’s innate law – in this case a happy-go-lucky polygamist family and a group of Hollywood elites – don’t want to submit to a moral law. Instead, they strive to convince others to accept their sin as just a “lifestyle choice.”

And these lies are empowered by the advertisers who support the show.



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A new promotion of polygamy on TLC

by Lisa Van Houten



The attack on marriage has just been ratcheted up a notch. Another click on the “come-along of evil.” Added to the push for gay marriage is the increasing legitimization of polygamy. Both are repugnant and an offense to God’s design of family and marriage.

The cable network TLC, which produces the show “Sister Wives,” has now aired another program promoting group marriage – “My Three Wives.”

Sponsors of this legitimization of polygamy include: Kraft cheese; Kay Jewelry; Big Lots; Amazon (Kindle); Arm and Hammer products; Fruit of the Loom; Kaboom cleaner; Milo Kitchen dog treats; OxiClean; Canon; Comcast; Sprint; Geico; Buick; and local ad Gerber Life Insurance.

This sickening program showcases a so-called “family” where the husband arrogantly boasts how his first two ‘wives’ were both “competing” for him as young women, so he married them both – on the same day. He then tells viewers how one “got to go first” on the wedding night, while the other had to wait. Years later he married the identical twin sister of one of his ‘wives’ to complete his trifecta.

“My Three Wives” goes to great length to normalize this repulsive lifestyle. These are not the long-dress wearing, bunched up hair, Warren Jeffs cult, polygamists. They make every effort to depict their family as a “typical” American family.

If you can call “typical” a father of 24 kids rotating to a different wife’s bed every night. Yet, with TLC’s promotion of “Sister Wives” and now “My Three Wives,” this could one day be more “typical” than we

could ever imagine. Following comments on entertainment websites and blogs, more and more viewers make comments such as this person:

“If all the wives are consenting adults, why not? I don’t have a problem with polygamy, or bigamy or any other marriage that isn’t the standard man and wife. As long as it involves consenting adults, who cares?”

One way to break down natural resistance to a repugnant concept such as polygamy is to foster empathy for those involved – to personalize it. TLC and “My Three Wives” do this very well. In monitoring this show, I lost track of the number of times one of the “spouses” referred to being “stereotyped” or “persecuted” or ‘falsely’ labeled as extremists.

Sounding incredulous that such “persecution” takes place in modern America, one of the ‘wives’ talked about how “technically” their lifestyle is illegal, as she says: “Our life and the way that we live is considered a third degree felony in the state of Utah.” With crocodile tears she pulls on the heartstrings talking of her fear that “they’d come and take my children away.”

The crescendo of propaganda builds throughout the episode until the concluding speech of one ‘wife’ who claims her lifestyle is a “privilege” and tells viewers “what she gains is far more” than what she loses by sharing a husband.

She goes on to emphatically state: “The people who take on the challenge are the most rewarded.” And that those who don’t embrace polygamy “will never know what they’ve missed out on.”

As with the depiction of homosexuality in television, it began with one gay character. Then another and another. Then the first homosexual kissing scene on television. Then a bed scene. And now, as resistance has broken down, there are few, if any, network shows that don’t have a homosexual character.

With polygamy, it began with HBO’s “Big Love” and then TLC’s “Sister Wives” and now “My Three Wives.” And so marriage and family is undermined more and more.

If we do not oppose it now, what will the next ten years bring?



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The White Sheets Are Still Out

By Donald E. Wildmon

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Several years ago I ran across what is, to me, one of the most beautiful stories I have ever heard. Maybe you are familiar with it, maybe not. I still want to pass it along. A fellow by the name of G. W. Rosenberg told it. He's dead now, but the story lives.

Dr. Rosenberg was riding a train across the state to attend a conference. There were few people on the train, and he couldn't keep from noticing a young man who seemed very nervous. Everyone seemed to notice how restless and tense he was. He would take a seat, sit for a moment, get up and move. Finally Dr. Rosenberg went over to where the young man was, sat down beside him and spoke. "What's your trouble, son? Is something bothering you? I would certainly like to be of help if I can."

The young man looked at Dr. Rosenberg for a moment and then spoke. "I don't mind telling you. Do you know where Springvale is?" Dr. Rosenberg answered, "Isn't it the next stop?" The young man spoke again. "Yes, sir. We will be there in just a few minutes. That's my home. I lived there until three years ago I had a quarrel with my father. I told him he would never see me again. I packed my bags and left. It has been hard during the past three years. Many times I have wanted to go back. I wrote mother often. I wrote her last week and told her I would be passing through. I told her I would like to stop for a moment if it was all right with Daddy. I told her that if Daddy said it was all right, for them to hang something white outside the house and I could see it when the train passed. I told her not to do it unless Daddy agreed. She would do it anyway, you know."

There was a period of quietness. The boy looked out the window.

Then the terrain became familiar. The train was nearing the house where his parents lived. He spoke to Dr. Rosenberg excitedly. "Mister, would you look for me. It is the next house, just around the bend. I just can't look. If there isn't something white... I just can't look."

The train slowed for the curve and jerked a bit stopping for the water tank. Nearly forgetting everything, Dr. Rosenberg just about shouted. "Look, son, look!" The little farm house was there amid the trees. But you could hardly see it for the white. The parents had taken everything white they could get their hands on and hung it out on the hill side. Every sheet, bed spread, towel, sock, handkerchief - everything white they could find - was hung on that hill side. The boy became very nervous and pale. His fingers gripped the cheap suitcase. He was out of the car before it had completely stopped. The last passengers saw of him he was running up the hill to his home as fast as his feet would carry him.

It is an ageless story. Remember how He told it: "But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him..." The white sheets are still out. And so many need to come home.

[Taken from: Nuggets of Gold by Donald E. Wildmon, 1970]. Rev. Wildmon is the founder of the American Family Association. Nuggets of Gold is a devotional book and one of other books he has written.

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With the times being so concerning financially and on many other fronts, we were concerned that we'd have to make some significant cuts as we began a new year. Our concern was that there weren't too many areas that were obvious cuts.

We also were so blessed by the many notes of encouragement and prayerful support for our ongoing work.

What a blessing it is to be able to begin another year of ministry in a solid financial position and to have such a strong sense that many wonderful people stand with us and deeply appreciate our ministry! May God bless and keep you in His great care and continued service in these troubling days!



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