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Prophetic Insight

7/2/2020 “Therefore we must pay much more careful heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away”

Sharing Inconvenient Truths Takes Courage (Part 2)

Dear friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Being called by the Spirit of Christ to have the courage to share inconvenient truths is a *Kingdom value*. In contrast, the human desire to be accepted by others or to receive acclaim from them is a *worldly value*. The two are absolutely incompatible. Anyone who finds themselves responsible for other people will have to share *inconvenient truths* from time to time — and these truths will likely be unpopular or hard to hear.

Grandparents and parents: If you're guiding your family in Christ according to biblical mandates, then by necessity you *do* experience times when you must share with them inconvenient truths. These are truths which shape their character and their loving obedience to our Father and to other people. Because of your love for Jesus, you want your loved ones to abide by the responsibilities our Father and others in authority in their lives have a right to require of them. You already know that confronting your family with inconvenient truths doesn't always make you popular with them!



The crux of the matter is whether you abandon your biblical position as a parent or grandparent by resorting to cajoling or wheedling or bribing or negotiating with them to accept your inconvenient truth. Neither parents nor men leading a fellowship family can succumb to this unbiblical style that's so popular today among parents and grandparents: “Nathan, if eat your vegetables, then you can have ice cream” or, “Emma, for the last time PLEASE put your phone away!”

Here's a current example to inspire you of a public official who has the courage to share inconvenient truth as well as boldly face the ramifications for voicing it:

Mike: The man we want to spotlight is Dr. Anthony Fauci. As I've observed Dr. Fauci in news briefings, I strongly identify with him. Both in my Navy service in Vietnam and in serving my Lord for over 40 years with a prophetic gift, I've been in a position of having to share inconvenient truths as well as face potentially negative consequences for voicing them. You can read about my experience in our February 1999 Newsletter, *Counterfeit Church* < [https://restorationministries.org/download/199902counterfeitchurch%20\(1\).pdf](https://restorationministries.org/download/199902counterfeitchurch%20(1).pdf) >.

You'll see that our motto in Vietnam, “**No one dies because we didn't care**”, came about as a result of inconvenient truth. And you'll also understand the issues I faced in being recruited by our Lord to share inconvenient truth within Christendom — a recruitment which resulted in my nickname, “the Enema.”

Dr. Fauci has served as the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984. He's received many commendations, including the Presidential Medal Of Freedom, for his years of selflessly serving humanity—serving humanity and not himself.

Perhaps you've watched Dr. Fauci during these past few months stand quietly by while the President and Vice-President share their deceptive, **rosy view** of how well everything is going in this nation in regard to the Covid-19 virus. Our hearts go out to this noble man who in a sincere fatherly manner shares inconvenient truth that countermands everything the political leaders standing before him spoke.



The inconvenient truth Dr. Fauci shares to save lives in this nation is supported by major medical experts and other humanitarian-focused organizations. These people *care* about the death of even one person – **“No one dies because we didn’t care.”**



But Dr. Fauci’s inconvenient truths fly in the face of the President’s premise concerning the virus which he bases on **“acceptable losses.”** His insensitive position works as long as *he* doesn’t get the virus nor do the *vested interests* who support and protect him nor do *someone they care about*. (See the top of the next page for a stark comparison of the US and Europe in response to the pandemic.)

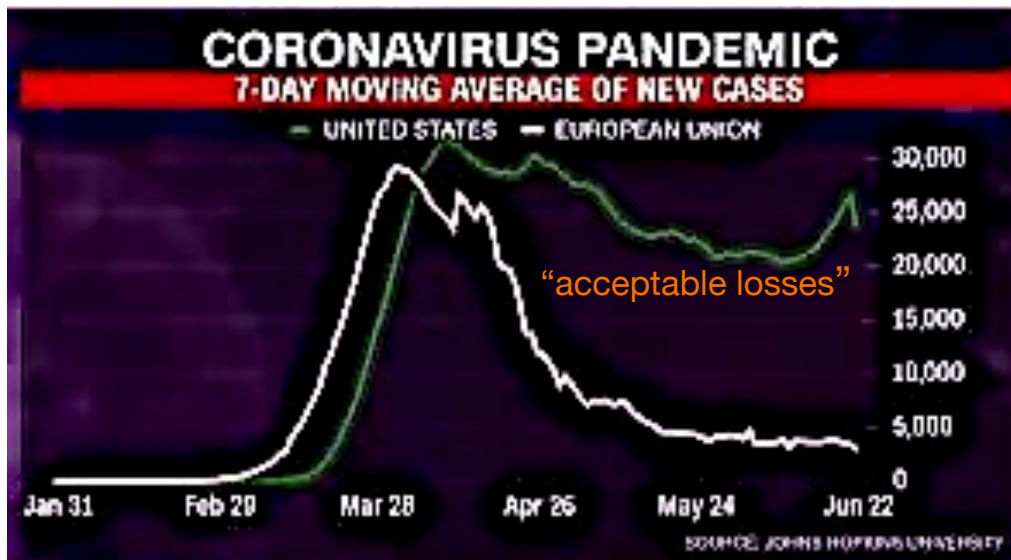
There’s a sharp similarity between the prophets whom our Lord has recruited to voice His warnings or expose evil, and people in public service who must share inconvenient truth with those who have far less regard for human life. Both experience the same tactic of *personal disparagement*:

The messengers of inconvenient truth are either disparaged before they have a chance to share the truth others need to heed, or they’re disparaged immediately after sharing it. “When [Ahab] saw Elijah, he said to him, ‘Is that you, you troubler of Israel?’” (1Kings 18:17).

Mike: For over 40 years I’ve known what it is to be discredited either before or after I shared an inconvenient truth. The issue for *you* is the people who also must share inconvenient truth:

•Do you believe the disparaging comments? •Is the Covid-19 virus really a “hoax”?

The virus certainly isn’t a hoax to us — we have relatives suffering with it.



"Trump's #FireFauci retweet spurs a cycle of outrage and a White House denial"

Dr. Fauci has had the courage to keep sharing inconvenient truth even after being disparaged in Presidential tweets. Know this: Anyone to whom the Holy Spirit gives an inconvenient truth to share, or anyone who is noble enough to not duck his responsibility to share inconvenient truth *will be disparaged*.

Heed this warning from our Lord. If you've been turned off to someone who's sharing inconvenient truth and have believed disparaging comments about him or her because they fit your preconceived notions, then you are embracing a lie and are in sin. You are the type of person our Lord sent Jeremiah to share inconvenient truth with:



"To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it" (Jeremiah 6:10).



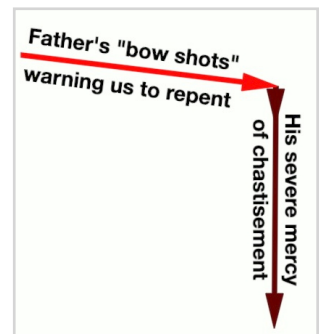
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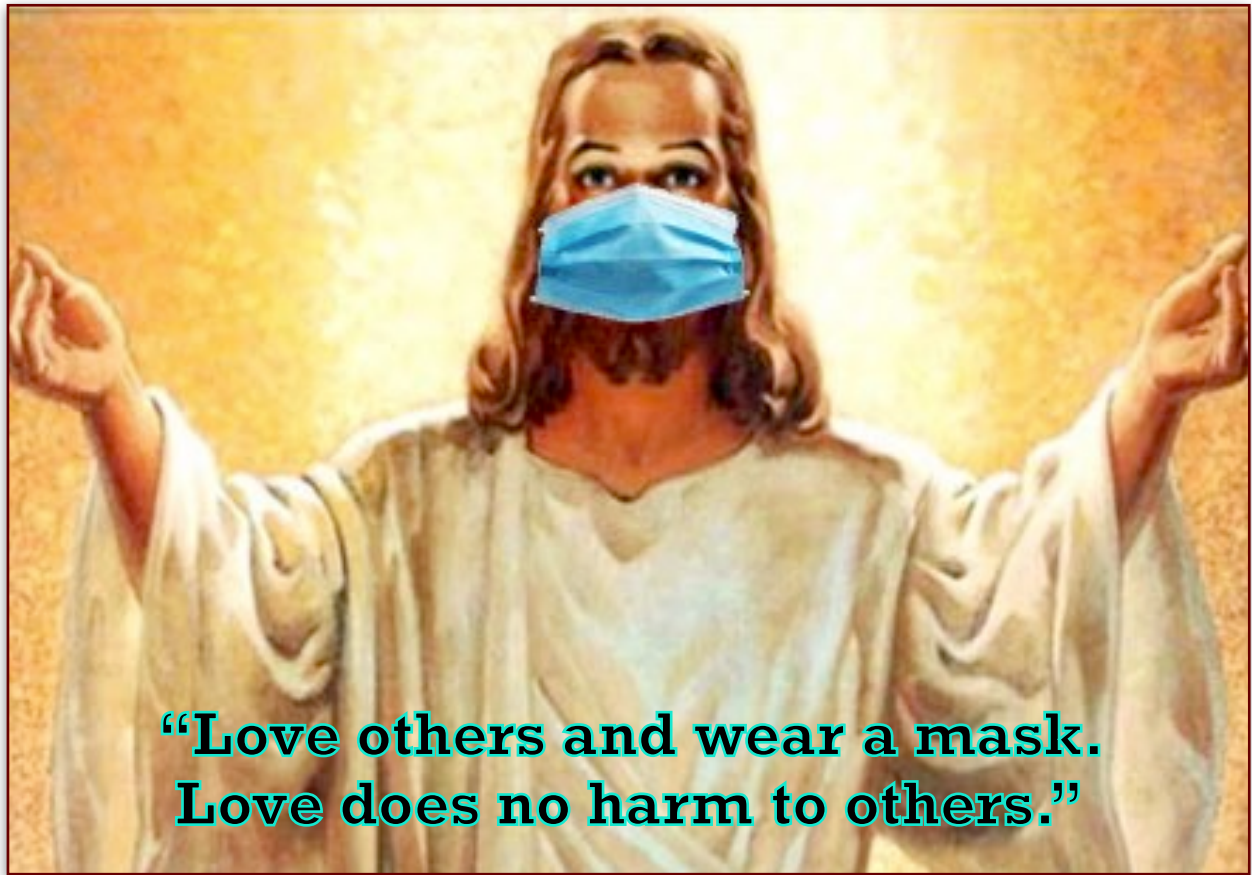
"Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

This nation will soon be in the midst of the chaos of our Father's chastisement. At this point we are only experiencing His **"bow shots"**. But this is the time to align your motives and attitudes with those of our Lord Jesus — to love all people who are created in God's image. Men, now is the time to put all vestiges of your ego on His altar to be consumed by holy fire.

We want to close by sharing a truth that separates the caring people like Dr. Fauci from the self-serving, MY rights-obsessed in this nation:

Have you been a mother who's lost a stillborn child? Were you with someone as they died, or like Mike holding his Dad's hand as he experienced his father's spirit leaving him? If not, then you may not comprehend how precious just one life is to our Lord Jesus.





**“Love others and wear a mask.
Love does no harm to others.”**

Medical people like Dr. Fauci are repeatedly forced to share inconvenient truth to countermand what the President or Vice President blatantly espouse in opposition. **We bless** Dr. Fauci and others on the front line of saving people, some of whom the President has disparaged just because they have shared inconvenient truth even to save one life. Acceptable losses are not an option for people who sacrificially love, nor are they an option for our Lord Jesus.



**IT'S ALWAYS EASIER TO SPREAD
STRIFE AND HATRED THAN LOVE**

Some of you seniors may remember an anti-war song from the 60s, *One Tin Soldier*. <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTBx-hHf4BE>> The song focuses on how heinous and futile are hatred and killing. The last two stanzas, next page, epitomize the underhanded tactic of many so-called “conservative” religious and political leaders to manipulate their followers. Through a deceptive view of “**righteous indignation**” they instill hatred, bigotry, and racism in their adherents against categories of people who aren’t like them. Lodged within both the leaders and their followers is an arrogant sense of self-righteousness – ***“I’m a better person than those people are.”***



There won't be any trumpet blowing for the indignant and self-righteous, no matter what excuse or justification or rationale they offer.

<i>Go ahead and hate your neighbor</i>	<i>There won't be any trumpets blowing</i>
<i>Go ahead and cheat a friend</i>	<i>Come the judgment day</i>
<i>Do it in the name of Heaven</i>	<i>On the bloody morning after</i>
<i>You can justify it in the end</i>	<i>One tin soldier rides away</i>

As heart-breaking as this song was to the futile reality of the Vietnam Conflict, it's still a painful reminder for those who must confront the causes of current division and turmoil. We who must share inconvenient truths to expose lies and evil must also choose **sorrow** as our companion in fulfilling our God-given task. If we didn't choose to grieve, we'd become bitter hate-mongers held captive by our unseen enemy Satan, just like the people whose darkness our Father wants us to expose. We've chosen sorrow in voicing our warnings to help those of you who may be succumbing to a false sense of *righteous indignation* that discredits the poor, the alien, and the oppressed.

Please heed this warning. If you refuse to ask our Lord Jesus if what we're sharing here is His truth and just blow it off, you are holding onto sinful attitudes against other humans for whom He shed His precious blood — and you are jeopardizing their precious lives by your rebellion against Him. Isn't that insulting the Spirit of grace?

"If [you] deliberately keep on sinning after [you] have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

How much more severely do [you] think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:26-29).

Everything we've shared about the Hebraic foundations over the years relies on you men taking up a Christ-like leadership role by His power and love. It will require you to share inconvenient truths! We pray that what we share would be an encouragement to you as you confirm it through the Holy Spirit — and not an inconvenient truth.

Mike & Sue

PS Many of the more acclaimed religious leaders are like politicians and corporate America CEOs. They or their ministries rely on **marketing themselves**. The most highly acclaimed hire marketing firms so that by their prestige and popularity they might dominate other religious leaders who have a **"vested interest"** in supporting the acclaimed.

We faced this situation ourselves years back with two Christian publishers and refused their offers. We told them Jesus wouldn't use marketing techniques to attract people. When they encouraged us to ask acclaimed religious leaders to write Forewords to our books, we declined. Our only "fame" is the joy of belonging to Jesus!