

Monday, September 2nd, 2024 A.D.

Dear Ones in the Pathway of Wisdom, Vision, & Courage,

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God” (Psalm 90:1-2 NKJV).

This verse is a great reminder to me today amidst our changing culture & constant challenges in life to remember that we have an Omnipotent Creator God in Heaven who has a plan for everything & is outside of time. Being almost 15 years old, I enjoy traveling around the United States to churches & conferences, with Dad teaching & preaching the Word of God. It's also a blessing to share special music with my family at almost every church we go to. I always look forward to every one of our Grace Family Conferences & I pray that the American Church today would wake up to understanding that children & young men like me are going to be the next generation of Bible Champions. As my father always says, “When churches & families are not strong, where is the next generation of leaders, pastors & missionaries going to come from?” Thank you for partnering with *GFM*. Soli Deo Gloria! ~*Elijah*

For some time now, my consistent prayer in life has been for 3 things: **1. Wisdom, 2. Vision, & 3. Courage.** *Wisdom to understand the times* through the lens of a comprehensive biblical worldview (1 Chron.12:32; Pr.1:7; 9:10; Eph.5:15-17). *Vision to see beyond what is*, to what ought to be by the grace of God (2 Chron.32:7-8; Eph.3:20-21). *Courage to initiate decisive action* to the praise of God's glory in Christ Jesus (Is.40:28-31; 1 Cor.16:13-14). We are grateful that *Grace Family Ministries* has been blessed with the honor & joy to serve the church & family by infusing the wisdom, vision, & courage that is needed to intentionally pass on resolute biblical conviction to the next generation. Thank you for standing with us in this ministry endeavor for such a time as this.

Looking back on the summertime season, Lori & I are grateful for the means to purchase a 2011 Buick Lacrosse CXL with 125,000 miles for a good deal (some maintenance has also been needed though). Since our son Timothy is now 18 years old & a full-time student online at Berean Bible Institute, we were compelled to acquire another vehicle as doing so would be advantageous for him as he comes-of-age as a man. Of course, having a smaller vehicle than our 15 passenger Chevy Express to use for running errands is also very helpful for our family. Once again, thank you for standing with us in prayer & financial support.

Looking ahead to this month, we are gearing up now for a two-week ministry adventure trip to South Dakota & Wisconsin. For over 20 years now, Grace Bible Church in Tabor, South Dakota annually hosts the original *Grace Family Conference* (9/5-8). My assignment for this event is “*Godly Characteristics: Cultivating Biblical Virtues in the Pathway of Wisdom.*” Afterwards, my sons & I will be engaged with the **Men's Advance** at NGYC called “**This is the Fight of Your Life!**” (9/14). After serving at GBC-Beloit & returning home that Sunday (9/15), we're glad to report that our home church here in Indianapolis, Grace Point, is coordinating a one-day Family Conference on September 21st. It's an honor to be invited to lead off this event: “*Advancing the Cause of Christ Through Biblical Family Life*” will be my theme for that auspicious occasion. Providing pulpit supply, once again, at Grace Community Church in Bedford, IN will also be a joy that weekend (9/22 – Elijah's 15th Birthday 😊). Later in the fall, GBC-Springfield is hosting the *Ohio Grace Family Conference* (10/11-13) & the historic Altoona Bible Church is hosting the *Pennsylvania Grace Family Conference* (10/18-20). For more details, check out the GFM events calendar online at www.GraceFamilyMinistries.org & please help spread the word.

As you can see, the Lord is opening doors of ministry opportunity far & wide for *GFM* to serve as a catalyst to the reformation, revival, & revitalization of the church & family. Be sure to stay connected via FB & the *GFM YouTube channel* for a host of practical equipping tools for life & ministry. We are grateful that you are invested in this endeavor to be faithfully “*Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth...Beginning Right at Home.*”

Rejoicing in the Fountainhead of Wisdom,

Pastor Tim (& Elijah) Board
GFM Co-Founder & Director

Building a Missionally-Engaged Christian Worldview

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“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Ephesians 5:15-17 NKJV

Being intentional in building a missionally-engaged Christian worldview rooted in Holy Scripture is the stewardship responsibility of the Church among all nations worldwide. The pressing urgency driving this pursuit is the blazing center of God’s glory vested in the Person and finished work of Christ before whom contemporary culture is in utter rebellion. This depravity of a Romans 1 world is demonstrated by the rejection of moral restraint in the name of “social justice” and getting on “the right side of history.” Despite the ungodly spirit of the age and come what may, God calls His people to boldly lead onward in ministry for such a time as this.

1. Intentionally Walking in Worldview Wisdom – The biblical Christian worldview is founded upon the sufficiency of Scripture which is comprehensive in its scope, as there is no direction in which a person may figuratively travel where God’s Word has not spoken (Ps.19:7-11; 2 Tim.3:16-17). Wisdom begins with reverence for Almighty God before whom strongholds against the exclusiveness of Christ are demolished (Pr.1:7; 2 Cor.10:3-5). Unless we are deliberate in building a worldview rooted in Scripture, our lives will unwittingly be deceived by falsehood such as postmodernism (no absolute truth), secular humanism (man is ultimate authority), moralistic therapeutic deism (God is a cosmic genie), and other baseline cultural narratives that are contrary to Christ and the Word of God (Col.2:8-10).

2. Intentionally Walking in Redemptive Stewardship – Scripture teaches that Christ is the meaning and purpose of life before whom every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is worthy of all praise as King of kings and Lord of lords (Jn.1:1-14; Phil.2:5-11). Redemptive stewardship affirms that our time, treasure, and talent must be invested in eternity for there is coming a day of reckoning when our lives will flash before our eyes and we will give an account before God Himself at the Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor.3:10-15; 2 Cor.5:9-11). A wise man once asked the haunting question, *Is what you’re living for worth Christ dying for?* Indeed, *Only one life will soon be past, only what’s done ‘in Christ’ will last.*

3. Intentionally Walking in Missional Engagement – Changing the world one heart and life at a time through cultural engagement begins with the salt and light moral back pressure of the Christian worldview in general but the transforming power of the gospel of God’s grace in particular (2 Cor.4:3-6; Titus 2:11-14). Every man, woman, boy, and girl among all nations worldwide is a precious soul for whom the royal blood of Christ was shed but multitudes have never heard of the Living God and never will unless a new generation surrenders to God’s call and is deliberate in building a missionally-engaged Christian worldview (Rom.10:14-15; 16:25-27; 1 Tim.2:3-4).