



# T.E.A.M. VOICE

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“Keep Awake And Keep Watch And Pray”

by

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From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!" Mat 4:17. John the Baptist preceded Jesus with the same theme "Repent!" "Repentance means doing an about-face—180-degree turn—from the kind of self-centeredness that leads to wrong actions such as lying, cheating, stealing, gossiping, taking revenge, abusing and indulging in sexual immorality. A person who repents stops rebelling and begins following God's way of living prescribed in his Word. The first step in turning to God is to admit your sin, as John urged. Then God will receive you and help you live the way he wants. Remember that only God can get rid of sin. He doesn't expect us to clean up our lives before we come to him....The kingdom of heaven began when God himself entered human history as a man. Today Jesus Christ reigns in the hearts of believers, but the kingdom of heaven will not be fully realized until all evil in the world is judged and removed. Christ came to earth first as a suffering servant; he will come again as King and Judge to rule victoriously over all the earth." Mat 3:1-2 Zondervan LASB NIV footnotes

Paul is led by the Holy Spirit to warn the Galatians. This Word of God is like a trail guide to the kingdom of God in our lives today. 16 "...walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). 17For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do. 18But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. 19Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, 20Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), 21Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace,

patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, 23Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. 25If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.] 26Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another.” Galatians 5:16-26 Scripture taken from the Amplified Bible.

“Human nature without God” has made God watch the same movie over and over. 500 years before Jesus' arrival, God's Chosen-the Israelite played the harlots, the “...anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel...Lord said Take all the leaders... hang them before the Lord in the sun [after killing them]... Phinehas...took a spear... and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel and the harlot through her body. Then the plague was stayed from the Israelite's. Nevertheless those who died in the plague were 24,000. And the Lord said to Moses, Phinehas has turned my wrath away from the Israelite's, in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the Israelite's in My jealousy.” Numbers 25:1-11 This is just one of many examples where man fails the love of God. The script is always the same. Man does his thing and God continues to love and forgive, however, God reveals the extent and power of his love. I find this passage to be encouraging to deal with the Coronavirus where God's wrath has taken 24,000 lives and yet the action of one who connects with God turns His wrath away.

Today, over 2000 years since Gods' 1st coming as a man-in Jesus, God is still waiting for His 2nd Coming. His Word is clear as to why He waits. “Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and in their position as believers and to inherit the kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him?” James 2:5 “The [basis of the] judgment (indictment, the test by which men are judged, the ground for the sentence) lies in this: the Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than and more than the Light, for their works (deeds) were evil.” John 3:19 Reverence for God in America is no longer fashionable. For many, it is a practice without heart or thought. It is no longer affordable to some who are struggling with situations beyond their control or rendered helpless without hope. There are too many that view the world as the glass that's half empty, going to pot and are on a trail of human misery and degradation. There is a remnant who have sought Gods' favor and have been given a hunger and the Spiritual ears to understand his Word. The Truth has set them free-they strive to be on the path meant for them in the kingdom of God. Their view of the glass that's half empty is a glass that is half full. Their life is full with purpose and an over-filling of the Holy Spirit's power. Theirs is a reflection of Gods' love because they live a life of love-loving others, hope and charity.

The “Amazing Grace” for the rest of the human race “a new covenant ...I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Hebrews 8:8-13

That small voice or nudging to do the right thing is the result. Don't deny your conscience or heart when you haven't done “what would Jesus do”. Jesus sealed the deal when ...”He took a cup, and

when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; 28For this is My blood of the new covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Matthew 26:27-28 Take this cup means to receive the power of Jesus sacrifice—the forgiveness of our sin. Taking the offering transforms minds beyond the glass or cup of crystal or gold. Theirs is the realization of “Jesus paid it all...All for me he died...Praise the One who paid my debt. And raised this life up from the dead!” praises Kim Walker-Smith.

“Stay here and keep awake and keep watch with Me. 39And going a little farther, He threw Himself upon the ground on His face and prayed saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will [not what I desire], but as You will and desire. 40And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, What! Are you so utterly unable to stay awake and keep watch with Me for one hour? 41All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) and watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42Again a second time He went away and prayed, My Father, if this cannot pass by unless I drink it, Your will be done. 43And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down with sleep. 44So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, using the same words. 45Then He returned to the disciples and said to them, Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Matthew 26:38-45 Scripture taken from the Amplified Bible.

God (in the flesh of Jesus) knows the pain, fear and weakness of man's flesh. Jesus felt so much grief that he was sweating drops of blood. At this most barren point, Jesus taught “All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) and watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Jesus taught this discipline 3 times to the disciples...”keep awake and watch and pray... let this cup pass away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but as You (God's) will and desire”. I readily identify with the disciples falling asleep. I fall asleep more times than I care to admit. However, now, when I pray for not my will but God's will to be done, there is joy. I get the blessed assurance of God's Will will be done. Jesus taught the same in the Lord's prayer “...thy Kingdom come they Will be done on earth as it is heaven.”

Early in life we were taught or learned to make a cup with our hands to capture water to drink. God uses the analogy of living water; he offers a well that won't run dry. The living water is in the cup. It doesn't matter what the cup is made of. It's not about our opinion on the cup being half full or half empty. If possible, it's not even about drinking the blood of the new covenant which is being poured out for many. This Easter, may the cup that Jesus passed to the disciples be passed to you. As you hold the cup may you realize the cost, the punishment Jesus endured, dying alone, abandonment by his disciples, ultimately; abandonment by the Father and the humility of God to present himself to Satan. As you partake realize the need to take and receive the forgiveness of our sin by Jesus' sacrifice. “Jesus paid it all.” has a motto like the movie ”Paying It Forward”. Where someone in front of you pays it forward and when you get to the register, you realize your debt has been paid. Jesus has paid it forward for everyone. But you need to remember back to the time when we first captured water with our hand. We worked at it because we believed the water would be good and quench our thirst. And as you stand (if your knees gave out on you) may you “Keep awake and watch and pray” (not my will, but God's will be done).

It is up to us, between making disciples and loving our neighbor to pay it forward. Keep awake and watch and pray, not my will, but God's will be done. Shalom. Amen and Amen.

Submitted by  
Peter Wong (MA)

***<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 NIV***

### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22:35-40 Amplified Bible (AMP)

One of them, a lawyer (a scribe, an expert in Mosaic Law), asked Jesus a *question*, to test Him "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" And Jesus replied to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself (that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others)" The whole Law and the (writings of the) Prophets depend on these two commandments."

In how to love God, Mark adds strength and in seventy other manuscripts they add mind, not to point out human faculties but how totally we are to try and love our God.

Jesus/Yeshua breaks down the whole ten commandments into two and not only the Ten Commandments but He says the entire point to all the Old Testament/The Torah is covered by these two rules. The first four of the Ten Commandments deal with our relationship with The Father and the final six can be summed up by the Golden Rule of treat others as you would have yourself treated.

The first, how we are to love God I believe is humanly possible, without God's help how can we have such a total love relationship. The second is indeed doable. If you deal with others as you want yourself to be dealt with there would be no stealing, no murder, no being envious and the like. After all, would you do these things to yourself.

*Yeshua, You have told us which of all laws is the way we should strive to live our lives. We all need Your assistance in this for sure. We need Your strength and Your guidance to love You totally and with all of our hearts. We need you in loving/treating others as we would want to be treated because our humanity and emotions get in the way. We try Yeshua to be more like You but we will continually need Your strength, Your guidance and Your continual Love to get us just a small way to the way You would like us to be. We humbly ask You for Your hand on us each moment of each day so that we can shine Your light by being just a bit more loving like you ask us to be.*

In Your Loving Name We Pray,  
Amen.

Submitted by George Tamburino (NY)

**Hello everyone.** Please submit any articles, poems, pictures, favorite verses, or just thoughts they would like to have published in the MJM T.E.A.M. Voice newsletter to [amber\\_beckman@hotmail.com](mailto:amber_beckman@hotmail.com) or text 614-598-0682. Below is my favorite biker prayer that I discovered in 2018 for our groups first biker blessing.

## **Biker Prayer**

Lord, let your hand be on the throttle of my life.  
When I need to go forward, open it up!  
Keep my eyes focused in front of me,  
So that I don't become lost.

When I need to turn,  
Point me in the right direction .

Show me the signs along the way,  
And give me the wisdom to take the right road .

When I need to change gears,  
Remind me to use the clutch .

When I need to stop,  
Put on the brakes.

When I ride into the darkness,  
Be my headlight.

Encourage me to take time daily  
To fill my tank with your Spirit.

Protect me from the road debris thrown at me by the enemy  
and guide me safely around the potholes in my paths.

Forgive me when I ride off course.  
As I forgive others that may unintentionally cut me off.

Forever ride by my side as my personal road captain.  
I pledge my loyalty to the V-Twin

Thank you,  
Amber Beckman  
Riders For The Cross  
National Newsletter Editor

# **GOD’S CANVAS**

**One Of The Favorite Motorcycle Routes In America**

**Beartooth Highway Montana and Wyoming**



**Dramatic Scenic Drive on Beartooth Highway to Yellowstone**

**“And God saw everything he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31 (KJV)**

# October 2021 Voice Newsletter Report

## Years of Service for September

Chris	Cooter	20
Linda	Cooter	20
Eugene	Krebs Jr.	11
Donna	Krebs	11
Robert	Campman	2
Tim	Hufstedler	13
David	Beckman	1
Bethany	Beckman	1
George	Kadash	16

## October Birthdays

Raymond	Stanzak	10/7
George	Tamburino	10/8
Billie	Cole	10/9
Richard	Miller	10/9
Gail	Moore	10/14
Steven	Viar	10/16
Rita	Young	10/18
Robin	Tamburino	10/28
Kimberly	Fields	10/30

## October Anniversaries

Peter	Wong	10/4
Wesley and Sophia	Miller	10/13
Bradley and Billie	Cole	10/20
David and Bethany	Beckman	10/25

## New members for August 2021

None to Report

## **Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Michael Fields**

**National Membership Secretary**

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and **are heavy laden**, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV)

<b>MJM OPERATING ACCOUNT – JULY ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 8,494.61</b>
<b>AUGUST DEPOSITS</b>		
<b>DUES</b>	<b>140.00</b>	
<b>DONATIONS</b>	<b>56.20</b>	
<b>BANK TRANSFER FEE</b>	<b>(.50)</b>	<b>195.70</b>

**NO AUGUST EXPENSES**

**AUGUST ENDING BALANCE \*\*\*** **\$8,690.31**

**\*\*\* 1,985.68 GOODIES \*\*\***  
**6,704.63 MJM OPERATING**

**MJM LIFETIME SAVINGS ACCOUNT - JULY ENDING BALANCE \$7,408.40**

**AUGUST INTEREST \$ .13**

**AUGUST ENDING BALANCE \$7,408.53**

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**Submitted by Linda Hawkins  
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