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**WALKING WITH JESUS  
INTO THE NEW YEAR**

**Ready for the New Year?**

Are you prepared for the new year? As 2019 is in the rearview mirror and we begin a new decade, we need to have all of the accounts paid, the books balanced, and the things of the past completed so that we can keep our focus on the new things ahead without being distracted by unfinished business of the past. Many dream of the day when the last mortgage payment has been paid, the credit card balance is zero, and our "income" no longer equals our "outgo." Those goals may not yet be a reality for you, but there is one part of your life that can be "debt-free."

The portion of scripture usually referred to as the Sermon on the Mount talks about being debt-free. Not a debt of dollars but of sin. We all have been in the place where our debt of sin far exceeds our ability to pay. We are spiritually bankrupt, but because of the redemptive work of Jesus, the debt of our sin was paid in full when Jesus hung on the cross.

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## Resolution: 2020



Keith Chandler  
Pastor, Journey  
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The new year is a time to reflect on the changes we want or need to make. Many of us commit to exercise, eat healthy, get organized, or learn a new skill. But what if this year was the year we aligned our priorities with God's priorities. Maybe it's time to make a new resolution.

Statistically, 50% of Americans say they set New Year's resolutions. Others are on the other end of the spectrum. My New Year's resolution this year is to NEVER think about resolutions.

The top New Year's resolutions every year are: lose weight, something financial (manage debt, spend less, save), get organized, live life to the fullest, and quit smoking.

I bet Jesus never had to set resolutions. He was going to do exactly what he did last year. It was easy for him, but it's not so easy for the rest of us... right?

The problem is all the data collected says within one week of setting New Year's resolutions, 50% will fail at them, and within six months, 90% fail.

I want to talk about a principle that most people have missed in the process. That's why we struggle with keeping our resolutions or goals. I want to talk to you about a principle that you are either going to embrace in your life or later on bump up against and regret it. In a nutshell: **You should always define who you want to be before ever deciding what you should do.**

Every January we dive into, "What am I going to do this year?" Most of us never step

back and define who we want to be. Have you ever defined your life purpose? Why you are here on Earth? Doing so will transform everything about your life.

Here are two practical steps you can take to define who you want to be.

**Step #1. Write down your personal mission statement.**

Think about the end of your life. What do you want written on your tombstone? Because if you don't think about and define what your life should be all about, imagine what you could drift towards?

When you don't define who you want to be, your goals are usually motivated by one thing—ME. Don't make your mission statement just about you.

*"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."* Proverbs 19:21

Besides a personal mission statement, you need to #2. **Write down your personal values.**

Your personal values are guardrails in life that help you stay on the path that leads to where you want to go. If your mission statement is what's written on your tombstone, your personal values are how you want people to stand up at your funeral and describe you. Define who you want to be so at the end of 2020 and at the end of every year from now on, you will not drift to a place where you are living a life that's empty.

Yours for a purposeful 2020,  
Keith

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## What You May Not Know About The Ten Commandments



The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 119 of David, which has 176 verses. "How I love the law" refers to the Ten Commandments, but the 6th commandment in the Bible says, "You shall not KILL or MURDER." These two words have different meanings, and so what's up with that? We all know the Bible said that Cain murdered Abel, so what does that mean and what does your Bible say and how well do you know the Ten Commandments?

**#1 "You shall have no other God before Me." Exodus 20:3**  
We are commanded to have no other gods before the Lord.

**#2 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image." Exodus 20:4**  
We need to give our worship exclusively to the one true God.

**#3 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Exodus 20:7**  
To take God's name in vain is to use it in any empty or meaningless ways. Because "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved," we must be careful to instead treat the name of God with honor and reverence. (Acts 4:12)

**#4 "Remember the Sabbath day." Exodus 20:8**  
In wisdom and grace, God commanded His people to observe a weekly day of rest. The Sabbath was to be observed in imitation of God's own work in creation (Exodus 20:11) as well His redemptive work. (Deuteronomy 5:15)

**#5 "Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20:12**  
The first commandment is reiterated by the apostle Paul who describes it as "the first commandment with a promise." (Eph 6:2) Honoring God means honoring the authority He has placed in our lives.

**#6 "You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13**  
The taking of a human life is expressly forbidden. Jesus elaborates on this commandment in the Sermon on the Mount, revealing that the sin of murder begins in the heart. (Matthew 5:21-22)

**#7 "You shall not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14**  
The sanctity of marriage is given noteworthy attention throughout Scripture. Christ reminds us in (Matthew 5:27-30) that the marriage relationship must be guarded diligently.

**#8 "You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15**  
Theft is forbidden by God. Instead; we are to be content with what we have and trust God to supply all our needs in Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 6:6 Phil. 4:19).

**#9 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16.**

**#10 "You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's" Exodus 20:17**  
God has promised to meet all our needs, both spiritual and physical, and we should therefore be content with whatever he has provided. (Phil. 4:19; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 13:5)

Enjoying everyday life on the way to where I'm going!

## Ready for the New Year?

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We have been released from the judgment of our sin by the courts of heaven as Jesus "paid in full" everything we owed. But we have another obligation regarding the debt of sin. We are to forgive those who are in debt or who have sinned against us.

Matthew's gospel uses the word "debts" while Luke's account uses the word "sin" (Mt. 6:12; Lk. 11:4). The Greek word in Matthew's account is translated debt, meaning, "that which is owed" or metaphorically, "offense or sin," while Luke uses the most commonly translated word for offense or sin. I believe the usage of these two words is significant in that to forgive someone is an obligation; it is that which we owe or is due to someone else. They may be the offender, the source of our trouble or pain, yet forgiveness is what we owe them. It is not optional. Until we pay our debt of forgiveness to the one who has hurt, wounded, or offended us, we are under the judgment of the courts of heaven and cannot be cleared of our debt until we fulfill that obligation.

Those who have never experienced the forgiveness of God cannot understand how an offender has any right to receive forgiveness from the one they offended. It does not make sense to the natural mind. But, to those who have experienced God's forgiveness, this truth demonstrates what they have experienced. God has forgiven man, who stands guilty before him but is forgiven anyway. This forgiveness is not based on man's works to right his wrongs, but only on God's mercy and personal sacrifice that carried our sins to the cross and forgave all who put him there. Christ's persecutors were not only the Roman soldiers who drove the nails into his body, but every man, woman, and child who has ever sinned. No one is exempt from this guilt, but all are forgiven. It is what is owed to us because the price was paid in full. Therefore, we must forgive those who have sinned against us.

Many of us can be easily confused when it comes to numbers and calculations regarding accounting practices, but God's way is easy to understand. Although it may feel uncomfortable to do, God has given us the grace or ability to pay our debt of forgiveness even to the worst offenders. The price paid for our forgiveness is beyond our ability to understand. We truly will never know the cost to place our sin upon the cross, but the blood of Jesus is our receipt of that debt paid in full. So if we refuse to forgive another then we are saying, "The cost was not enough, I require more." So we choose to forgive every offense not only when we feel like it, but even when we don't think we can. We forgive because we must and we do it by faith not because we "feel" love for the offender. Forgiving another is not justifying their bad behavior, but recognizing the power of the cross. "I forgive \_\_\_\_\_" is one of the most powerful statements you will ever make.

Let's begin this new decade with a clean slate, a zero balance and a focus on the wonderful new adventures ahead. Let not the shame or sin of the past get in the way of your future. God has a wonderful plan for you and it is totally debt-free!

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"In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."  
— Proverbs 16:9



## How On Earth Did I Get Here?

James H. Willis, III

**For 2020, we are doing a 12-month summary of my book.** It is filled with unbelievable personal stories of conflict from family fights, divorces, and personal insecurities to living in a tree at 15, homeless. Later, the book recounts how the Lord's guidance put me on the path of an overcomer! From being unloved, unwanted, and uncared for to healthy, happy, and whole.

**CHAPTER I: THE SECOND GLANCE THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING**

She walked by me with a first piercing glance, and then she stopped and gave me that fatal second look. What she said next changed my life immediately and forever.

"She" was my mom, and for the past several years, I had done everything possible to stay away from home and out of her way. You see, she didn't like me at all. I didn't know why, at least not at that time. I know; I know; most of you, when you see your mom, go give her a hug—but not me. I had learned to run the other way and hide, anything to not be seen. It was never good for me to be in her presence — bad things always happened.

At that time, she hadn't seen me in weeks. I was fifteen and hadn't been home much since the awful divorce when I was thirteen. Life in our home was so violent—not just words, but actual hitting and fighting. It was a horrible place for me.

So when she gave me that first glance and walked by, I felt lucky. But that quickly changed. I was moving fast to get out of her view, but not fast enough. With that second look, she glared at me and said, "You look just like your father. I hate him, and so I can't stand to look at you. You need to leave and never come back!" I was fifteen.

But where would I go? What would I do? How would I take care of myself? Those are all what I call "physical questions."

But the questions that broke my heart, the questions that haunted my soul, and the questions that had no answers were the "relationship questions." Why did she hate me? What was wrong with me? What had I done wrong? Why didn't anybody love me? My dad had disappeared from my life, my older sister hated me, and we physically and verbally fought all the time. And now my mom. I couldn't believe it was happening. Who does that to their own child? I was fifteen years old and homeless.

I had some major insecurities in my life. I had anger and even rage inside of me. I felt completely horrible in every way, even embarrassed. I kept this "family secret" close to my chest.

I felt completely unloved, unwanted, and uncared for. I found myself emotionally and physically hopeless, helpless, and now, homeless. You are probably wondering where I went. What did I take? You can't even imagine all my thoughts. My brain just clogged up.

I grabbed my bike and peddled away, never looking back. I was riding hard, not really paying attention to where I was going. After a while, I noticed I was heading toward the woods. I grew up playing in the woods or on the water—my only happy times and places. At that moment, I knew at least one thing; I knew where I was going. I would gather my stuff and go way, way back in the woods and live up in the "Big Tree."

These articles contain an abbreviated version of my stories. The stories will continue next month!!!

See page 11 for how you can get the book!



### Women-n-Charge Monthly Meeting



President Mary Adelle Cluck, Tannia Andrews with Shopping Lounge LLC, Celena Emmons with Touchstone Crystals, and membership Chair Kay Dunn.

Join the vibrant ladies of Women-n-Charge on Friday, January 3 from 11:15am-1:30pm at **Plantation Palms Golf Club** (23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., Land O’ Lakes, FL 34639). The meeting includes lunch, a presentation, and time to network. We share our talents, build relationships, and share our resources with other women in business.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests who RSVP by Monday prior to the meeting. Tuesday and after, the cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests. Please register at <http://www.women-n-charge.com/meetings>. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Judy at 813-600-9848 or [info@women-n-charge.com](mailto:info@women-n-charge.com).

We’re starting the year off with networking and charity donations!



Brittany



Artricia

### Embrace Grace

River of Life Church at 410 E. Chapman Rd. in Lutz, will be hosting our next Embrace Grace group starting in January. It is a 12-week support group with baby showers for single young women with unplanned pregnancies. We want the church to be the first place they turn to for support. We accept financial donations, new and gently used baby clothing, and other baby items. For registration/information, contact Naomi Holloway at 813-431-1706.

### One More Child – Proving That Love Changes Lives



One More Child is helping victims of human trafficking begin a new life. The non-profit’s anti-trafficking program utilizes a dynamic, trauma-informed approach to meet the immediate and long-term needs of sex trafficked children and teens. In addition to its care for victims, One More Child is also working to prevent more innocent children from becoming victims. In January 2019, the organization partnered with Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales and First Lady Patricia Marroquin de

Morales to host an anti-trafficking conference, providing education and training to government and community leaders on ways to combat child sex trafficking. Locally, One More Child Anti-Trafficking hosts monthly training and service events to educate the community about the needs of sex trafficking victims. Additionally, here are some important tips for protecting vulnerable youth and preventing abuse:

- Talk to your child about safety, (i.e. never walking alone, talking to strangers, or going up to cars when called over to help someone look for their dog).
- Know your child’s friends and their families, especially if your child is going to their home.
- Check your child’s social media accounts regularly and set their personal settings to private. Remind them to not accept friend requests from strangers. Predators may create a fake identity posing as a child.

We can also help our community by being alert to signs of abuse. If a child:

- Is avoiding eye contact
- Has no personal belongings
- Is unaware of their location or surroundings
- Is fearful of law enforcement

These can all be indications of abuse. What do you do when you suspect abuse? Report it to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888 or text HELP to 233733 (24 hours a day/7 days a week).

In addition to its services for sex trafficking victims, One More Child also serves:

- Hungry children
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For more information about One More Child, its various programs and ways to get involved or donate, go to [OneMoreChild.org](http://OneMoreChild.org).

“May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”  
— Psalms 20:4

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Kidz Corner:  
Christmas Presentation



Hi! My name is Harley and I am seven years old.

This December I was in a Christmas presentation at Idlewild. The presentation was awesome! We acted as a family and we were in the first scene, which was a scene of a kid getting stuck to a pole. Me and my family walked past the stage like we were shopping. A lot of other people were in the shopping scene.

In the scene I was supposed to act like a French person. I wore this big blue jacket, a beautiful dress, and this hat that made me sweaty and itchy and way uncomfortable.

First we went to the prop room and got our props, then we took our props and went backstage, and then we went front stage in the shopping scene.

Me, my mom, and my dad acted as a family, but another girl named Faith was to be my sister temporarily. My nickname for her was Prop. Faith—or Prop, as I called her—was in ninth grade. I called her Prop because she held my hand and she was my prop. Props are things you use in a play to make it look more realistic. A camera or a flag pole can be a prop. Faith is kind of like a prop because we used each other. Faith is not actually a prop, she is a human, but you know what I mean.

Me and my family did the presentation last year, and we also did it this year because we enjoyed it.

The Idlewild Christmas Reel to Real presentation isn’t just a presentation. It is an opportunity for people to hear about the gospel. Our hope is that the people who hear the gospel accept Jesus. Then they can tell others about Jesus!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Harley Isabel Smith is a 1st grader who has been featured on TV as a philanthropist, has a heart for evangelism, and writes monthly for the Gazette’s Kid’s Corner.

For more information on this story or others, visit <https://harleyisabelsmith.com>.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”  
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

An Act of Kindness:  
The Good Samaritan



Jesus answered, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he travelled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, ‘Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.’ Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?”

He said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

—Luke 10:30–37, World English Bible

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## Preventative Medicine is the Key to Maintaining Good Health

By Karen McBride

Preventative medicine is the first step in maintaining your good health. Eating healthy meals with fresh fruits and vegetables is essential. Daily exercise and fresh air are equally important. Washing your hands frequently and using sanitary wipes on shopping carts can help reduce the spread of germs. And never underestimate the power of a good night's sleep! What else can you do? Consult with your doctor about getting the proper vaccinations for illnesses such as the flu and whooping cough.

**Is it too late to get a flu shot?**


The Center for Disease Control ("CDC") recommends that "everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season with rare exception." Generally, it is better get the flu vaccine in September or October before the season begins. However, it can be beneficial throughout the entire flu season as a means to better protect yourself from the illness.

There are different vaccines to choose from. The vaccine can be administered through a shot (ages 6 months and up) or in a nasal spray (for ages 2 to 49 years old). The CDC does not recommend one over the other. It is best to consult a doctor.

Whooping cough, or Pertussis, can be a serious disease. Pertussis can cause uncontrollable, violent coughing, which make it hard to breathe. There are two types of vaccines to fight against this disease. DTaP is for children younger than 7 years old, while older children, teens and adults get Tdap. Consult a physician to determine the need for this and other vaccinations.

Dr. Michele Johnson-Towson, at Pediatric Place of Tampa, is a board-certified pediatrician with 30 years of experience in caring for children ages newborn to 21 years old.

Dr. Johnson-Towson and her staff are dedicated to keeping patients both healthy and educated on changes in children's health care. Pediatric Place of Tampa offers Urgent Care hours to accommodate sick children after work, school, and/or daycare. Urgent Care hours are available Monday – Friday until 7pm and Saturday 8:00am until noon. Pediatric Place of Tampa is located at 1338 W. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 813-264-2288.



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Sunshine Animal Hospital encourages community members to make tax-deductible charitable contributions to the Veterinary Care Charitable Fund ([vccfund.org](http://vccfund.org)) or at **Sunshine Animal Hospital at 8008 W. Waters Avenue, Tampa, FL 33615.**

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Today Poe is doing fine, she is still on medication for her condition and is expected to live a long and healthy life. "The Team at Sunshine Animal Hospital was wonderful and helped save my cat for which I am very grateful". M.M Tampa

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Hell’s Outer Darkness

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“...I say unto you that many will come from east and west, recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven; but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness in that place of weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matt. 8: 11-12; Matt. 22: 13; Matt. 13: 42-50; Matt. 24:51 and Luke 13:28).

Stumbling along in the dark is not very fun. I’m sure it’s happened to everyone at some point, and it can be quite unnerving when it does happen when you least expect it. I remember a vivid experience when it happened to me many years ago. I was driving for several hours on a trip when I decided to stop at the closest establishment off the interstate, which happened to be a 7-11, to take a well-deserved break and to also use the boy’s room.

Just as I finished, the electricity went off... not just in the bathroom but area-wide, which included the entire 7-11 store...and the room was pitch black. There was no window, no keyhole, no emergency lighting. It was nighttime and there I was standing in this blackness. Try as I might, I couldn’t see a thing. I did my best to retrace my steps while reaching and groping for anything I could grab or hold onto, bumping into the stall door and sink as I fumbled and bumbled about.

I must digress for a moment: I have a very intense fear of the dark, most likely due to my dad scaring me when I was a young boy. Evidently, he had thought it was funny when I had cried out after he made spooky voices in my dark bedroom.

Back to my story: so here I am, standing in this pitch black room straining my eyes for anything that hinted at a glimmer of light. At this point, I began to become nervous and started yelling out for help.

No response. Yelling louder now as some panic began to set in...still nothing. “Oh my God, I’ve got get out of here!”

Now yelling at the top of my voice for assistance, and an employee heard my cry as he scampered by and opened the door. A dim light shone in with an occasional bright flash from his flashlight, and I high-tailed it out of there, back to my car and started it immediately. Holy cow, that was awful! To my great astonishment, only a few minutes had gone by, though it felt like an eternity. I remember thinking I couldn’t imagine staying in that room within total darkness another five or ten minutes, much less another twenty minutes.

Think for a moment how unfathomable eternity in darkness would be. Jesus told us of a place where this blackness exists, referencing an “outer darkness” at least three times all in the book of Matthew. The problem I’ve had in finding answers to this is there’s no general agreement among scholars as to what it is, where it is, or for whom it’s intended. Whether it’s a place void of light—since God is pure light—or Hell itself. Most say it’s the place where souls dwell who do not accept or have rejected the Word of Christ. One thing is certain—Hell’s outer darkness is a place of total darkness and total obscurity void of God’s presence...which brought me back to my brief encounter many years ago.

Total obscurity, a blackness that allowed me to be totally blind and briefly void of life described to the tee what complete separation from God must be like: anguish, despair, fear, and hopelessness for eternity; the worst consequence imaginable. Foolish people joke about this judgement, but it’s no laughing matter to me. A terrible and grievous punishment that lasts forever in a place of unimaginable damnation in which there are no good things, no comforting breezes, no rest, no kind words, unending fear, no end to the oblivion, and no end to the total blackness.

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Michoacana Tampa



Ever wanted to experience the taste of Mexico? Michoacana Tampa offers authentic Mexican desserts in the Carrollwood area. They provide all-natural fruits transported from Mexico to make their ice cream fresh and homemade.

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**AFTER EDEN** by Dan Lietha



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- \* God loves everyone but probably prefers “fruits of the Spirit” over nuts!
- \* The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes came close.
- \* Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.
- \* Quit griping about your church! If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- \* If your church needs a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- \* The best mathematical equation is 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- \* God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he's dead. So why should you?
- \* Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
- \* We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- \* Why advertise your business to keep God's word in print media? He will give you something to sing about and something you can dance to.

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## Under God's Control By David Wilkerson



In these last days, the Lord's eye is not fixed on world powers but on the church of Jesus Christ. God is not focused on the economy, on the rise of world religions, on the roaring of the heathen. According to Isaiah, the nations are to God “as a drop of a bucket” (Isaiah 40:15). They are all under His sovereign rule and reign.

God knows all about terrorist threats, wars and rumors of wars. His Word warns that the heathen will rage, secular powers will try to outlaw Christianity, and fast-growing, anti-Christ movements will boast they'll rule the world and destroy Jesus' followers. The Bible says this about it all:

“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us” (Psalm 2:2-3). In short, “Let's cast away all moral hindrances, all moral landmarks of the past.”

Here is God's reaction to these earthly powers and demon-influenced men: “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision”

(2:4). No matter how desperate things look, everything remains under God's full control.

I'm thankful for this word from the Psalms. More and more, we hear reports of secularism wiping out the evangelical church in Europe; of Islam being the fastest growing religion in the world; of homosexuals hijacking entire denominations; of Christ's church growing so weak it no longer has any impact on society.

Yet God's Word declares, “On Christ the Rock God will build His church.” “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

Nothing from the bowels of hell can hope to destroy Christ's church.

His eye is always on His people, and through everything He warns Satan and his hordes, “Do not touch the apple of My eye.”

“Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake” (Isaiah 54:15).

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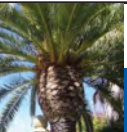
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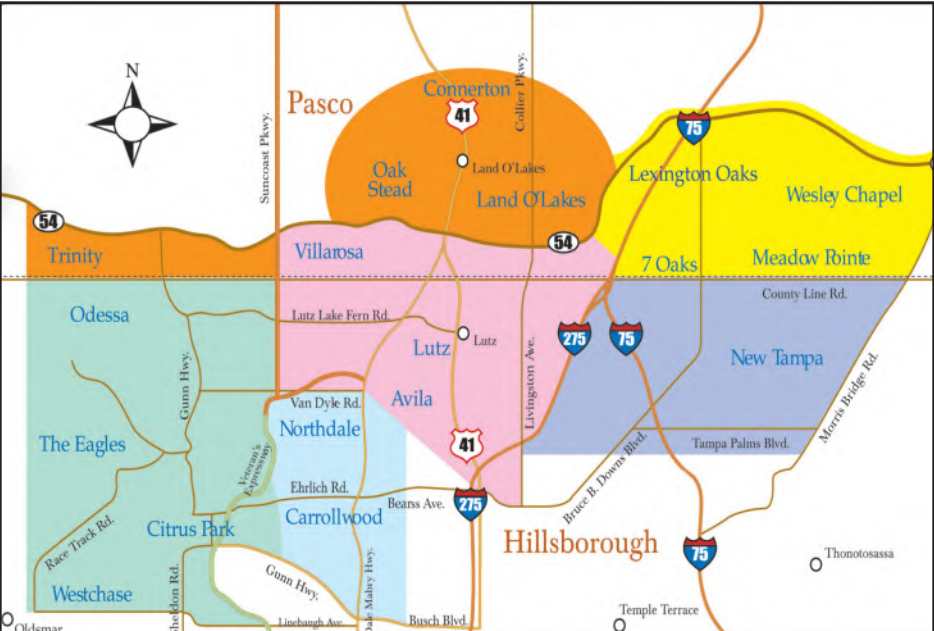
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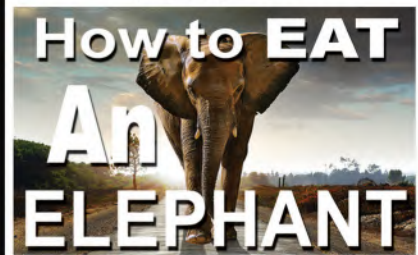
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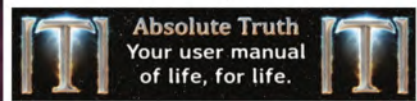
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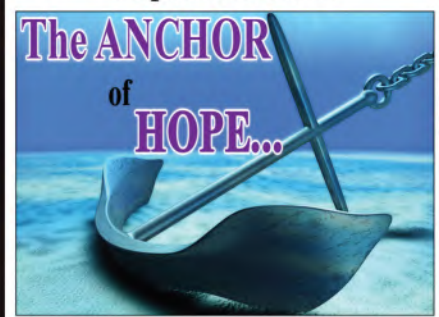


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