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Genuine fear of the Lord and the repentant and careful life that it produces leads to a growing confidence in God's love. Fear of the Lord and love of the Lord are not enemies, but friends. The gift of fear of the Lord prepares the way for the gift of love of the Lord.

//Ralph Martin

## Dear Fellow Disciples,

**It certainly is an inestimable privilege to know Jesus and be his disciples! But the disciple is not above his master, and just as Jesus experienced misunderstandings, opposition, rejection and even hatred, so will we. He very explicitly told us this—so we have to be ready.**

Until recently, most of us in Canada, the United States, and many Western nations have not had to contend with the rising tide of anti-Christian hostility that is now engulfing our lands. It is at our very doorsteps!

I've said this before, but I need to say it again. The speed at which this wave of hostility is moving can only be explained by recognizing the role of supernatural cunning and the power of mighty dark powers and principalities that have long been laying the groundwork for an all-out attack on Christ and the Church, and that now are pulling out all the stops.

I can honestly say that not a day goes by when I don't hear of new instances of what can only be termed persecution, whether it is named "cancelling" or "de-platforming," or whether it is actual outright discrimination, loss of jobs, expulsion from schools, arrests of pastors, burning of churches, defacing statues of Mary and the saints, vilification as "haters," etc.

There also are the increasingly wicked and perverse attempts to introduce all of us, even young children, to an onslaught of sexual immorality and perversion that seems to have no limits. Every time a limit is encountered, some "brave" expert challenges the "conventional wisdom," and soon enough, entire learned societies begin to fall in line. Then, international organizations, often connected to the UN, suggest sex education "guidelines" that eventually become mandated by local governments. State-dictated sex education—which demands that the LGBTQ agenda be favorably presented and insists that nothing negative be said about the unfortunate consequences of sexual immorality, lest one be charged with "hate speech"—is increasingly becoming mandatory.

The lag between when lone "experts" call for pulling down remaining restraints on sexuality and the time when their "brave" recommendations become widely accepted is ever shortening. A growing number of voices are now claiming that exposing young children to pornography may actually

## THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE US

[BARNA CULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER]

1991 | 2021

86% | 46%

US adults who hold a biblical view of God

70% | 41%

US adults who believe the Bible is the "the accurate Word of God"

2.5% | 5%

US adults who identify with Eastern religions

<.5% | 3%

Muslims in the US



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be good for them! The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus recently released a song saying,

*"We are coming for your children."*

They claimed,

*"Bit by bit we are winning."*

The Barna Cultural Research Center and polling organization recently released updated statistics about religion in America. There is a continuing thirty-year decline in Christianity and confidence in religion, and now the United States is one of the largest and most important mission fields in the world. According to the report, "In 1991, eighty-six percent of US adults held a biblical view of God, but now just forty-six percent do. Belief in the Bible as 'the accurate Word of God' fell from seventy percent in 1991 to forty-one percent in 2021."<sup>1</sup> Although starting from a small base, "The number of Muslims in the US increased from less than one-half of one percent in 1991 to three percent today."<sup>2</sup> And the number of those who identify with Eastern religions has doubled from just ten years ago, to five percent.<sup>3</sup>

The number of those who list "none" as their religion continues to grow and now strongly impacts the traditional Catholicism of Hispanic Americans. During the last thirty years, the percentage of Hispanics who identify as Catholic has declined from fifty-nine percent to twenty-eight percent.<sup>4</sup> Thirty-one percent of Hispanics now identify as "don'ts," meaning they don't know, don't care, or don't believe that God exists, compared to just three percent in 1991.<sup>5</sup>

Also, more than thirty-five percent of all "Christians say they believe reincarnation is a real possibility for them."<sup>6</sup>

It's pretty clear that despite the still-considerable number of "religious" people in the US, fewer and fewer believe in the real Jesus and the real Gospel.

This is why it's important for us that we deepen our identity as followers of Jesus, that we know his Word and fol-

low it, and that we support each other in doing this.

When I speak today on the crises we are facing in both the world and the Church, I emphasize three truths we need to be very clear on:

**1**

**We need to recover our confidence in the truthfulness of the Word of God and what the Church teaches about it in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

**2**

**We need to be very clear that the purpose of human sexuality is to make possible the union of man and woman in holy marriage, open to life.**

**3**

**We need to recognize that the "virus" lulling Catholics into a presumption that hardly anyone will be lost and virtually everyone will end up in heaven is a virus worse than COVID. No one knows the numbers or percentages, but we do know Jesus' solemn warnings that the door that leads to life is narrow and the way difficult, and the way that leads to destruction is wide and easy, and many are traveling it.**

Let's help each other get on the narrow way of Jesus and his Church if we are not already on it. Let's encourage each other to persevere if we are already on it. And let's help as many people as possible know the truth and love that will heal them and set them free.

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In Christ our Hope,

*Ralph Martin*

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**HOPE FOR HAITI**  
 // BY LLOYD GREENHAW

*Shortly after Country Coordinators Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw returned from their recent mission to Haiti, which you can read about on pages four and five of this newsletter, we heard the sad news about the assassination of the Haitian president and the unrest in that country. We then reached out to Lloyd and Nancy to see if they had any thoughts on the turmoil in Haiti and whether it had affected their work there. Below, we share Lloyd's powerful and insightful response.*

God worked in many powerful ways during our recent mission trip. Fortunately, we got out before the assassination of the president. There has been widespread violence in Haiti for many years, mostly centered around Port-Au-Prince. We have always worked primarily in Jeremie, Haiti, which is about an hour's plane ride from Port-Au-Prince. The road from Port-Au-Prince to Jeremie has become quite dangerous and this has caused supply problems for Jeremie.

The difference between Jeremie and Port-Au-Prince is stark. Haiti Missions, Inc. (HMI), has accomplished there what the government of Haiti has failed to do with billions of dollars. HMI has built for free over 106 new four-room masonry homes for the people, thereby getting them off the ground and sheltered from the elements. The people's health has improved noticeably. HMI also has drilled over one-hundred water wells, so the people have clean water. The group has built three schools and pays the teacher's salaries.

HMI sponsors several mission trips a year, and each trip includes a food distribution that also gives staples and some cash to the recipients. All the

building and drilling is done by local people trained by HMI, and the money stays in the economy!

HMI has started a matching funds program for houses. The total cost of a new, hurricane-resistant home is \$7500. A donor can build the poor a home for \$3750, and another donor will match that. Two houses will be built with the

funds Renewal Ministries allocated for humanitarian relief this year! Nancy and I have had the honor of building two homes with our tithing money so far. When we recently showed the Renewal Ministries' outreach video, which highlights Haiti,

a couple gave us funds for HMI to build a house in their name! God is working!

We plainly see that terrorism has no foothold where people have been given hope. For many years, HMI, along with Renewal Ministries, has proclaimed the truth of the Gospel and demonstrated in a tangible way the love and provision of God. That truth is the answer to the needs of mankind. Mother Theresa taught us to listen to the cry of the poor. Deacon Lloyd and Faie Duplantis, who helped form HMI, have opened their hearts to that cry. This is what "church" is all about!

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## SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN HAITI



**BY LLOYD GREENHAW**  
Country Coordinator for Haiti

Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw minister in the United States, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, and several other countries in Africa. They conduct missions, conferences, and retreats for adults and youth. They also are involved in prison ministry and work with the homeless.

Nancy and Lloyd live in Texas and have two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

We were grateful to partner with Haiti Mission, Inc. (HMI), for our first international mission in over a year. After two days of travel, we arrived at Sacred Heart Parish in Haiti in time for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our theme for the first two nights was, *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the Revelation of God's Love*. The church was packed, with at least three-hundred people in attendance.

After Mass on the first evening, I preached on the merciful love of God, from the writings of St. Therese. I talked about Jesus calling us his friends and what that means. I asked if they had ever told Jesus they wanted to be his friend. Had they ever asked to be with Jesus in his sorrows, like at the tomb of Lazarus and in the Garden of Gethsemane? I told them a friend is always there to offer consolation in a time of need. I think this is an area we can all improve on.

I then led the people in a prayer of recommitment to Jesus. In John 6:40, Jesus said whoever looks upon Him and believes will be raised up on the last day. I told them that in my days as an evangelical, we talked, prayed, and sang about Jesus, but we never looked upon Him and then tied that into the feast of the Sacred Heart.

After Mass the next evening, Nancy asked where Jesus had learned to be the Good Shepherd. He was fully God and fully man, and He grew in wisdom and understanding. She explained that St. Joseph was Jesus' model of how to be a man. She discussed how this is the Year of St. Joseph, and she gave a presentation on how Joseph is the Terror of Demons and our model of manhood. She told the ladies that they should ask St. Joseph to pray for their husbands—which they were excited to do. She then led everyone in a prayer of consecration to St. Joseph. It was a powerful night!

Our next stop was St. Louis Cathedral. The priest brought out the Blessed Sacrament and asked us to share with the people. I spoke again on merciful love and consoling the Heart of Jesus. Nancy followed up with her talk on St. Joseph. The priest then took Jesus through the Church as I prayed for them. There was a lot of excitement! We then gave all the people blessed scapulars, which they surged forward to get!

The next day, we went to the Sanctuary of the Miraculous Medal. They also had a service for the Sacred Heart, and we gave similar talks. These talks have been on our mind and seem most

timely. I then led them in prayers for healing and a recommitment to Jesus.

Next, we preached at another parish for a special twice-monthly morning of fasting and prayer. Their old church was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew and, I think miraculously, David and Laura Fakier from HMI raised \$350,000 to build them a beautiful new church. An interesting fact is that the hurricane completely demolished the church—all except for one alcove where a beautiful statue of Mary was located. She was not harmed at all! They have moved the statue to the new church and have given her a place of honor, remembering the miracle of her preservation from harm.

I challenged the parishioners to respond to this gift from God. I told them it was probably the most beautiful Church in Haiti and people from all over would come to see this marvel. I told them that when people came, they needed to find a holy people, fully informed in their faith, who knew how to pray. Again, Nancy shared on St. Joseph. I truly believe they responded to the challenge.

Each day, we dedicated houses that HMI had built for the poor of Jeremie. They had at least twenty-five houses to dedicate. HMI had not been able to come to Haiti for a while because of Covid, and there were a lot of homes to be consecrated. HMI is now building four houses each month!

Fr. Jomanas and the team dedicated the homes to Jesus and Mary, and then Fr.

Jomanas blessed them. We left them with pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and prayers for them to pray each day for the donors of their new homes. They were more than happy to do so! It is hard to describe the joy people have when they move from an old house of rusted tin and tarps to a beautiful, four-room, hurricane-resistant home!

We then had a big food distribution day. Around 120 families received oil, pasta, flour, and many other staples, various pieces of clothing, and some money. Nancy and I prayed for people at the end of the distribution line. They were so happy to get supplies and prayer. It was a blessing to be there!

Our other outreaches were to the residences of the Sisters of Charity, where Fr. Jomanas said Mass for the sisters and we prayed for the men, women, and children in different houses there. We were required to wear masks, and many of the children cried in fear over all these white folks with covered faces!

After visiting the sisters, we went to the local prison for a food distribution. I had asked if I would be permitted to pray with the various cells of men and was told no because of social distancing and Covid. I strongly objected, and the official in charge finally gave me permission. It is hard to describe the horrible conditions there. There were nearly forty men in a room designed for twenty. There was a lot of sweat and odors. Most of the men seemed really open to the Gospel. I always began by

telling them, with Fr. Jomanas translating, that I had come to tell them about a God of miracles.

I shared my testimony and then led each cell in a prayer of commitment to our Miracle God Jesus. Nancy ministered to the women in another part of the prison and talked about the love of God and the need to support each other. This outing has always been my most favorite. The people there need to know they are not alone, and that God never gives up on them. The team then gave each prisoner a nice meal of chicken and rice with a cold drink. I guarantee it was their best meal in a long time!

One highlight from our trip happened the last night, when team members asked for prayer. Three were pre-med students and one was a teacher. Gabby, the teacher, wants to spend the summer in Haiti teaching English. All four had seen what God was doing and wanted more themselves. It was really powerful! We taught on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and then prayed with them. God had a very specific word of knowledge for each person, and all cried as they now knew that God was real and knew them personally.

After being “offline” due to Covid, this was just what we needed. I feel our Lord was pleased and it was such a gift to minister again!



## PLEASE PRAY

- ▶ For all those in areas suffering from political unrest or natural disasters.
- ▶ For hearts open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may help bring Christ into the lives of others.
- ▶ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



📍 The Haiti mission included a Eucharistic procession at St. Louis Cathedral and distribution of blessed scapulars.

# "YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER"

BY DR. MARY HEALY

*This article is condensed from Dr. Mary Healy's talk at Renewal Ministries' online Pentecost Mission, which you can view at [www.youtube.com/renewalministriesrm](http://www.youtube.com/renewalministriesrm).*

## A SHATTERING EVENT

Jesus began his public ministry with this simple message:

**"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

(Mk 1:15)

That is Jesus' entire preaching in a nutshell.

Fr. Michael Scanlan said,

*The proclamation of the arrival of the kingdom was a shattering event in human history. Jesus was not just another teacher . . . The kingdom he proclaimed is not merely another alternative lifestyle you can accept or reject on the basis of personal preference, lifestyle, convenience, or cultural heritage. The central message of the kingdom cuts through such superficialities and speaks to man about his very life.*

It's a "shattering event" because Jesus came to reclaim what was stolen by the devil. His coming means the downfall of the kingdom of darkness—which doesn't go without a fight.

Satan exerts enormous influence in human affairs. In Judges, Israel was a loose federation of disunified tribes continually overrun by their enemies. "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes"—and chaos resulted (Jgs 21:25). That's like today's culture. Everyone does what is right on his own eyes, saying,

**"No God can tell me what to do."**

And chaos results.

Satan's false kingdom continues for now, but Jesus won the ultimate victory on his cross—restoring everything wounded and lost due to sin. That's why so much of Jesus' ministry was healing and delivering people from evil spirits. Healing signifies that God's kingdom is near.

## JESUS ANSWERS WITH HEALINGS

While in prison, John the Baptist sent a messenger to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:3) Jesus didn't immediately answer; He healed the sick. "He cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits. And . . . he restored sight" (Lk 7:21-22). Jesus answered John's question with healings—and still gives that answer today.

**Jesus' mission is to heal all those gripped by sin. God doesn't directly will sickness; it was unleashed in the world by the Fall. God allows evil to bring a greater good out of it.**

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith says, "Sickness may have positive consequences"—if embraced in loving union with Jesus' suffering. Nevertheless, "it remains an evil." St. John Paul II said a Christian "must fight against (suffering) for himself and for others because he knows that it is an evil, a consequence of the sin of men from the beginning, but when it is inescapable, he carries it in faith." This is why Catholics and other Christians have spent enormous amounts of energy healing the sick—with hospitals and all the ways people lay down their lives to alleviate suffering.

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and with power to set free all those broken, enfeebled, and oppressed by sin—our own sin and sins committed against us (see Acts 10:38).

## 'STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND'

Look how Jesus healed people. "When he entered the synagogue and taught, a man was there whose right hand was withered" (Lk 6:6). In that culture, most people made their living by manual labor, so an unusable hand was catastrophic. He may not have been able to care for a family or enter the temple.

There also are Old Testament connections. Psalm 137, from the Jews' exile, says, "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!" (Ps 137:5) This man's withered hand signifies that God's people had forgotten God.

Israel's downfall began when it split into two kingdoms (see 1 Kings). The northern king set up rival sanctuaries with golden calves. When a prophet pronounced judgment on this, the king stretched out his right hand and said, "Seize him!" Immediately, his hand withered. When he asked the prophet to pray for him, his hand was restored. God wants to restore his children.

This man's healing is a sign that the true king is restoring Israel; no longer will they forget God, because He is in their midst.

Luke 6:7 continues, "The scribes and Pharisees watched him to see if he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him." Where's their compassion? They just want to entrap Jesus. What a

tragic commentary on the state of their hearts! “But . . . he said to the man with the withered hand, ‘Come and stand here.’ And he rose” (Lk 6:8)—every healing is a little resurrection, a sign of the ultimate healing that will happen on the Last Day.

Jesus said, “Stretch out your hand” (Lk 6:10). In obedience, he tried, and the impossible became possible. At Jesus’ word, he stretched out his hand, and it was restored. I remember a dramatic healing at my parish. A woman with Parkinsons, who everybody had seen decline, danced down the aisle at a healing service. Healings wake people up: the King is here.

Isaiah 35:3 prophesied about the Messiah: “Strengthen the hands that are feeble. Make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong. Fear not. Behold, your God . . . will come and save you.’”

**Do any of you have feeble hands? Weak knees? Carpal tunnel, arthritis, etc.? I’ve seen the Lord heal in amazing ways. Do you have an anxious heart? The Lord wants to heal it.**



### STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

I have to take risks in faith to grow as an instrument of healing. At the store, I’d see people walking with canes, and think, “I should talk to them and maybe pray for them,” but I’d chicken out. In

prayer, I felt led by the Lord to go out with no other purpose than seeing who He would lead me to.

I got in my car and asked the Lord to give me a word of knowledge about something He wanted to heal. The Lord said, “I want to heal a right ankle.” As I left the parking lot, I came across two people. I said, “This is going to sound strange, but I feel like the Lord sent me here because He wants to heal somebody who has pain in their right ankle.”

One of them responded, “I’ve had serious pain in my right ankle for many years.” I said, “That’s the Holy Spirit!” She let me pray for her and then said it was starting to feel a little better. I asked, “How much?” She started getting kind of nervous, so I talked with them a little bit more and moved on.

Then, I saw a woman limping with a cane. I had to push outside my comfort zone to talk to her. She was very friendly and said she was having knee pain. She let me pray for her but didn’t believe Jesus would heal her. She felt like her condition was partly her own fault. **I spoke to her about how the Lord doesn’t heal us because we deserve it or because we’re worthy; He heals because that’s who He is.** The Psalms say,

**“Oh Lord, heal me,  
because I have sinned.”**

(Ps 41:4)

**I prayed and asked her to test out her knees—and she didn’t have pain. We walked a little bit, and then we walked even further. She said, “This is a miracle! There is no pain at all—I could not do this!” The Lord loves to heal—to demonstrate that everything has changed because the kingdom has come.**

There’s no sickness, death, or sin in the kingdom. He will wipe the tears from all eyes and free us from every remnant of the Fall (Rv 21:4). Jesus never told someone who asked for healing,

**“That’s not for you.”**

People may not immediately heal in response to prayer—due to a need for

deeper healing, interior transformation, or unknown reasons. But when somebody asks Jesus for healing, He has only two answers: yes or later.

It may be much later—maybe on the resurrection of the Last Day—but He never answers, “I don’t want you healed.”

### ‘THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND’

Jesus sent his disciples on mission with instructions to proclaim,

**“The kingdom . . . is at hand.  
Heal the sick. Raise the dead.  
Cleanse lepers. Cast out demons.”**

(Mt 10:7-8)

This tells us the kingdom of heaven is here now, although not yet fully. It will not be fully on earth until Jesus comes in glory.

Jesus sent out a larger group of seventy disciples—meaning all of us who are followers of Jesus—and told them, “Heal the sick and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you’” (Lk 10:8-9). They returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us and your name” (Lk 10:17). They saw sickness flee, demons run in terror, disabilities healed, and more.

Jesus responded,

**“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread over serpents or scorpions and over all the power of the enemy.” (Lk 10:19)**

He added, “Nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you but rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Lk 10:19-20).

Then it says, “In that same hour, He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit” (Lk 10:21). This is the only time we’re told Jesus rejoiced. Why did He rejoice? He saw his disciples, in obedience to his call, step out in faith, proclaim the kingdom, and demonstrate it with supernatural signs that confirmed the kingdom is here.

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Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray:

**“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”**

**(Lk 11:2; emphasis mine).**

We are praying for the full manifestation when Jesus comes in glory, and also that the kingdom becomes more present now as people’s lives are changed by Jesus and sickness, sin, and death are broken.

Jesus also said: “There are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come in power” (Mk 9:1). Some people think Jesus was mistaken—but maybe they don’t understand Him. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God. The apostles responded, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6) Jesus redirects their thoughts: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. And you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and Judea, and Samaria, unto the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). He’s saying, “This is how my kingdom is going to come. You are going to be filled with my Holy Spirit and bear witness to Me, first here, and then further and further out, leading to my kingship in people’s hearts and lives, in families, in

towns, cities, and even cultures. Your witness to me in the power of the Holy Spirit will make my kingdom present on earth.” It happened: the Holy Spirit came, and the disciples went in every direction, proclaiming the kingdom’s arrival and demonstrating it with signs and wonders. Indeed, many of them did not taste death before they saw the kingdom of God come with power.

**The world needs to hear that glorious announcement that the king has come and everything changes when you enter his kingdom—which is peace, joy, and righteousness in the Holy Spirit. His kingdom transforms lives, marriages, families, and cultures. Every human is now confronted with a decision. The kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe.**

Turn away from your old life—from whatever led you away from God. Turn toward the Lord and believe the Good News—the King is here, and only in Him are we restored to the fullness of life that God always intended for us.

Is Jesus the king of every area of your life: your marriage, relationships, finances, eating habits, recreation, and work conduct? If not, repent. Hand them over to Him. Invite Him to be the king of every part of your life from this day forward.



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