

**Walking Together with God
Open Our Eyes! Intro
Sermon Outline
July 12th, 2020**

TEXT – II Timothy 2: 7-15

Reading Schedule:

Sunday	7/12	<i>Proverbs Ch. 12; II Timothy 2: 1-19; I John 4: 1-6</i>
Monday	7/13	<i>Proverbs Ch. 13; II Timothy 2: 1-17</i>
Tuesday	7/14	<i>Proverbs Ch. 14; II Timothy 1: 1-14</i>
Wednesday	7/15	<i>Proverbs Ch. 15; John 1: 1-18</i>
Thursday	7/16	<i>Proverbs Ch. 16; John 14: 1-14; Acts 17: 1-15</i>
Friday	7/17	<i>Proverbs Ch. 14; I Corinthians 15: 1-20</i>
Saturday	7/19	<i>Proverbs Ch. 18; Romans 1: 1-7; Philippians 3: 1-14</i>

We welcome our sisters and brothers who have joined the broadcast. The outline for this message with a daily Bible reading schedule can be found at Quinn Chapel's website www.quinnchicago.org

II Timothy 2: 7-15 – ⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,
he will also disown us;

¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

LET'S PRAY: Almighty God, I know that nothing is happenstance. You have allowed me to walk this path on my journey for a reason. I desire to use what you've deposited in me to impact those around me. Thank you for creating me for such a time as this. I will seize the moment and act accordingly. Amen

1. Tell the story of the member and the ANTICHRIST TEACHINGS she shared with me via videotape. I thank God for her sending me the video clip. The clip was of a religious teacher, teaching against Jesus Christ, (I John 4: 1-6) who had taken a part of a single verse of the Bible and presented the text out of its context. Context describes what surrounds a person, place, or thing. Much of the misinformation circulated today is accomplished by taking a statement out of its context and then commenting on the small segment shared to tell viewers what they should believe. So, what listeners or views receive is a half-truth. Please remember, **a half-truth is a whole lie!**
2. We're starting a teaching series this Sunday called "OPEN OUR EYES" focused on believers being able to evaluate whether teaching they're receiving is accurate.
 - a. There are some apps and books I'd like to recommend to everyone receiving this broadcast. They're on the screen now and will be displayed later.

- b. The Kindle App on your phone or tablet, so you can download books into your electronic device.
 - c. The One Year Bible, New International Version. Published by Tyndale, in paperback or Kindle app
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 - e. Bible Gateway.com Bible app
 - f. YouVersion.com Bible app
3. THERE ARE SO MANY VOICES IN A VIRTUAL WORLD, HOW DOES ONE KNOW TRUTH FROM FALSEHOOD?
- a. We live in a season of misinformation.
 - b. It's hard, to tell the truth from lies. Remember, a half-truth is a whole lie!
 - c. Some things look like the authentic item, yet, they're not the real thing.
 - d. ILLUSTRATION OF A COUNTERFEIT ITEM, SUCH AS A \$20 BILL LOOKS REAL. THE AUTHENTIC CAN GET YOU WHAT YOU NEED. THE FAKE CAN LAND YOU IN LOCKUP OR BONDAGE.
 - i. So how would I know the authentic from the fake? How would I know the true from the false? How would I know the real from the replica?

- ii. Someone once said, "If you want to know the authentic from the fake; the true from the false; or the real from the replica, you won't be able to tell by just looking at the surface; you won't be able to tell by mere appearances; you won't be able to know with a quick look at it.
- iii. The only way to tell if it's what it claims to be is to hold it up to the light and look inside it.
- iv. It was only after I held it up to the light, and looked inside, that I saw written inside the bill, just to my left of Jackson's head, written perpendicular to the other words on the bill, "Twenty USA. Twenty USA!"
- v. I've come to tell somebody, if you want to know if the teaching is authentic or fake, true or false, real or replica, hold it up to the light and look inside.
- vi. Hold it up to the light of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - a. It's the Resurrection of Christ, as the One and only Son of God, that will make the distinction.
 - b. Does the teaching hold up to the light of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

- c. Does it rely on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?
 - e. The etymology of counterfeit is from Latin contra- 'in opposition' + facere' make - made in opposition to something.
 - i. The thing was created in opposition to something that exists already.
 - ii. It's the opposite of the real thing!
 - iii. The counterfeit exists because there is a real thing for it to oppose. There are so many systems of belief that run counter to or oppose the gospel of Jesus Christ. Spiritualists, new age religions, Islam, Buddhism, antichrist movements, blended belief systems are not Jesus Christ, the Crucified, and Risen One.
- 4. How does one avoid drifting into these kinds of teachings?
 - a. Illustration of dropping the anchor of a boat to keep it from drifting into danger from wasps, snakes, or hornets that lived in the trees lining the shore. It's time to get anchored in the word of God, so we don't drift into dangerous
 - b. WE MUST ANCHOR OURSELVES IN TRUTH OR WE'LL DRIFT INTO DANGEROUS WATERS.
 - c. PAUL SPOKE OF THE BEREANS, WHO CONFIRMED WHAT PAUL SAID BY REFERRING TO THE SCRIPTURES FOR THEMSELVES.

- d. That's why you're being encouraged to establish your reading plan, get tools to help you discern for yourself.
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5. Well, getting back to our member who sent the video, I had the fantastic opportunity to share with her what I'm sharing with you,
- a. "Please remember the foundation and fullness of Christianity rests in the simple truth of what we believe. What we believe is the light up to which we can hold any teaching to determine its integrity or accuracy or truthfulness.
 - b. WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED. ON

THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE GRAVE. HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND HE SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY. FROM THETE HE WILL JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND LIFE EVERLASTING.

i. AMEN

ii. Yo Diggity!!!!!!!!!!...

6. Invitation to a relationship with the Resurrected One!

- a. **Coca-Cola's** best-known slogans came in 1969 with "It's the Real Thing" and then in 1971 with its catchy "I'd Like to Buy the World a Coke" song -- both were part of the same campaign.
- b. In a world of misinformation, polemic discourse, and political spin, if you're like me, you're looking for the real thing.
- c. God is real, and God proved how real God is when God sent God's Son Jesus who was born of a woman; he taught, healed, and delivered others; then he was crucified, he died,

and he rose from the grave, so the power that raised Him is the power that is ours to live today.

- i. Power to live a full life.
 - ii. Power to change, to be transformed, and set free.
 - iii. Power to love and be loved!
 - iv. The real thing!
- d. God is reaching out to you today, offering the real thing.
- i. If you're accepting God's hand, type "I accepted Jesus!" in the comments.
 - ii. I accepted Jesus.

BENEDICTION

We're going to pick up our series on Sunday, July 26th. In the meantime, remember to order the books and apps we shared and start reading on your own. Next week, we'll celebrate Quinn's 173rd Church Anniversary, and our special preacher is our Bishop, John Franklin White.

BLESSING:

For all who are looking for "The Real Thing," Lord, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ.

For all who desire proof of His coming, Lord, thank you for the power of His resurrection that has transformed millions of lives.

For all who want to know God better, Lord, thank you for your love letter, the Bible, and your interpreter, The Holy Spirit.

So, we speak life, peace, joy, strength, hope, and the power to be transformed over you, and you, and you, and you, and yes, you, in Jesus's holy and precious name until we gather again.

AMEN!

If you're with somebody, hug them and tell them, "God loves you, and so do I!"