



Live life with abandon – March 3, 2015

The Newsboys played at the San Antonio Rodeo on Feb 17 which we attended.

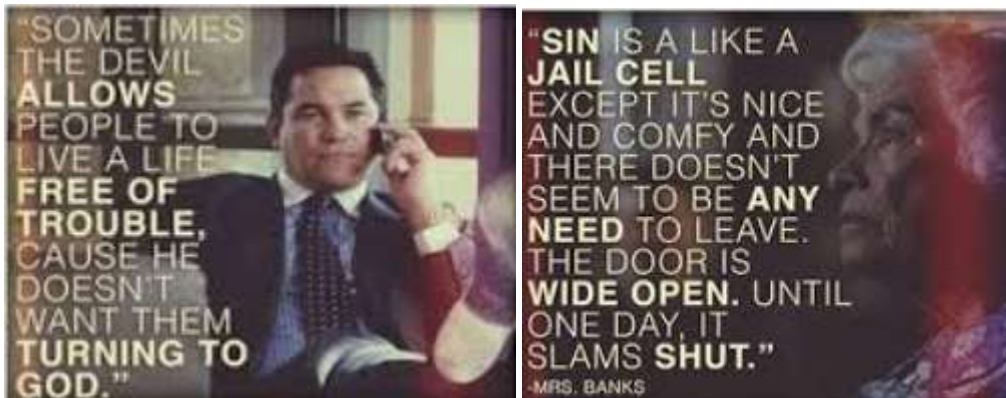
The Newsboy's latest song was featured in the movie "God's not dead" with their song "God's not dead".

One of the great quotes of the Movie "God's not dead" is by an Alzheimer mom who was staring blanking at a TV screen while her well off banker son who has it all was complaining of her condition and the apparent result of her condition by believing in Jesus.

Her response to her son was:

"Sometimes the devil allows people to live a life free of trouble cause he doesn't want them turning to God."

"Sin is like a Jail cell except it's nice and comfy and there doesn't seem to be any need to leave. The door is wide open until one day it slams shut."



I was convicted during the concert of not being as expressive as the others that sat around me. Many others had their hands raised and really were showing great emotion by hearing each song. I sang to myself some of the songs that I knew but wasn't on my feet with the others showing it. Was I being cynical, judgmental and haughty? Yes

This is one of the areas that I'm working on to break loose this year – to live life with abandon as one of the Newsboy's song states:

Newsboys – live life with abandon
...I want my life to count, every breath
I wanna live with abandon

Give You all that I am
Every part of my heart Jesus
I place in Your hands

I wanna live with abandon
I'll drop everything to follow You...

Why am I not expressive? Could be that I don't want to be sucked in by false emotional deception.

We are to worship both in spirit and in truth, John 4:24, and I'm definitely on the truth side and working on displaying more of the spirit side. There are many other people I know that I highly value and respect that demonstrate the emotional/spiritual that also have the truth.

Joh 4:24 God is **spirit**, and those who worship him must worship in **spirit and truth**."

One great verse I lean on is Acts 17:11 where Paul came to Berea where these Jews verified what Paul was saying by examining the scriptures but even these Jews were able to be deceived by emotional appeal and Paul had to be sent away.

Act 17:10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.

Act 17:11 Now these **Jews were more noble** than those in Thessalonica; **they received the word** with all eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so**.

Act 17:12 Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.

Act 17:13 But when the **Jews from Thessalonica** learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, **they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds**.

Act 17:14 Then the **brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea**, but Silas and Timothy remained there.

I've been deceived in many areas so I believe that is why I'm leaning on the truth side so much – not to be caught up in the emotional deception but staying only on the truth side makes you hollow because the spirit/emotional part of worship is expressive and joyous – something you find in the scriptures and an action that Jesus approves of and welcomes.

Examine yourself and see if you are living life with abandon and if not then make some changes to be a full Christian in worshiping Jesus both in the spirit and in truth.

Regards,

Called/Chosen + Hear + Believe + Repent + Confess + Baptize + Abide = Salvation -> Proclaim
Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 + Rm10:9 + Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20