

Vignettes: Encore
Spirit Life, Part 12
Slide Notations

Spirit Life Vignettes... *Watching the outflow!* Removing the sep's/expletives/euphemisms! *Watching the "inflow!"* Heart-health challenge! *Fighting for families'* Primary fabric. *Understanding the church!* What are we - anyway? *Living on the Word of God!* Best Dressed or Emperor's Clothing?

Left off... Vignette 1: Awareness of the power of our tongues; need for accuracy, articulation, blessing. Our "yes is yes and no is no" **Mt5 Jam4** Jesus: "evil link" James: "hypocrisy." Don't use cultural separators like "black," "white," "them," "our people," "their kind..." Don't use words of ethnicity unless we're certain and there is a definitive purpose! Don't use expletives or euphemisms. Seduced by a culture to think/normal

Extracting from Culture! He was saying, "The message just for me... I'm in the construction business (cultural norm)... its hurt my witness... what can I do?"

Get Sorry! Repentance is always the beginning of resurgence: "I have caved into the culture! Forgive my sin against You!" **Get serious!** Choose your words, like a Kings child! "*Say what you mean, mean what you say; do what you say or don't say anything at all!*" **Get angry!** Deceiver is laughing! **Don't get even, get a-head!** Proactive responses!

Tongue-truths! Let no literally or morally worthless communication flow out of your mouth, but employ language that builds people; language that bestows benefits upon the hearers. And grieve not the sacred Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and blasphemy be put away from you, with all malice... **Eph 4.29-31**

The tongue is like a little rudder on a big ship... turning us to blessing or cursing! **Jam 3.4,5,9,12** I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked are before me. **Ps39.1** Set a watch, Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips! **Ps 141.3** I will declare my sin with sorrow. **Ps38.18** With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations! **Ps89.1**

That's not legalism but legal counsel: "stop incriminating yourself!" Our mouths were made for blessing God and man and for creating worlds of wonder and life!

Vignette 2: Heart-health! We know that we are what we eat! Soul food is the input we allow! Take in millions of bytes of info each day... Through all five natural senses... and thru our human spirits... People, reading, TV, movies, songs... All those things provide us with fuel to build up our soul or toxins to break it down!

Soul food is the input we allow! Must watch what kind of material we read! "Learn something in everything you read!" "Lots of good food in trash cans but I don't eat there!" Most people can't eat the hay and spit out the sticks – so they choke themselves!

"Everything that pertains to life and godliness comes from our knowledge of Him which is why He has given us His great and precious promises!" **2P1.3,4**

TV full of sensuality promoting sexual promiscuity/infidelity/bondages. Movies draw in ticket buyers w/trailers of violent scenes/too often stirred/repeated. Erottoxins go off in the minds of those opening their eyes to internet porn, inappropriate TV, books, articles, movies...

"Cannot take fire to your chest and your clothes not be burned!" **Pr6.27,28**

Must watch what we listen to... Songs in a category of their own... Somewhere around “Satisfaction” (1965) the birth began of enemy inserting venom/souls... From innocent to insidious... now sing out the songs of our different era’s w/o even knowing the things we mouth...

“The heart of the righteous ponders the outflow; but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil things.” **Pr 15.28**

Last week a Mom/Dad went home and checked; surprised – so was their son! Replacing his old music with Christian... Isn’t that going to be expensive? What’s a child’s security worth? Another “Dumb Tax” we pay for not knowing what’s going on around us...

And many that believed showed their commitment; they brought the stuff of their old lifestyles, worth about fifty thousand pieces of silver, and burned it! **Acts 19.19**

Death Metal Countdown

10. Arch enemy
9. Necrophagist (eater of the dead)
8. Behemoth
7. Children of Bodom (multiple homicide)
6. Cannibal Corpse
5. Mastodon
4. Slayer
3. Between the Buried and Me
2. Deicide (solo: homage for Satan)
1. Death

Trust them to input your children? What kind of food for the soul are they serving?

NIN (a band that makes fun of the Crucifixion) Lyrics: Message to no one in particular/And guess what?/Nobody loves you/Nobody cares/I was sent here to give you this message...Oh that’s right-you’re different/different than the rest/I forgot/I forgot/well f-you/and f-fitting into your scene/f-what you think/Oh yeah? Well I’m king of the world/the world that I’m destroying big chunks at a time/I am the destroyer of worlds/you watch and see/ you watch and see. **Modern Philosopher to kids?**

Brittney (most think she’s okay because she’s POP) Lyrics #1 single: 1,2,3 Not only you and me/got one eighty degrees/and I’m caught in between/ countin’ 1,2,3... Merrier the more/triple fun that way/ twister on the floor/what do you say? Are you in/livin’ in sin is the new thing/are you in/ I am countin’/1,2,3! Three is a charm/two is not the same/I don’t see the harm/so are you game? Let’s make a team/Make’em say my name/Lovin’ the extreme/now r u game? **Sexual soul food for our teens?**

Lucifer, the original leader of the band, is using his craft to further his rebellion against God and we shouldn’t join!

God’s promise is one last shaking from top to bottom, stem to stern, are you willing to let Him get rid of the historical and religious junk?

Vignette 3: Fighting for our Families! Had to write one of the hardest letters of my career this past week! Man in final stages of a meltdown... Separating from his wife, about to ruin his relationship with child, throwing away his ministry... Got this vision... (Shared) Saw this guy in the “Valley of decision...” (Knew it was OT prophecy – something wrong w/ “fit”)

Joel 3.14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. Valley full of people standing against/Lord. Multitudes waiting for their own destruction @ the end of times! Not a pretty sight! How is this a “fit?”

What if... People there solely because of a string of bad decisions/made one at a time? ...I told you the decisions you make are critical to determine who's side on/how much life/ministry/future - experience? How much judgment/conflict w/Lord? ...I told you that the time of Joel's final confrontation is 619 days from today... Would you pay attention/decisions? Why?

Because we crave certainty when God wants us to crave security! You tell me “when” and I'll be ready... when God wants us to be ready regardless of when!

We are living in days when all our decisions matter and every bad decision puts us in contest with the Lord!

W/o hesitation... Now is the time to decide to fight for quality of life for our families! First Battle-front; our marriages! A man and a woman, committing to God that they will be His partners for this life... Partners fending off all the competition... Because without a solid marriage: broken foundation of family/life/ministry!

Foundation: Man loosing from everyone else, gluing to his wife, the two becoming “one flesh!”

G2.24 Clothed in God's glory, walking in intimacy, living unashamed! **v25** To be fruitful, to multiply, and to have rule over the earth and every other living thing on it. **1.28**

Marriage is the foundation from which all life and ministry flows!

Foundation in America is cracking! 50% divorce rate in world/church; of marriages that make it to the altar! Co-habitation is at an all time high! 60% of young adults planning co-habitation. 50% higher divorce rate/non co-habitor's. Higher violence/affair rates. All because came from homes where marriages lost the war! *Marriage is under strategic assault*

W/o hesitation... Time to fight for our marriages! Fight back against the walls of separation, built from the rubble of the walls “came crumbling down!” Offence/resentment/lack of maintenance. Fight back against the distractions, seductions and “zones” of the world! Fight back against the “bubbles of deceptions!”

Can't stay married because God “says I have to...” “lose my ministry...”Duty is your last line of defense against your own sinfulness - akatharsia! “I'll begin because God says it's right and if I do what's right He will reward me with the love that has been lost!”Whatever it takes to get your marriage back on track – do it!

W/o hesitation... Men, show your commitment to God, break off, bring out, anything competing w/your wife! (boredom/porn/proximity)

Get sorry! Ps51.1-4 Pr6.32ff **Get deliberate!** Solve problems like you do at work! Fix dents like you do your car... **Get angry!** Enemy laughing at his puppet! **Get ahead!** Take what you learn and pass it on to others who are in trouble!

W/o hesitation... Gals, if someone, or something has more of your love, attention, gaze than your husband; both broken!

Be sorry! Sins against marriage bond/God! **Be deliberate!** Idolizing/idealizing gets us in trouble/Re-aligning brings us back! **Be angry!** “Bear robbed of her whelps/fury!” This is a step up from whelps! **Be determined!** Work to win/make enemy pay!

W/o hesitation... Time to fight for family wholeness! Word tells us that in *those days (that are these days)*, enemies will be members of our own family! Given up by mates? Kids? Parents giving up offspring?

Time to fight off bad decision to put off making the best/right decisions... now! Time to stop resisting God!