

UNPACKING THE WORD SERMON: “WHY WE SHOULD WAIT: A PERSPECTIVE ON EXTENDED WI STAY AT HOME ORDER”

(PLEASE LISTEN TO THIS SERMON TO GAIN CLARITY AS IT RELATES TO THE STAY AT HOME ORDER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN. THE FACTS ON THIS SAGA CHANGE SEVERAL TIMES DAILY.)

THE **CENTRAL AND SALIENT** POINT OF THE MESSAGE IS THAT GOD, BEING SOVEREIGN, PERMITTED COVID-19 AND THE CORONAVIRUS FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES. A SUB-POINT FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN WISCONSIN IS THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BECOME VERY CULTURALLY AND SOCIOECONOMICALLY DIVISIVE. ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS READ THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL AND OTHER REPUTABLE PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED BY JOURNALISTS. THE RALLIES, IN PROTEST TO THE GOVERNOR’S ORDER AND PLAN TO REOPEN, PROVE THIS POINT. 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 SHOULD BE OUR RESPONSE. IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE ARE THE CHURCH AND THERE ARE MANY WHO CLAIM CHRIST WHO ARE ACTING VERY UN-CHRISTLIKE. 1 PETER 4:17 REMINDS US THAT JUDGMENT BEGINS WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST. ARE WE REALLY ALL IN THIS TOGETHER? I SUGGEST YOU READ THE NEWS. THE NATION AND THIS STATE ARE GRIEVOUSLY DIVIDED – MOSTLY ALONG RACIAL LINES.

SCRIPTURALLY, THE LESSON COMES FROM NUMBERS 14:39-45. THOSE WHO HAD BELIEVED THE BAD REPORT WANTED TO OFFER GOD A LIP CONFESSON AND STILL PROCEED, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE WARNED BY THE MAN OF GOD (MOSES) THAT GOD WOULD NOT BE WITH THEM. THEY WENT ANYWAY. SOME ARE GOING ANYWAY IN WISCONSIN, NO MATTER WHAT THE WARNINGS HAVE BEEN. I STATE IN THE SERMON THAT WHILE THE DATE OF MAY 26TH IS NOT SOMETHING I WANTED TO HEAR, I, PERSONALLY, DO NOT BELIEVE THE GOVERNOR HAS ACTED RECKLESSLY. HE HAS A PLAN DEVELOPED WITH MIDWEST GOVERNORS. THAT IS THOUGHTFUL LEADERSHIP. THE CURVE IS FLATTENING, ALSO!

THE THREE POINTS BASED IN SCRIPTURE, ARE... 1. REBELLION IS EASILY **CLOAKED** IN RHETORIC AND RELIGIOSITY. 2. THEY (DISOBEDIENT CHILDREN OF ISRAEL) **REFUSED TO LISTEN** TO THEIR LEADER. 3. THEY WENT ON **ANYWAY** AND GOT BEAT DOWN.

*STAY IN THE WORD – PRAY – READ THE NEWS (REPEAT)

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Lovingly, Pastor Walton