

UNPACKING THE WORD

FOR JUNE 28, 2020 SERMON

"I AM A CHURCH MEMBER - PART 6 - I WILL PRAY FOR MY CHURCH LEADERS" BY PASTOR JOHN RICHARD WALTON, JR.

PLEASE READ AND PRAY OVER I PETER 5:1-11

(PLEASE LISTEN FREE OF CHARGE ON OUR SITE NOW)

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN - IN THE SERMON, I DISCUSS THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF BEING AN AFRICAN AMERICAN PREACHER PASTOR IN ONE OF THE MOST SEGREGATED CITIES, AND WORST CITY IN THE U.S. FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS TO LIVE. IN THE SERMON VIDEO, I CITE JAMES E. CAUSEY'S ARTICLE, "FANNIE LOU HAMER'S DECLARATION 'I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED' IS STILL A RALLYING CRY FOR BLACK PEOPLE IN MILWAUKEE" (JS ONLINE, JUNE 27, 2020). THIS ARTICLE IS REALLY THE ANTITHESIS OF THE SERMON.

THE SALIENT QUESTION IS - HOW CAN THINGS IMPROVE???

THE THESIS IS THOM RAINER'S TITLE ABOVE - PRAYER!
THIS IS ILLUSTRATED IN FOUR ASKS HE MAKES OF MEMBERS.
THIS IS THE APPLICATION.

1. PRAY FOR THE PASTOR AND OTHER CHURCH LEADERS

2. PRAY FOR THE PASTOR AND THEIR FAMILY
3. PRAY FOR THE PASTOR'S PROTECTION
4. PRAY FOR THE PASTOR'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

IF YOU LISTEN TO THE END OF THE SERMON, YOU WILL HEAR A GOOD INTERPRETATION OF WHAT EVIL IS - WHICH IS SATAN, PERSONIFIED BY THE ROARING LION IN THE TEXT, "SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR" (I PETER 5:8). OUR TASK, THROUGH READING THE WORD, OBEYING AND PRAYING, IS TO, "RESIST HIM!!! [EMPHASIS MINE], STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS UNDERGOING THE SAME KIND OF SUFFERINGS" (I PETER 5:9).

FAITHFULLY,

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