

Recalibrate

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Our World

Isaiah 29:16 (NIV)

You turn things upside down,

as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!

Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it,

“You did not make me”?

Can the pot say to the potter,

“You know nothing”?

Satan is a liar and the father of lies. He is so good at it that even solid believers begin to question truth and reality. Sometimes we have to shake off the lie; clear out the cobwebs. We have to recalibrate and realign with Scripture.

We acknowledge that the world is crazy!

Isaiah 45:9-10 (NIV)

Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker!

Woe to the one who says to a father,

‘What have you begotten?’

or to a mother,

‘What have you brought to birth?’

We have wisdom and understanding. We acknowledge a girl is a girl and a boy is a boy and God ordained marriage between a man and a woman. We show compassion, but we also recognize that deviations from these truths are an attack on God. We know that an attack on God springs from Satan himself. The increase in these nonbiblical behaviors in society is evidence that Satan feels more and more embolden.

As people follow these nonbiblical behaviors, they move from God's truth increasingly toward personal devastation.

Jeremiah 2:5 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says:

“They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.”

Our own eyes are seeing within the population the growth of bazar foolishness and accompanying moral devastation!

A compromised church that denies the Word of God or waters down the Word of God to fit the “prevalent social lifestyles” is a primary source of Satan's increasing boldness.

Jeremiah 2:13 (NIV)

My people have committed two sins:

“They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Today many churches have forsaken the truth of God and are digging their own self-made cisterns that don't hold water.

The church must embrace Jesus the spring of living water as revealed through the Holy Scriptures. We must shake off the lie and recalibrate just like Jesus told the woman at the well.

John 4:10 (NIV)

Jesus said, “If you knew the gift of God ... HE would have given you living water.”

Recalibrate: Reject the lie and trust the truth of God.

Jeremiah 32:26-27 (NIV)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”

God has got this! Do not believe the world’s lies. We “recalibrate” by trusting God’s Word. The Word comes to us in love, joy, and peace. But also ignoring God’s Word invites God’s judgement.

Jeremiah 23:29 (NIV)

Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

Foolish, worthless behavior will be crushed by God’s truth.

God’s truth is penetrating, purifying, and consumes evil. God’s truth does not comfort people in their sinful behavior; truth confronts the sinful heart and brings it to repentance. The true Word of God convicts and converts; it neither amuses nor entertains. **That is why we do not omit a single Word!**

Jeremiah 26:2 (NIV)

This is what the LORD says: “Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word.”

Watched an interview where Franklin Graham was challenged to accept the social norm of homosexuality to grow the church. Franklin kept brining the conversation back to Jesus and the commentator kept bringing the conversation back to homosexuality. Tremendous lesson.

We don't explain behaviors. We talk about Jesus.

Just as God foretold, this is an upside-down world where the clay is trying to tell the potter what to do. Therefore, we must resist the lie and align ourselves with every Word of the Scriptures. We reject what is polluted and align with what is pure. We recalibrate!

Psalm 12:6 (NCV)

The LORD's WORDS are pure,
like silver purified by fire,
like silver purified seven times over.

Recalibrate: The very foundation of our faith demands we drink from the spring of living water and share that living water with all who are thirsty.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.