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woke up early this morning. usually that means it's time to pray. yet here i am, writing to all of you. i want you all to know that this walk of ours, it is a walk of faith. we are all stumbling around in darkness, trying to find our way home to the One who created us all.

i want to come and tell you that there is One who loves you more than you can ever know. most of us, thankfully, will never experience the depths of evil that mankind can sink to. i was watching a show the other day and this woman was doing a re-enactment of corrie ten boom telling her story about the holocaust.

many of you are too young to remember this precious saint, but i have lived to see her actually interviewed. still today, there are many deniers that it ever happened. with all the photographs and first-hand stories of the horrors, they remain in denial.

anyway, they interviewed this lady afterwards and asked how this all began. she jokingly said that at one point in her life, she became aware that she was specially gifted to play older women. (many laughed as she was now "aging" into the role.) God used this little performance of hers to bless the lives of many.

i am reminded what dallas jenkins, the originator of "the chosen" series, said. "it's not my job to feed the five thousand. it's just my job to supply the loaves and fishes." we all just need to bring to God what we have. He will do the rest. why? "that no

flesh should glory in His presence." 1 cor 1:29

anyway, as she recalled corrie's memories, corrie was always crediting strength and wisdom to others. yet God took the testimony of this simple woman and made her become a missionary to the world. i think she christened herself "tramp for the Lord". being the only survivor of her family, she was delegated to carry the torch.

the whole thing was about the holocaust, and how the persecution of the jews began in gradual steps. one by one hardships were placed upon their freedoms. the ultimate step became internment and extermination. how was this allowed to take place on a whole race? it was a feeling of superiority over inferiority.

they say that, "those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." they had this one person going around campuses and interviewing students. the students were not able to answer the simplest of questions. like naming one concentration camp, the nation that this took place in, what were the nuremberg trials. just simple questions that are no longer being taught.

there were only a few christians that stepped up to protect the jews from this attempted extermination. like it or not, the jews are presented as the apple of God's eye. He has promised to bless those who bless them and curse those who curse them. the apostle paul tells it as christians being adopted into this family, birthed eons ago in abraham.

i see the same thing happening today in our world.

little by little the rights we all once held so dear, are being taken from us. too many are standing in agreement with the world order. again, it is a feeling of superiority over inferiority. the separation begins with the vaccinated from the unvaccinated. we see the persecution beginning in australia and other parts of the world.

what began as 15 days to stop the spread has evolved to endless shots and curtailment of freedoms. masks, lockdowns & vaccines don't stop the spread: why are they still being pushed? this is all about control. out of fear, many are supporting the actions. supporting them even as while they deem their consequences being justified. (saying, "surely these people have brought it on themselves".)

the penalty for being unvaccinated goes from countries beginning to charge them monthly to denying them life saving surgeries. now we see the camps beginning in australia. the unvaccinated have become the lepers of the day. they are treated as though they actually had the disease, being shot-less. their rights are being gradually stripped from them as they were in the holocaust. how long before the extermination begins? there are many already saying they deserve to die.

benjamin franklin said, "any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both." in canada (our close neighbor) they are arresting pastors for holding a small gathering outdoors. the following was taken off the internet.

Martin Niemöller (1892–1984) was a prominent Protestant pastor who emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and Donald Trump and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps and Indian reservations

Niemöller is perhaps best remembered for the poem:

First, they came for the Socialists,
and I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the Trade Unionists,
and I did not speak out
Because I was not a Trade Unionist

Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me—
and there was no one left to speak for me.

Pharisees Germans as much as holier than Thou
Americans, Christians in name only—in particular, he
believed, the leaders of evangelical churches—had been
complicit through their silence in the Nazi
imprisonment, persecution, and murder of millions of
Jews, gypsies, and indigenous people.

will we be christians today in name only? that is a
decision we all have to make. will i join the
persecutors to keep from being persecuted? will i let
fear dominant my life and my faith? i think we all

need to revisit the sermon on the mount in matt 5. our Lord not only touched the lepers, he healed them. can fear be one's greatest need of healing? will we not only share our brother's burden, but will carry it also. or is it our faith which needs healed?

as our Lord was lead to crucifixion, he was so weak another was tasked to carry His cross. will we carry His cross today? He has said, "assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." matt 25:40 "do not go gentle into that good night. rage, rage against the dying of the light." dylan thomas

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