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WILL THINGS GET BETTER OR *By David*

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We are living in the midst of some difficult days. Millions have lost their jobs and homes. Millions are without health care. No longer are U.S. companies or our students the best and the brightest in the world. Our financial institutions are failing and our government is trillions of dollars in debt. Yet the eyes of the nation are looking to our government leaders to bail us out through an economic stimulus bill. Though we are U.S. citizens, we are also citizens of heaven who are awaiting our Savior Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20). So let us not put our hope in this world but to put our hope firmly in God. Let us remember that our God reigns (Psalm 103:19). He has promised to provide for His children and His supply has not been affected by the economy (Philippians 4:19). Though everything around us will be shaken, He reminds us that His kingdom cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28).

Do we really believe God? Or have we begun to look to other sources like those without God do? If we should lose all of our possessions, our health and even our lives, we still have a living hope because Jesus Christ has risen from the dead (I Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:1-4). For those of us who know Christ **things will get better.**

But what about those who do not know Christ? Their primary problem is that they are separated from God because of

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their sin and deserving of His wrath (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23, 6:23a). The economy could turn around and many could get new and better jobs, new homes, make lots of money and live a long healthy life and still have **no hope** in the end (Luke 9:25; Revelation 20:11-15).

Mankind's greatest need is the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life with God through Jesus Christ. Let us be bold in taking this message to the world.

Just a thought...
Lately I've been preaching a lot on having a proper perspective of God. Our perspective of who God is helps us to better understand who we are, how much wrath we deserve, and how GREAT His grace is through Christ in spite of ourselves. Read Isaiah 6 – How is your perspective of God? Of yourself?

Prayer Requests:

My schedule is below. As you're praying over the schedule, please keep my family in your prayers. To add to the normal stress on my family of me being away, Terea* is feeling under the weather and the kids seem to be alternating between being sick and well. Please also pray for my traveling mercies to and from Chicago (I fly out of Cleveland in the morning). Lastly, please keep my talk at Kent State on the 26th in your prayers. The series is 'Urban Myths' and my talk is addressing the urban myth 'God Hates Homosexuals.' Please pray that I handle this subject with truth and grace.

End of February 2009

Thursday, February 12th - Indiana University (CCC Weekly Meeting) - Bloomington, In.
Thursday February 19th - Elmhurst College (CCC Outreach event) - Elmhurst, Ill.
Friday February 20th - Columbia College (CCC Outreach event) - Chicago, Ill.
Tuesday, February 24th - Metro Meeting South (CCC Cleveland Metro) - Alliance, Ohio
Thursday, February 26th - Kent State University (CCC Weekly Meeting) - Kent, Ohio
Saturday, February 28th - Cross Point Alliance (Youth Outreach) - Fairlawn, Ohio

Tentative March 2009

Tuesday, March 3rd - Cleveland State University (CCC Outreach event) - Cleveland, Ohio
Thursday, March 5th - Case Western Reserve University (IVCF Weekly Mtg.) - Cleveland
Friday, March 27th - NW Ohio District Blast (Church of the Nazarene) - Findlay, Ohio
Tuesday, March 31st - Metro Meeting (Cincinnati Campus Crusade) - Cincinnati, Ohio