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THE ANGER, THE ANGST & AMERICA

We've lost the dream... seething in an ocean of impossibility, we've decided that it is not possible to move forward in our lives. So many are frustrated. Our plans are not working. And it's been that way long enough that we've conceded. Things have not worked, and they are not going to. We have become hopeless.

Out of control... all seems out of control. From the economy (and the jobs that go with it), to Washington, to Hollywood. We have no way to control our own environment. So many have long since given up and given over and are believing the lies of Satan as they come from our derailed leadership - in Washington, in Hollywood, and even in our pulpits. Washington does not listen to the will of the people - the Supreme Court decides for us what we want. Hollywood relentlessly puts forward their agenda... attempting to mold our world in their own image. If they are doing something... it must be right. Pulpits trip over themselves to be "relevant," (translated, the rush to get ahead of the cultural curve). We think that if we are ahead we are "leaders." Never mind the idea that the Bible (and its message) has always been counter-culture. Biblical leaders often didn't last long. Biblical leaders often didn't have followers. Despair is the order of the day.

Here's one. We are not being taken care of. From getting a doctor's appointment to getting a hamburger, we seem to be at the whim and total discretion of those waiting on us. Even if we knew what we wanted (which is rare), we couldn't get it. No one even sees us. We are the paying customers who wait to obtain what they pay for. We are the people whose needs have to be adjusted to what is selling. We are to be satisfied with little or nothing for most, or all, of what we have. We look for service... and find ourselves in a world without servants.

We are alone. Our world feels unconnected... much less cared about. We live in a dark ocean of stars that blink... alone. We are like drivers caught in traffic - and we are just one more car. Relationships have always been fragile. But today, even forming the relationship is more difficult. When we connect it is at arm's length... through a computer or an iPad. We've never had so much technology to connect us, and yet have never been so estranged.

And we are afraid. New shootings happen every day. And we are powerless to stop them. Our solution is to arm ourselves. Did you ever think you would reach the point when you felt the safest place to be is "packing"? Violence erupts when races clash. We are afraid of what our kids will be taught in our schools. No wonder people are opting to private schools and home schooling. We are afraid of our economy. Will my job be there tomorrow? We are afraid of our own government. What will they dream up next?

Look through America! Look through the fog, and see the light. Though things are cloudy, there is still a light.

Look beyond America! Look beyond this time to a coming day. It will not always rain. One day the sun will again come out. One day we will look to the sky and find a rainbow.

Look up, America!

You are not alone! God sees you, whether you can see Him or not.

God will take care of you! If He takes care of the sparrow, surely He will take care of you.

God will make a way! Just like He made a way through the Red Sea, He can make a way in your life. And He always has.

Take Hope... God is on His Throne!

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