



KIDS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS_Journey to New Discoveries - Part 2_Pastor John Bendixen_16 October 2022_Witbank



READ: Psalm 8:3-9 (NKJV); John 8:25, 32, 38 (NKJV)

DANGEROUS THINKING: We have been born into an age where mankind’s life is developing at a fast pace. We are privileged to grow up in a time when no major war exists. The greatest global impact has been Covid. Although it was a wake-up call, we are living very much free of Covid now. It is dangerous to think that the spiritual forces that have been at work amongst mankind for centuries are no longer working in our lives today, and that there is not going to be that kind of major global impact ever again. We somehow think that spiritual forces have no direct impact on what is going on and that we have our destiny in our own hands.

STORY: Pastor John shared that he grew up completely unaware of what’s happening in politics, he had a fairly hopeful and positive outlook of the future. It was only in the army that he was met with a world that could not be controlled, where politics put him in a place where his life was in danger. The depths of his walk with God went to a new level as he trusted God.



SCHOOL: When Pastor John’s children went to school, he didn’t really find it necessary to consider any other option. He thought a good education would set them up for their future. He could not foresee that spirits that have been at work in mankind for so long would start to reveal themselves in a younger and younger generations than when he grew up with.

END TIMES: Pastor John is going to speak on “end times” - not about dates but about our journey as a church and how we need to be paying attention to what is going on around us and have knowledge of what’s happening in world events, and how we should be preparing ourselves for the journey that God has us on. We must discover what God wants us to do, not what every other church is doing. It’s very important that we understand that God has this church on a very specific mandate. I say – I’m paying attention and I’m preparing.



LIVE IN POWER - NOT PERSONALITY OR PERFORMANCE: In our humanity, we have no hope for a future. I say - But in Jesus, I have every hope for the future. When I live in Jesus, behind the Blood, in the power of my spirit waiting to be released then I can live in power and dominion, and not in my weakness. Jesus came so that we can be free from performance (do’s and don’ts). If we know the truth we can live in power. The power of God overrides our personality. I say – I live in the power of God and not in my personality or in others personalities around me, I live in power and not in performance. I exchange my life for purpose and I will not live in popular culture (“I can be whatever I want to be”).



WRONG WAY: People adjust themselves to the culture of the time. If you live in popular culture, then it will always control your decisions. For the past 30-40 years popular culture said that you can be whatever you want to be, dream as big as you want to dream, become whatever you want to become – there is no stopping you. It is still the popular culture of our day to “be everything you could be” but it’s wrong.



GOD MADE BOYS AND GIRLS: If you cannot live by the simple truth that you are a boy or you are a girl, if you can’t see and know what you are, then what foundation of truth do you have? If your foundation of truth is so unstable that you don’t know what you are, then what is truth to you? In the end, you will pursue your own plan in life and the last thing you would want to





hear is what God has for your life. **I say** – I believe that God made boys and girls. God made me what He wants me to be and I live by that truth. I can't choose what I want to be. The church can't allow the popular culture to be mixed into it. The church has to stick with one truth – that Jesus is Lord, and that **the Bible is the foundational truth** of our lives. **I say** – I don't adapt myself to the popular culture of the day, I go with what God says. **I say** – The Word of God and the Holy Spirit are always my direction in life.



DARKNESS: **READ: Hebrews 2:14-15 (NKJV).** Death is the separation of life. The devil had the power of death. God had the power of life. Jesus came to take back the power of death that was held by the devil. We will never taste death. When we die, we are immediately in the presence of God. **READ: Ephesians 2:1-3 (NKJV).** The devil designs the popular culture of this earth. We were once like those who wanted to live with the popular culture of the day but **I say** - Jesus delivered me from that same spirit of death that is still at work in children of disobedience. **READ: Colossians 1:13-17 (KJV).** Jesus delivered us from death and darkness.

Darkness is the absence of light; the shadow/shade caused by **something that comes between the light Source (God's truth) and me.** **I say** - Jesus delivered me from the devil/popular culture that comes between me and God's truth. The more we give ourselves to popular culture the more we are in the dark. If we are going to journey and discover new things that God wants for us, we are going to have to see what the popular culture of the day is in finances, relationships, the way we see God, our future, and our destiny.

WALK IN THE LIGHT: **I say** - God didn't intend for me to be part of a massive group of people that are part of popular culture. We all grew up affected by and in the shadow/shade/darkness of popular culture. Popular culture can affect you even though you don't even know it. **I say** - I move away from these interfering objects that would come between me and the truth. We must confront (tackle) our popular culture of this day, whatever it is, we must **walk in the light** so that generations that are coming after us can be set free and walk free. **I say** - The safest place I can be in the world is where God wants me to be. God has divinely given us a legacy and He is bringing legacy to life in us. We are going to confront popular culture and we are going to say "What is our journey to the truth?"

EDUCATION IN GOD'S HEART: Pastor John is going to share what **God has placed in us as a ministry in education in the future.** Your agenda for your child is likely to have been driven by a popular culture already to some extent. If we are not honest about that then we are fighting revelation and we can't receive the life of the truth of God's Word. **I say** - In the truth of God's Word, He has a plan for me right now. God's plan for me is to bring me away from popular culture and to have eyes that will see, ears that will hear, and to give me the power to live the way I need to live so that I am no longer competing or impacted by popular culture.



CONSEQUENCES: If you want to live in the popular culture, you will suffer the consequences of it. You are going to pay a bigger price than you ever thought you would pay. It will be a **price of darkness, despair, and destruction in your life.** Many people are paying the price with their lives because of what the popular culture says, or by institutions driven by what the popular culture says. **I say** - Jesus died so that He could raise me up, I no longer have to walk in death. He has given me the power to speak God's Word into my future and my future is then based on His words. There is nothing that can separate me from the love of God – it's higher, deeper, and wider than anything that can try and prevent me from my future in Him. This is where my source of strength comes from.

