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Speaker-AM: Jamie Rinehart

Title: Isaiah's Calling

Recording:



Speaker-PM: Robbie Moreland

Title: Who is My Neighbor?

Recording:



“WOE TO ME!” I CRIED. “I AM
RUINED! FOR I AM A MAN OF
UNCLEAN LIPS, AND I LIVE
AMONG A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAR
LIPS, AND MY EYES HAVE SEEN
THE KING, THE LORD
ALMIGHTY.”
ISAIAH 6:5

Neighbors – Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 (snips below)

- ▶ 25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”
- ▶ 27 So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘**your neighbor as yourself.**’
- ▶ ”28 And He said to him, “You have **answered rightly; do this and you will live.**”
- ▶ 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And **who is my neighbor?**”
- ▶ 36 So **which of these three** do you think **was a neighbor** to him who fell among the thieves?”
- ▶ 37 And he said, “**He who showed mercy** on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “**Go and do likewise.**”

More Righteous Than I, 3/4/2026, by Zeke Flores

In Genesis 38:26, Judah says, "She [Tamar] is more righteous than I." This confession is significant because it marks the beginning of Judah's transformation. He moves from self-protection to repentance.

Judah had been living with hidden sin, hypocrisy, and moral compromise. Tamar's boldness exposes him, and instead of doubling down, he humbles himself. That's the turning point. Repentance is not merely feeling bad. It's acknowledging the truth before God.

Judah's story shows that God's grace often begins where our excuses end. His confession becomes the seed of a new identity; the same Judah who later offers himself as a substitute for Benjamin.

Repentance is not a moment of shame. It's a doorway to renewal.

If God is exposing something in your life, don't run. Don't defend. Let truth do its work. Confession is the soil where transformation grows.

Persuasive Arguments, 3/7/2026 by Hugh DeLong

We are drowning in a sea of false information. The internet can be useful, but it appears to me to overwhelmingly contain bad and misleading information. If you do a quick search for almost anything, the titles that are present for you to read contain countless hyperboles: "This destroys all...", "This changes everything we knew about...", "Whether it be about history, science, or religion – 'everything' that was known by anybody upto a few years (moments?) ago is wrong.

These are especially prevalent on YouTube. Here in Colossians 2:4, Paul warned us about 'persuasive arguments' that lead away from revealed truth. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). The chosen apostles were led into all truth (John 16:13). We have been warned many times within the New Testament revelation about false teachers (I Timothy 4:1-5; II Timothy 3:1-5, 13; II Thessalonians 2:3; 9-12; II Peter 2:1; I John 4:1, 6; etc., etc.!).

As Paul was coming to the end of his life, he instructed Timothy: "You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them" (II Timothy 3:14). Many of you will immediately remember that this was the introduction to Paul's statement: "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (II Timothy 3:16-17).

For us, we simply can not believe everything we read without knowing the source of such information. Men who have no real credentials can (and will and do) write articles and arguments. Do you know from whom you have learned what you believe?