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What have I done wrong? Why am I so messed up? Why am I so frustrated? Why am I torn in all these different pieces? He wants to show us where we're wrong. But He doesn't leave you there, Precious One. It's also profitable for correction. He shows us how to take what's wrong and make it right. He doesn't just throw us away because we've messed up. He doesn't just say, "That's it kid, you've had it, you've blown it." No. He says, "Come here. I'm your father."

PART ONE

When the United States of America entered that second millennium, the statistics of what had happened in the past three decades were absolutely alarming. What had happened was, now the number of single parent families had actually tripled. The number of divorces had doubled. And the SAT scores, those scholastic aptitude tests that kids take when they're a senior in

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high school to see how they've done and where they rate, they had dropped 73%. And not only that, but as you looked at the statistics you saw this, that one fourth of all the adolescents had contracted a sexually transmitted disease by the time they had graduated from high school. In the 1970's only 13% of the families had two working parents bringing in the income, only 13%. But by the turn of the millennium, you had 34% of all American families were based on two incomes. You had the mother out of the house, working to support the family income. Not only that, but what they saw was this. They saw that where you had both parents working, those families were more prone to divorce than when one of the parents, the wife was staying at the home. What has happened? What turned the tide? I believe, Precious One, it's the fact that we believed a lie. We believed the feminists' lie. We heard Betty Friedan, in 1963; say that she just knew that women were frustrated, that women felt stifled and that women needed to be liberated. And with that there came a whole new thinking. There came a whole new message. A message that can be spread very quickly because of the media and so many times the media fills us and feeds us with things that are not true. It's according to their slant. It's according to their bent. And so women began to listen to the media. They began to pick up the magazines. They began to read what they were saying. They began to hear these angry voices. They began to hear these stories of frustration of women and how women were put down and how women were abused and how women were misused, and how women didn't have equal rights. And so what they did... And some of those things were true. But what they did is they embraced a lie and they missed the truth. They missed the truth. They embraced a lie first of all regarding the Word of God. They embraced a lie regarding their worth to God as a woman. They believed a lie regarding their sexuality. And you know what? They believed a lie in respect to their relationship to their husband. And then the final lie that they believed was this: that's there's no going back, that there's no redemption, that the die is cast and you are lost in

that. All your failures are going to be with you forever. All the terrible things that were done to you in the past are going to shape your future. What was the problem? Well, first of all, it was because they believed a lie regarding the Word of God, regarding the Bible. If you would go back to the 18th century you would go back across the ocean and you would go to Germany and you would meet Julius Wellhausen. You would find out that this man became a product of seeds of doubt that were sown in respect to the Word of God. And so Julius Wellhausen introduced higher criticism. And that higher criticism was this: that the Bible may contain the Word of God, but the Bible is not the Word of God. In other words, there is error in it. It's full of myths. And it's full of stories. And who can understand it? And it's all a matter of one's own private interpretation. And those seeds grew and bred plants and those plants then came to maturity and the seeds from those plants floated across the ocean to the United States of America. They landed in the seminaries. And there in the seminaries of the United States of America for the first time there was a big question mark put over the veracity of the Word of God. And it took us back in time to the Garden of Eden where God put Adam and Eve in this perfect environment. He gave them an instruction, only one instruction. And that instruction was this. "You may eat of the fruit of any tree in the garden. But the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not it. For the day that you eat the fruit of that tree, (and it's going to taste good,) you will surely die. You will surely die." That's what God said. And so what happens is Genesis, chapter 3? Eve's in the garden in the midst of all these trees. There's a tree of life. She can eat the fruit of that tree. There's all sorts of trees. But also in the middle of that garden, there's the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And what happens, a serpent comes into that garden and the serpent speaks to Eve. And what are the first words out of the mouth of that serpent? The first words are a question mark about the Word of God. The first words are, "Yeah, has God said? Has God spoken? Has He really said that you can't eat

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the fruit of this tree?” And then, not only did he throw out that lie about God’s Word and whether God really meant it, but he slammed God by saying, “God knows the day that you eat the fruit of that tree you shall be like gods.” So what was he offering them? He was offering them the right to move out from in under the authority of God and to determine for themselves what is good and what is evil. Eve looked at the tree. She saw the fruit. She saw that it was good. She saw that it could make a person wise and she just reached up and took it. She didn’t eat it yet. She just looked at it. She just contemplated it. She saw that it was good. She saw that it was delicious. And so she reached down and ate the fruit of that tree. And I want you to know that from that point on all of society was changed. She believed a lie. She embraced a lie. She did what God said not to do. She had a choice and, Precious One, listen to me carefully. You have a choice. You have a choice today. As we begin to talk these next couple of weeks, about the lies that women have believed, you have a choice whether to believe God or to believe what you’re hearing from the media, from society. What is the current philosophy and psychology of the day? You have a choice. But I will tell you this: that the choice that you make sets the way and sets the course for you. You can believe a lie and know this. It will lead to death and destruction or you can believe truth and it will lead to life and life abundantly. You have a choice. And you’re going to have to make that choice. Now I don’t want you to make it from an uninformed position. I want you to see what does God say. First of all, I want you to understand that you need to know and believe that this is the Word of God. You know how greatly God has used Billy Graham. You know how respected he is not only in the United States of America, but throughout the world. And Billy came to a crisis early in his ministry as he began to go out and preach in these tents. And the crisis was this: Am I going to buy that doctrine that floated over to the United States of America from Julius Wellhausen and these higher critics? Am I going to believe that? Does this only contain

God's Word or is it God's Word? And that day he made a decision. Now listen. It was a decision of faith. What is a decision of faith? Faith is taking God at His Word. It's saying, "God, others may say something different, but I'm going to believe that You're God. I'm going to believe that because You're God, You're capable of giving us a book that You are able to preserve, that is filled with truth." And this is exactly what this book is, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." That word "inspiration" is a Greek word that's only used one time in the whole New Testament and it means literally "God breathed". So this Bible is "God breathed." Peter tells us, "That holy men of God spoke, they wrote as they were moved by the Spirit of God." God didn't annihilate or over ride their personalities or their backgrounds. But God because He's God, so superintended that what they wrote, that the words that they wrote were God's words. The Word of God is like silver. God says, "The words of God are pure words. They're like silver purified in a furnace of fire seven times." Seven is the number of perfection. So what God tells us is this. He tells us, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God. It is profitable for doctrine." What does He mean by doctrine? For teaching, for what you and I believe. It is profitable for doctrine. It's profitable for reproof, to show us where we're wrong.

PART TWO

Righteousness means that you do things right. Well, what is right? Today, we live in a time and an age when we say there are no absolutes. There is no black and white. Everything is gray. Everything is relative. Everything is as you see it. And that is a lie, Precious One. It's just a lie straight from the pit of hell, in order to take you to hell. There are absolutes. And so God says that, "This book is given to you so that you might be instructed in righteousness, that you might be perfect, thoroughly adequate, mature, able to understand and handle every situation of life." In other words and listen to me carefully, there's not any curve that life can throw at you. There's not

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anything that has happened in the past that God can't take and straighten out if you will just come to God. God has all the answers for every situation, for every mess. So you need to understand that this Book is God's Book. Don't believe the lie, "Yeah, has God said?" You know, just before Jesus went to Calvary to die for you and for me, He stopped and He prayed. And He prayed, we think, right outside the temple as He was getting ready to cross the Kidron Valley and go to the Garden of Gethsemane. And He prayed that you and I would be kept from the evil one, that we would be kept from his lies, because he's a liar. He's a murderer. He abides not in the truth. He is the father of lies. There's no truth in him. So He prayed that we would be kept from evil one. And then this is what he said, "Father, sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy Word is truth." So the question is: have you believed a lie? Have you believed a lie regarding the word of God? What does God say about me as a woman? Where do I find satisfaction as a woman? And what I want to do is I want to take you to 1 Timothy. And 1 Timothy was an epistle that was written by Paul to Timothy who was his student, who was a follower of Jesus Christ. And one of the things he had Timothy tell the church was this: That women are preserved. They find satisfaction is what he means, through the bearing of children, if those children continue in faith and in love and sanctity, a different kind of a lifestyle, a lifestyle that would please you. A lifestyle that would make you brag and say, "Hey, that's my kid. My kid said that. My kid did that." And he says this is where you find satisfaction: In these children that are the product of your marriage. If those children continue in this self-restraint, if they continue in this righteousness, if they continue in faith, if they continue in love, then you find satisfaction there. So to find that satisfaction and to raise kids like that, what do you have to do? Well, Precious One, you have to be at home. You have to be the keeper of the home. Listen to what he says as he writes to them. He says in 1 Timothy, chapter 5. Now he's writing in regards to instructions of widows, who have lost their husbands, who now have children. What are these

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widows to do? And as he talks to them, he's giving us a principle, a precept for life. And this is what he says. He says, "Therefore, I want the younger widows to get married again, to bare children to keep house and give the enemy no occasion for reproach." Now that word "keep house" is a very interesting word. It is this word and I'm going to spell it for you in the Greek, "o-i-k-o-d-e-s-p-o-t-e-o". Now what word do you see in there? You see despot, don't you. What's a despot? A despot's a ruler. A despot is a supreme ruler. And the word, "o-i-k-e-o", that's the word for a house, for a dwelling. What is he saying? He's saying, "Woman, your career is your home. Your career is your marriage. Your career is your children. That's your career. It's not outside the home that you're going to find your worth, your significance, your value. It's inside the home." Now listen. Everything that I'm saying, remember is totally contrary to what the world is saying and what the media is saying. And if you go even grocery shopping, if you have time to run into the grocery store and you just pause for a minute in front of all those magazines and you pick up all these women's magazines, you're going to see that the headlines on those women's magazines are really contrary to what the Word of God has to say. They're trying to pull you out of the home. They're trying to convince you that men are good just for one thing and that's to have sex, but you don't need to let them burden you anymore. Just remember sex is power. And they tell you all sorts of garbage that goes against the Word of God. Women are stressed out, because they don't understand what the Word of God has to say about them and their role. It's taking its toll on marriages. It's taking its toll on the family. It's taking its toll on the children. Now, there's another passage that I want to take you to, and it comes from the book of Titus, from the second chapter, and this is what he says, "Older women are to be reverent in their behavior. They are not to be malicious gossips. They are not to be enslaved in too much wine. They are to be teaching what is good, that they may encourage the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure,

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workers at home.” All right, now what is that word for workers at home? Well it starts out the same way, “o-i-k-o”. You know that that means home. But the rest of it goes to this point. The rest of it goes to the keeper of the home. In other words, you and I are responsible for that home. We’re responsible to see that it is in order. We’re responsible for the kids in that home, for their welfare. We’re responsible for the meals. We’re responsible for the order of the home. We’re responsible for seeing that everybody has what they need in order to do the job that God has called them to do. You say, “Well where’s the husband?” Well honey, he’s to be out working. And I just want you to know something. If he’s not working, something’s terribly wrong. God says that the woman is responsible for the home. Now you say, “But, how do I get all that done?” Listen, we’re going to talk about it later. As we bring this program to a close; I want to take you to Proverbs, chapter 31. Proverbs 31 talks about this awesome, awesome woman. And when you come to the end of that chapter, it says this. “Her children rise up and bless her. Her husband also and he praises her saying, ‘Many daughters have done nobly but darling you excel them all.’” Now listen, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain...,” and that what is so trowded before us as women, that we’ve got to be sexy, that we’ve got to be skinny, that we’ve got to look like this. That’s all vain, it’s emptiness. It says, “...but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates.” Now I want to ask you a question. Would you like to have the product of your hands right now? What kind of works would praise you in the gates? Would your praise come from your business associates or would they come from those who mean the most to you, your husband and your children?