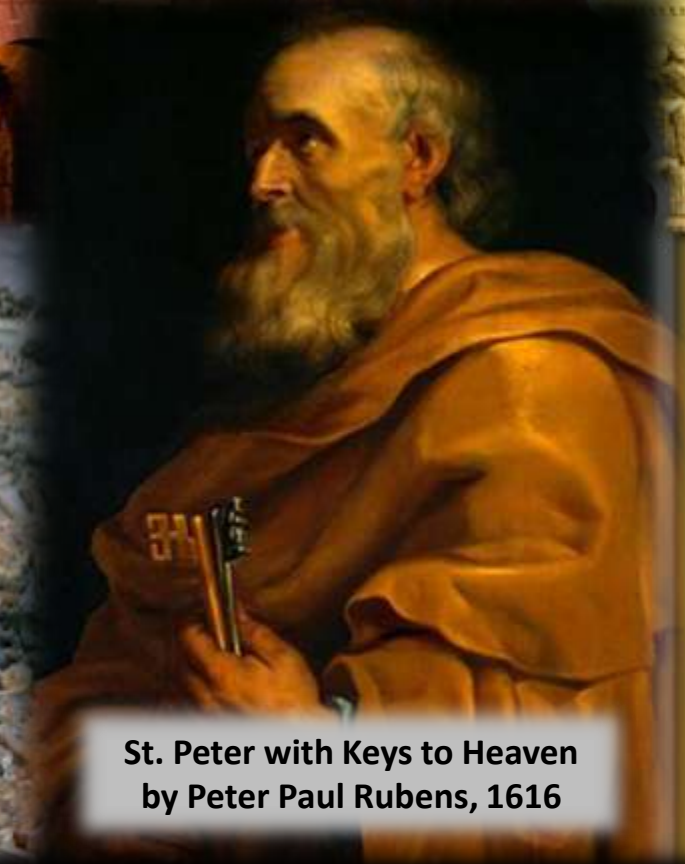


March 9

1 Peter	1:1-12	Our Inheritance - <i>Living Hope</i>
<b>1 Peter</b>	<b>1:13-25</b>	<b>Our Mandate - <i>Be Holy</i></b>
1 Peter	2:1-10	Our Identity - Building Our Faith
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Rome



St. Peter with Keys to Heaven  
by Peter Paul Rubens, 1616

**1 Peter 1:22**  
you have purified yourselves by obeying  
the truth so that you have sincere  
**LOVE** for each other,  
**LOVE** one another deeply,  
**from the HEART.**

# Where were YOU that day?

On a clear Tuesday Morning

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**... with 92 souls aboard**



## **1 Peter 13-25**

- 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:**
- 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**
- 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;**
- 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.**

## 1 Peter 13-25

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned LOVE of the brethren, see *that* ye LOVE one another with a pure HEART fervent

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorrupt word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof fall

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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*Beautiful passage* – like the rest of 1 Peter, almost too beautiful to be written by a lowly fisherman, so say a few “scholars?”

Consensus of the Church for millennia is **PETER**



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# 1 Peter

**13-16 Set Your Minds, Conform Not, Be Holy**

**17-21 Revere in Fear, Redeemed by Christ**

**22-25 Love Purely ... Imperishable Seed**

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We are a **CROSSROADS** in our country today ...  
similar to the decade in which this letter was written

Written at the **END** of Peter's days

Soon, and very soon ...

Church will have **NO Peter & Paul**  
No more granite **Pillars of the Church**  
No more exquisitely sublime **LETTERS**

**VICIOUSLY EVIL DAYS SOON**



An aerial view of ancient Rome, showing the city's layout and the Tiber River. A semi-transparent map of the city is overlaid on the image. The text is centered on the map.

**Rome**

**Alternative Title**

**To Be Holy in Unholy Times**

*Not for the Faint of Heart*

# Law of the Jungle

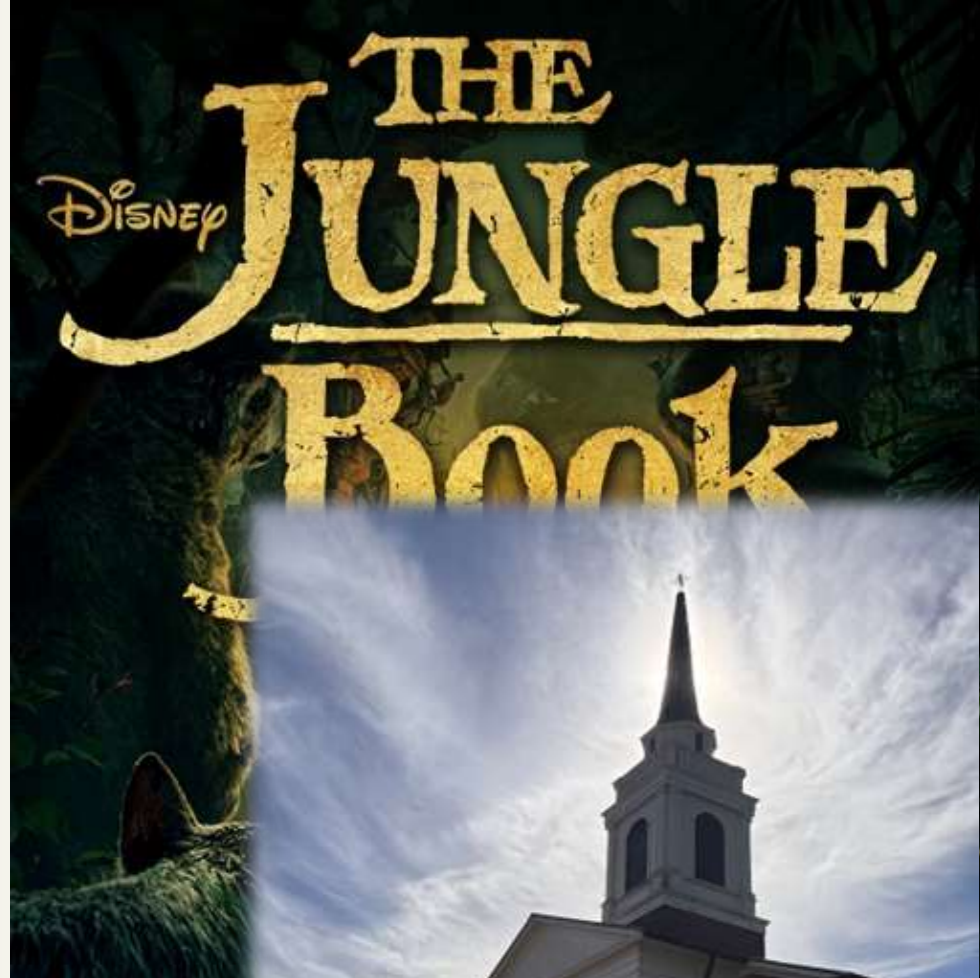
The wolves teach their young:

NOW this is the law of the jungle,  
as old and as true as the sky.

Wolf that shall keep it may prosper,  
but the wolf that breaks it must die.

The strength of the pack is the wolf, &  
The strength of the wolf is the pack.

**The strength of the CHURCH  
is the Christian, and the  
strength of the Christian is the Church.**



## Key Verse 1 Peter 1:22

Now that you have purified yourselves  
by obeying the truth so that you have  
sincere *LOVE* for each other,  
*LOVE* one another deeply,  
from the *HEART!*





# **Holy, holy, holy**

Our God is *and* asks us to be

More one reads the Bible,  
the harder it gets—so *it seems*

**HIGHER** the standard grows

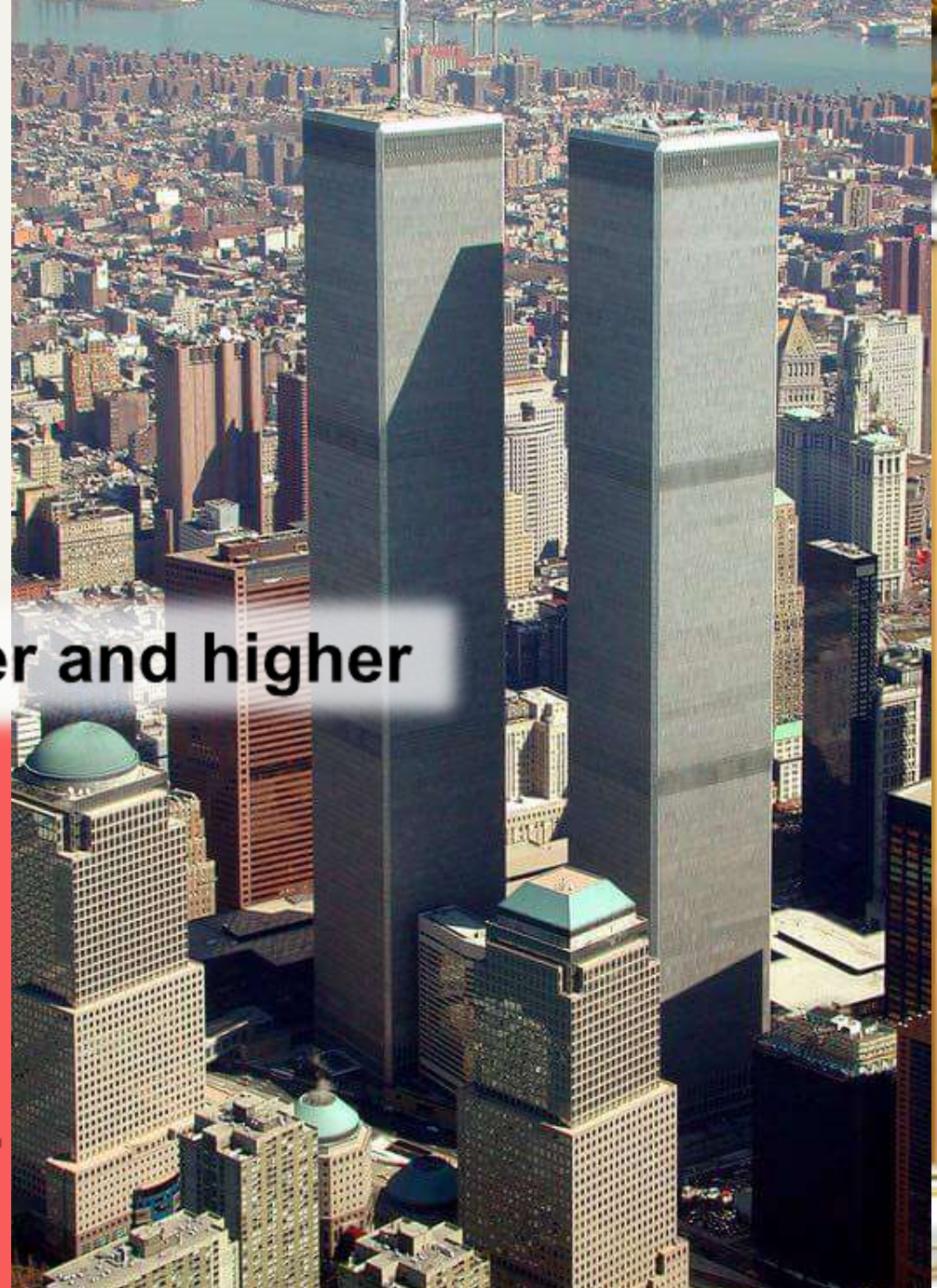
Jesus—the pinnacle gets higher and higher

24 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001

**EVIL PAID US A VISIT**

Where were **YOU** that day?

Sometimes—**HARD** to be holy



# **“Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning”**

by Alan Jackson, first released 11-7-01

Where were you when the world stopped turning  
on that September day?

Were you in the yard with your wife and children,  
Or working on some stage in L.A.?



## 1 Peter 1:13-16 Don't Conform, Be Holy

**13 THEREFORE**, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **KJV & ASV**

**“THEREFORE” = “for this reason”**

That is, based upon the *previous 12 verses & their HEART*

Based upon our Salvation, secured by God's *POWER*

- ✓ based upon the Church that God *FOREKNEW*
- ✓ that was made possible by the *RESURRECTION* of Christ
- ✓ a salvation that will be our inheritance when Christ *RETURNS*
- ✓ that the prophets and angels *DESIRED* to look into

God gave us a **Living Hope** – therefore, upon that **Hope**

## 1 Peter 1:13-16 Don't Conform, Be Holy

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, **GIRD UP THE LOINS OF YOUR MIND**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **KJV & ASV**

**HCSB 13**, Therefore, with your **MINDS READY FOR ACTION**, be serious and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Douay-Rheims Catholic Bible 13**, Wherefore, having the **LOINS OF YOUR MIND GIRT UP**, being sober, trust perfectly in the grace which is offered you in the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**NIV 13**, Therefore, with **MINDS THAT ARE ALERT** and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. *as you know, NIV is my preference most of the time*

**Message Bible 13**, So roll up your sleeves, **PUT YOUR MIND IN GEAR**, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives.

### 3-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, GIRD UP THE LOINS OF YOUR MIND, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ. KJV & ASV

“gird up the loins” – is common language used as a metaphor

Exodus 12:11, Israel was to eat the Passover with “your loins girded ... sandals on feet ... staff in hand ... eat in haste.”

After a parable of the rich man who stores up only to die, Luke 12:35-36, “Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet ... when he knocks they can immediately open the door.”

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, *GIRD UP THE LOINS OF YOUR MIND*, be sober,  
and hope to the end for the GRACE THAT IS TO BE BROUGHT  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ. KJV & ASV

*Gird your loins . . . Keep your lamps burning*

Maness Loose-Leaf translation: Lace up the Boots of your Mind

For the Master may return at any moment ...

We have a Living Hope ... with multiple layers

AND we should focus on ONE element above all

**“GRACE” that comes when Christ comes . . .**

Today, as evil infects our world, even to this very day,

**even 24 years later**

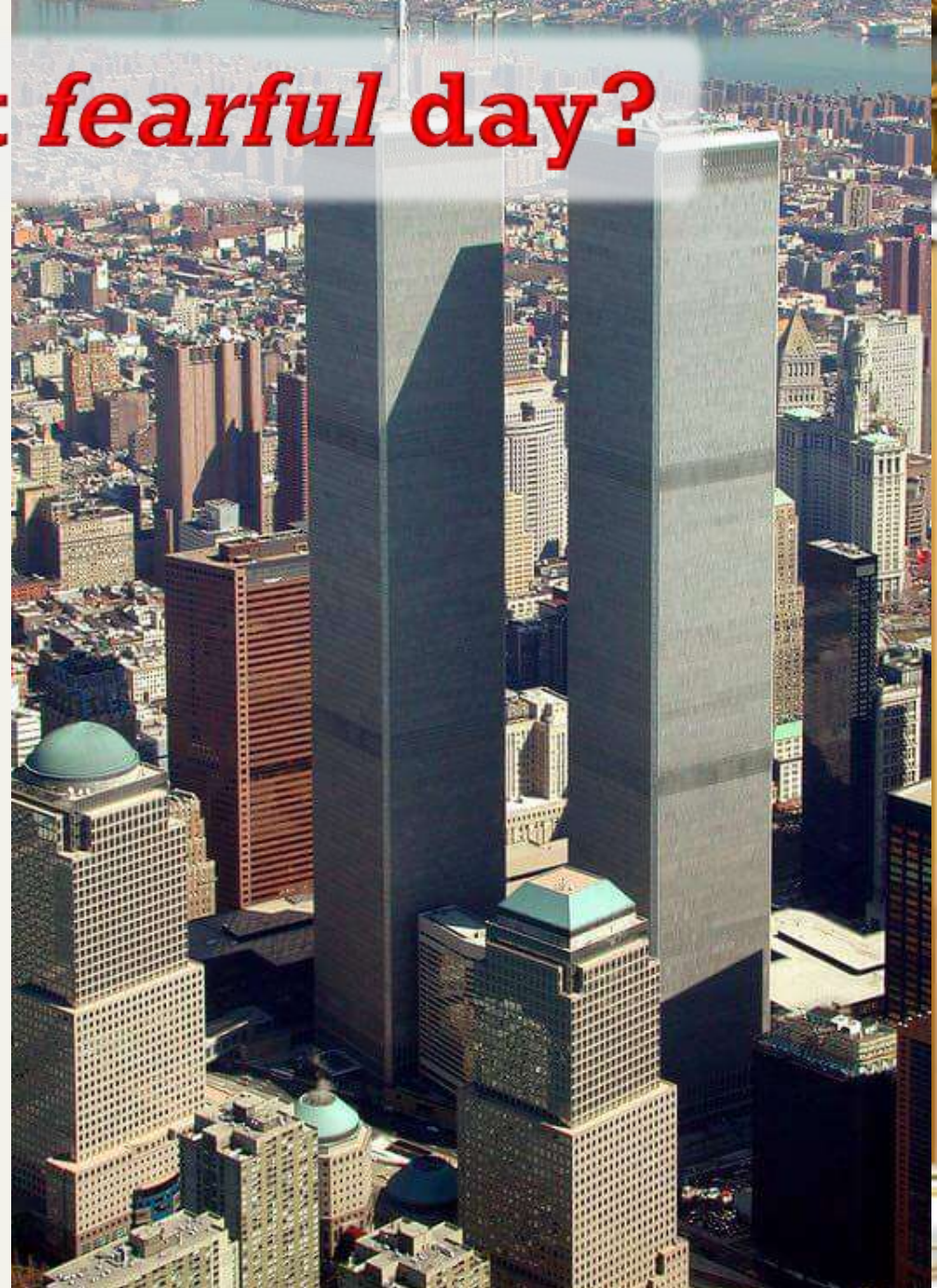
# Where were **YOU** that *fearful* day?

Especially hard to be **HOLY**  
when you are **STRONGER**  
than an evil enemy!

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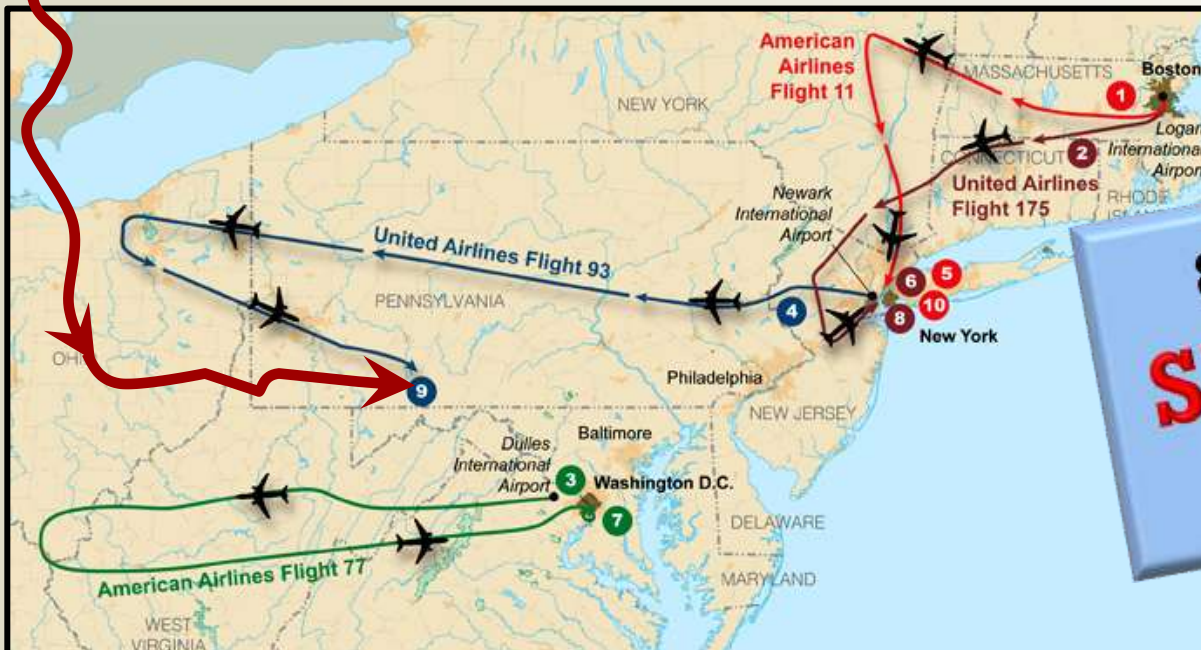
# Where were you?

8:46 Flt 11 *crashed* into 80th flr of WTC2,  
North Tower of the World Trade Center

@ 9:03 UA Flt 175 hit WTC1, the South Tower

@ 9:37 AA Flt 77 hit the Pentagon

@ 10:03 UA Flt 93 ... Passenger Heroes  
died as they took over the plane



8:46 to 10:03 – 1.5 hrs that  
**SHOOK** our World  
but that was NOT all





# Where were you?

@ 9:59 ... WTC1 South Tower collapsed

@ 10:28 ... WTC2 North Tower collapsed



A blurry, low-angle shot of a person's head and shoulders against a bright, hazy sky. The person's hair is dark and voluminous. The background is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting a bright, overcast day. The overall image is out of focus, with a soft, dreamlike quality.

**Where were you that day? – 55 second Video**

# Where were you that day?

Afterward . . . *a f t e r w a r d*

We **LINKED** Terrorist Attacks to al-Qaeda

Killed 2,996 people ... over 6,000 injured

Caused \$10 billion in property damage  
causing \$3 trillion in total costs

Osama bin Laden became Most Wanted in world history

To our U.S. Congress & the world,

President Bush promised **ACTION**

**Our World CHANGED**



# Our World **CHANGED**

One of the most famous photos showed a Firemen **RAISING** our Flag

We were **ONE** color – **DUST** colored

You could **NOT** stop us **NOW!**

**We**

**WILL**

**Respond!**



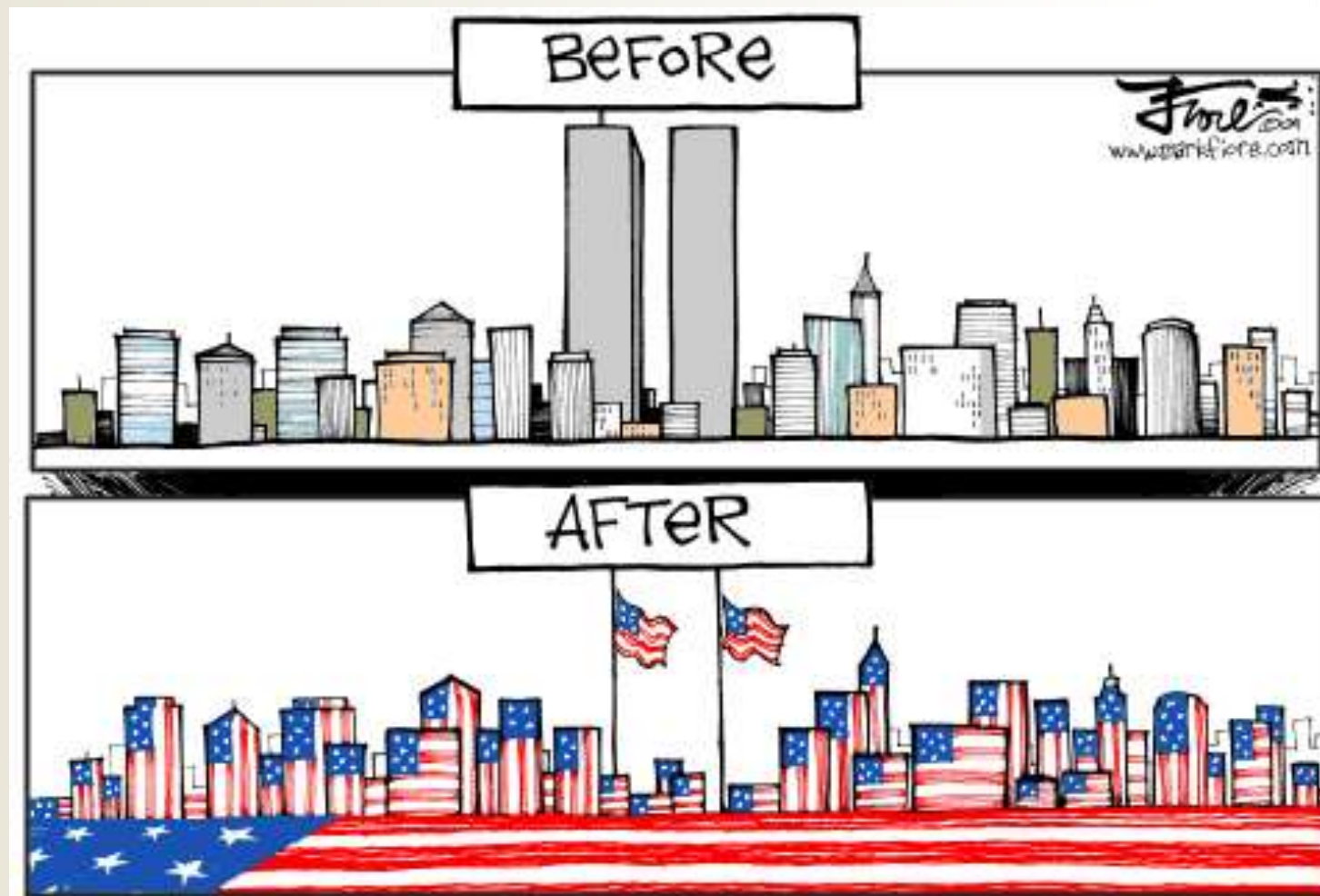
# Where were you?

Across our beloved land, *Patriotism* spread like wildfire

One musician  
after another

Song and ballad  
after another

For a time, we  
were as united  
as we ever were



<sup>13</sup> Therefore, ***GIRD UP THE LOINS OF YOUR MIND***, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought at the revelation of Jesus Christ. KJV & ASV

Gird up the loins of your mind ... with minds **READY** for action ...

**With the BOOTS of your mind LACED UP**

set your Living Hope on **GRACE** . . . Can it be clearer?

**Grace is unmerited favor, a gift** ... through *unmerited favor*,

God **GAVE** salvation that will be **REVEALED** when He comes.

Can it be clearer? – in ***GIRDING***, we've *responsibility* in our Hope

Clearly – we are, you & I are **to be READY for action**, sober

**ARE you ready for action?**

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**“Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning”**

by Alan Jackson, first released 11-7-01

Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that  
black smoke Risin' against that blue sky?

Did you shout out in anger,  
in fear for your neighbor ...

Or did you just sit down and cry?



# **Gird up for what? Minds ready for WHAT action?**

**SET and FIX OUR HOPE on the grace-given salvation ...**

**Yeah ... that's easy for YOU to say, SAINT Peter**

**You don't know what I am facing ... the trouble I know**

**How does one do that? ... "Gird one's mind"?**

**WHAT ACTION? What are the benefits of doing that?**

**What happens if I FAIL? ....**

**or what happens *WHEN I fail?***

***Next verse please ...***

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## Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

**14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.**

**15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written:  
“BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY.”**

How does we “**Gird their minds**” and ready themselves?

**THE ACTION ... is to**

- 1. NOT Conform ... to old evil desires**
- 2. BE Holy . . .**

Two sides of the same coin ... we must do BOTH

That is, we strive to **Not Conform** & to **Be Holy** for God is Holy

I suspect there's one or two here **GOOD** at “not conforming”

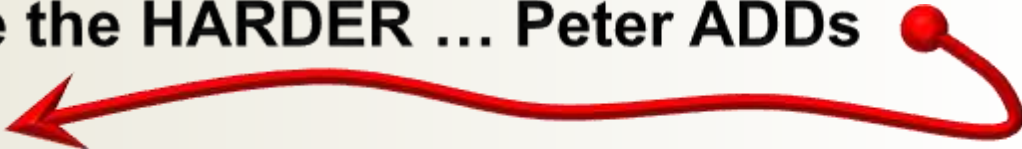
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*Please ... look at these again*

First, in verse 13: **"GIRD YOUR MIND"** - SET your mind on HOPE

We STRENGTHEN our HOPE by **OBEDIENCE**

Seeing the **"BE HOLY"** to be the HARDER ... Peter ADDs  
Be HOLY for **TWO Reasons** 

1. **Because God Asks ...** and, 2. **Because God Himself is Holy**  
Holy, Holy – okay, why not just ask me  
to **MOVE a mountain**

<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires ...  
be holy ... it is written: “BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY.”

We could be tempted to leave it here ...

“**Be Holy**” ... enough said ... *have a good day*

**OBEDIENCE: Perfect Obedience IS Perfect Holiness**

Yet, for those of us on earth ... and that read the Bible ...

**NOT EASY**

Remember our talk on Free Will ... well, here's the HARD PART

We ARE somehow responsible this side of heaven ... AND

Peter even goes further in the rest of his precious book

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Did you weep for the children  
who lost their dear loved ones,  
And pray for the ones who don't know?

Did you rejoice for the people  
who walked from the rubble ...  
And sob for the ones left below?



**14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires ...  
be holy ... it is written: "BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY."**

**Outside of EVIL and facing EVIL ... there are disgusting things**

## **Hard things to face ...**

**It's HARD to be "HOLY" to those who have NO IDEA**

**In my traffic over the years, like in Facebook, I run into people who  
try to hold ME HOSTAGE to my own Christianity—*THEIR view of it***

**That is, because I am Christian, I SHOULD SHUT MY MOUTH**

**How DARE I say something BAD about anyone ... or the TRUTH**

**THEIR view of what I SHOULD BE ... *I should be SILENT***

**Worse – there MIGHT be times when THEY ARE RIGHT**

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Holy, holy, holy ... divine words we **KNOW** apply to God

But to you and me ... well, let me ask ...

Let point my finger at YOU ...

**How HOLY are YOU?**

That is easy ... easy, easy, easy ...

The pastor **COULD** ...

That Music Minister **COULD** ...

That Sunday School teacher ... **BLAH**



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Did you burst out in pride for the red, white & blue?  
And the heroes who died  
just doin' what they do?

Did you look up to heaven  
for some kind of answer,  
And look at yourself and what really matters?



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How many fingers are pointing back?

For those of us who have been  
around just a *little* while ...

Some of this IS BORING ...

Your finger pointed at ME ...

does not really bother me that much ...

**UNLESS** ... oh, here it gets *juicy* ...

*Next slide . . . pleeeeeazze*





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Now see those “Evil Desires”

In our **Daily Ledger**, give an account

Do a study ... Tally your **Win/Loss Ratio**

Check off your **COMPLIANCE** List

Good Girl ... Good Boy ...

*You're UP 3 Today*

Juicy? ... *naahh* ...

**Juice is turning sour FAST!**



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Your finger pointed at ME ...

does not really bother me that much ...

*DAH juice please ...*

Does not BOTHER ME, ME, ME ...

- Unless I want your **VOTE**
- Unless I want your **SALE**
- Unless I want your **MONEY-Money-money ...**

Then, **YOUR VIEW** of me matters to **ME-Me-Meee**



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Holy, holy, holy ... divine words we **KNOW** apply to God

Then God goes & ASKS US ... asks you & me to be HOLY

## **What is HOLY?**

When we get serious about it ... *Who Is Holy?*

**Jesus - that's all folks.**

So ... is Peter asking us to do the IMPOSSIBLE?

Yes and no ... it IS impossible to be Jesus this side of heaven

**But do NOT miss what Peter has been saying ...**

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Don't MISS what Peter has been saying ...

Our Inheritance **IS-IS-IS!!** a GOD-protected Salvation ... *truly*

Our Living Hope ... is in a **HOLINESS to come with Christ**

Still, Peter reminds us that here, on earth, even **TODAY** ...

## Be Holy

What does that mean . . . It means **TRY** . . . It means **WORK**

Means you have *SOME* Free-Will responsibility & ought-to duty

It means to **TRY-try to be Holy** ... with **a LIVING HOPE**

# **"Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning"**

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I'm just a singer of simple songs,  
I'm not a real political man  
I watch CNN, but I'm not sure  
I can tell you the difference in Iraq & Iran



## Holy – one thing about **LIVING** everyone knows

Apostle Paul said it eloquently in a few of those **sublime verses** we've been referring to in *Philippians 3:10-14*

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, *somehow*, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

- Not that I have already obtained all this ... but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me....
- But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and *straining* toward what is ahead, *I press on toward the goal* to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

So then ... **TODAY** ... **WHO IS HOLY?**



**TIME**

<http://time.com/4471864/vladimir-putin-pilgrimage-holy-mountain/>

magazine—“Putin’s Pilgrimage,” this week, 9-12-16, by Simon Shuster

Simonopetra, Eastern Orthodox Monastery,  
founded in 13th century on a cliff above Aegean Sea  
1 of 20 in the monastic state of Mount Athos, Greece

## Putin’s Pilgrimage

With visits to one of Greece’s holiest  
places, the Russian President casts  
himself as protector of the faith

By Simon Shuster/Athos, Greece

Russia ... not Atheistic  
Communism anymore  
Catering to Orthodox  
Christianity in GRAND way



monastic state of  
Mount Athos, Greece  
about 30 x 7 miles







**Patriarch Kirill of Russian Orthodox Church before a reliquary, bejeweled box w/ holy relic in main church St. Panteleimon, Mt. Athos**



**Monks walking at Greek Monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos, Greece**

**Mount Athos, Greece – Autonomous Monastic State of the Holy Mountain –**

**5x size of Manhattan – 20 Monasteries**

**For the last 1,000 years, governed by a council of Orthodox monks**

**Greek constitution guarantees “ancient privileged status” of self-governance**

**Rules strictly enforced:**

**No women are permitted to visit**

**Female animals banned, with the occasional exception of cats and songbirds too difficult to keep off**



**Men not baptized into the Orthodox faith are discouraged from visiting**

**Really—not my idea of “HOLY”**

***I mean, who does the cooking?***

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i.e., Protestants are in the **MINORITY** in Europe

Now, President Putin of Russia has gone on “pilgrimage” – to help to show his “devotion”

- ✓ He REGAINS favor w/ Russian People
- ✓ Putin arranged for Orthodox Patriarch to visit Catholic Pope for 1st time since two churches split in A.D. 1054
- ✓ Billionaires are funding renovations
- ✓ At Putin’s request, respected priest takes relic on tour of Russia, a belt woven of camel hair by Virgin Mary
- ✓ 3,000,000 bowed and prayed before it, the first one being President Putin!



Politics and Church ... *hmmm*

Can ex-KGB President be **HOLY?**

Is catering to Kremlin **HOLY?**

Aaah ... I mean ...

**Holy Politics Batman!**



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THEN making matters **MUCH** worse!  
In this **same** TIME magazine ...  
on the **NEXT** page after **Holy Mt. Athos**  
A two-page PHOTO spread w/ article  
Of a **Bearded, HAIRY M A N** ...  
**HE** is Breast-Feeding his first child!



Born a woman YET wanted to have baby BEFORE the full **FLIP**  
So in **TIME** magazine ... We go from the **Holy Mt. Athos**  
**DIRECTLY** to **Bearded hairy Man-Lady Breast-Feeding** ...

Whew ... maybe Russia will protest the proximity ...

Worse, all I'm thinking is **HOLY COW Batman?**  
**Dat Not Mooooraculous**



**13-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy**

## **Not Holy**

We are inundated with the **NOT HOLY**

And you **KNOW** . . . we all ***KNOW*** . . .

**TIME** magazine **KNEW** what they were doing

No mistake there . . . the editors of **TIME** very clearly . . .

**CONTRASTED** Russia's Holiest with America's "profane progress"

"**PROGRESS**" defined by the liberal anti-Christian, often atheist

I almost cancelled my subscription . . . perhaps I should

Yet, I would have **NEVER** seen Mt. Athos otherwise . . .



13-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

# Be Holy

try to be Holy ... with a **LIVING HOPE**

Not merely about obeying the Law ... Mosaic Law or Law of Land

Obeying the law is a **given** ... unless, as Nero did, making law demanding that you reject God

**BETWEEN** the Law of Moses & the Law of our Land

**AND** the standard of Holiest  
in the Life of Jesus Christ  
*that's were we LIVE in*

**Living Hope**



# ***TRY* to be Holy ... with a **LIVING HOPE****

Moreover, because of the N.T. Word and high Standard of Christ

We are **FREE** to **DO MORE** than is required  
under the Mosaic Law

even **DO MORE** than the Law of our Land

We are even **REQUIRED** to do more in **Love**

More than compliance, hardest part of Holiest is **LOVE**





**“Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning”**  
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But I know Jesus and I talk to God,  
And I remember this from when I was young  
Faith, Hope and Love are some good things  
He gave us and the ***Greatest is LOVE***



13-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

## Be Holy

**try to be Holy ... with a LIVING HOPE**

Marvelously ... as in 1 & 2 Peter ... in the N.T. ...  
especially in the words of Christ ...

We have a LOT of guidance ... less LAW ... **LOT of PRINCIPLES**

A LOT of Free-Will *responsibility* from which to **CHOOSE** ...

“Seek **FIRST** the Kingdom of God ...”

“Love God with all your heart, soul ...”

“Love others as yourself ...”

Golden Rule: **Do unto others as you'd have them do to you!**

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13-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

# Dah Holiness Matrix

## Pharisees

Dah LAW—Do & Do Not

Love God

Don't Murder

Don't Steal

Don't Lie, Cheat

Wash Here & There

Go to Synagogue

Give to Synagogue

Pray Beating Chest on Corner



## Jesus

Dah Law—*plus* LOVE

Peace

Forbearance

Kindness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

Give to Samaritan

Pray in secret



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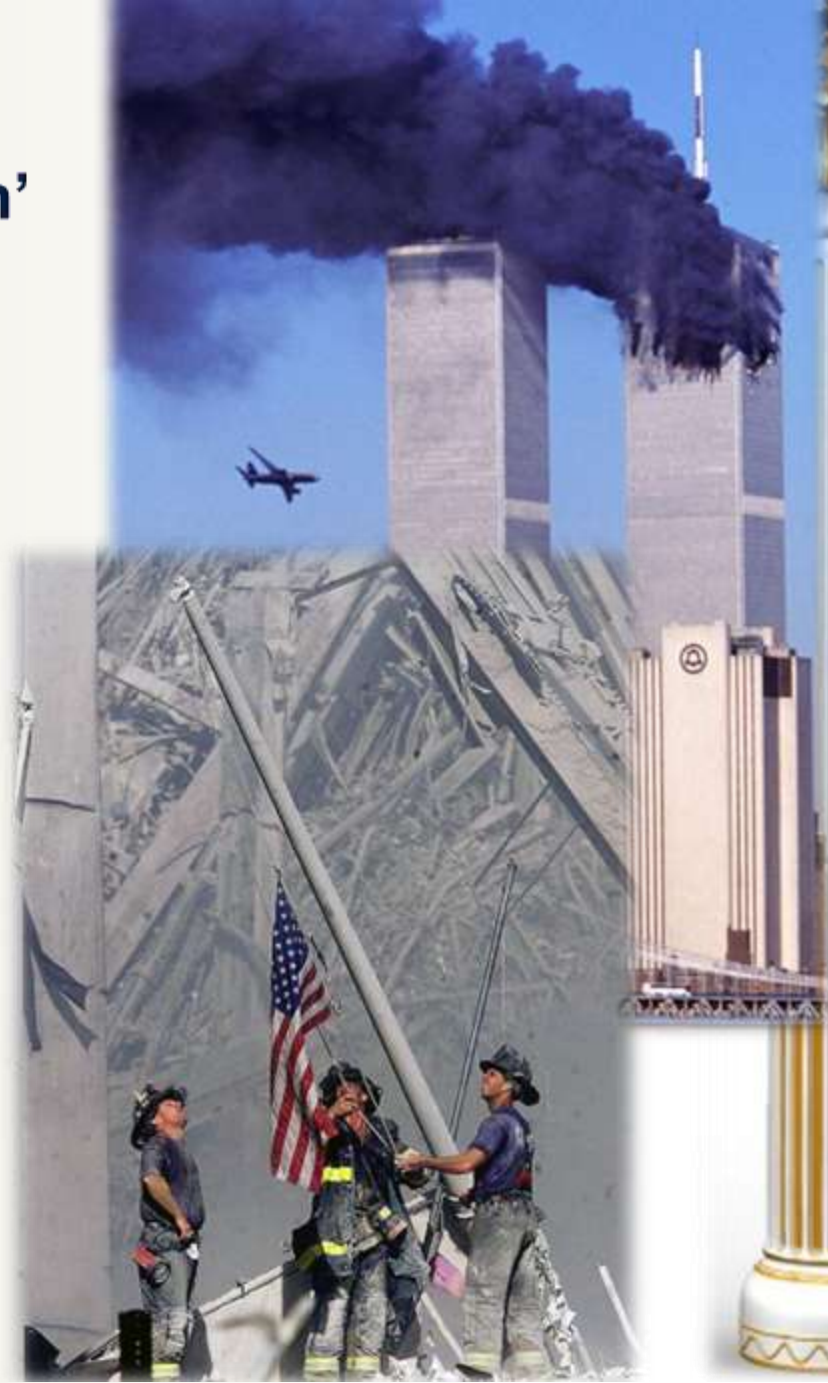
Where were you when the world stopped turnin'  
That September day?

Teachin' a class full of innocent children  
Or drivin' down some cold interstate?

Did you feel guilty 'cause you're a survivor?  
In a crowded room did you feel alone?

Did you call up your mother  
and tell her you LOVE her?

Did you dust off that Bible at home?



1 Peter 1:13-16 Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

## Be Holy

**try to be Holy ... with a LIVING HOPE**

- ❖ Now ... can a Police Officer be a **Christian**?
- ❖ Can an Army Combat Soldier be a **Christian**?
- ❖ Is LETHAL force to protect your family & country **HOLY**?
- ❖ Was David's premeditated murder of innocent foreigners **HOLY**?
- ❖ Is drinking wine like Jesus did **Holy today**?

Taking a piece of Hebrews 11:32 *WAY OUT CONTEXT,*

**“I do NOT HAVE TIME to tell you about” ... so many more**

*But I do have a GREAT example ...*



1 Peter 1:13-16 Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

**TRY to be Holy** with a **LIVING HOPE**

Mother Teresa (1910-97)...  
now Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Born in Kosovo, died in Kolkata, India

Gave her **ENTIRE life** to helping the  
**POOREST** of the world . . .

**She said**

*If you judge people,  
you have no time to love them.*

*I see God in every human being.*

*When I wash a leper's wounds, I feel I am nursing  
the Lord himself. Is it not a beautiful experience?*



### 3-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

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Mother Teresa *also* said,

*At the end of life, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.*

**MOST will NOT opt for a monastery ...**

**MOST will NOT GIVE their life for the poor ...**



**she's right  
we ALL know**



**“Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning”**

by Alan Jackson, first released 11-7-01

Did you open your eyes,  
hope it never happened,

Close your eyes and not go to sleep?

Did you notice the SUNSET the first time in ages,  
Or speak to some stranger on the street?

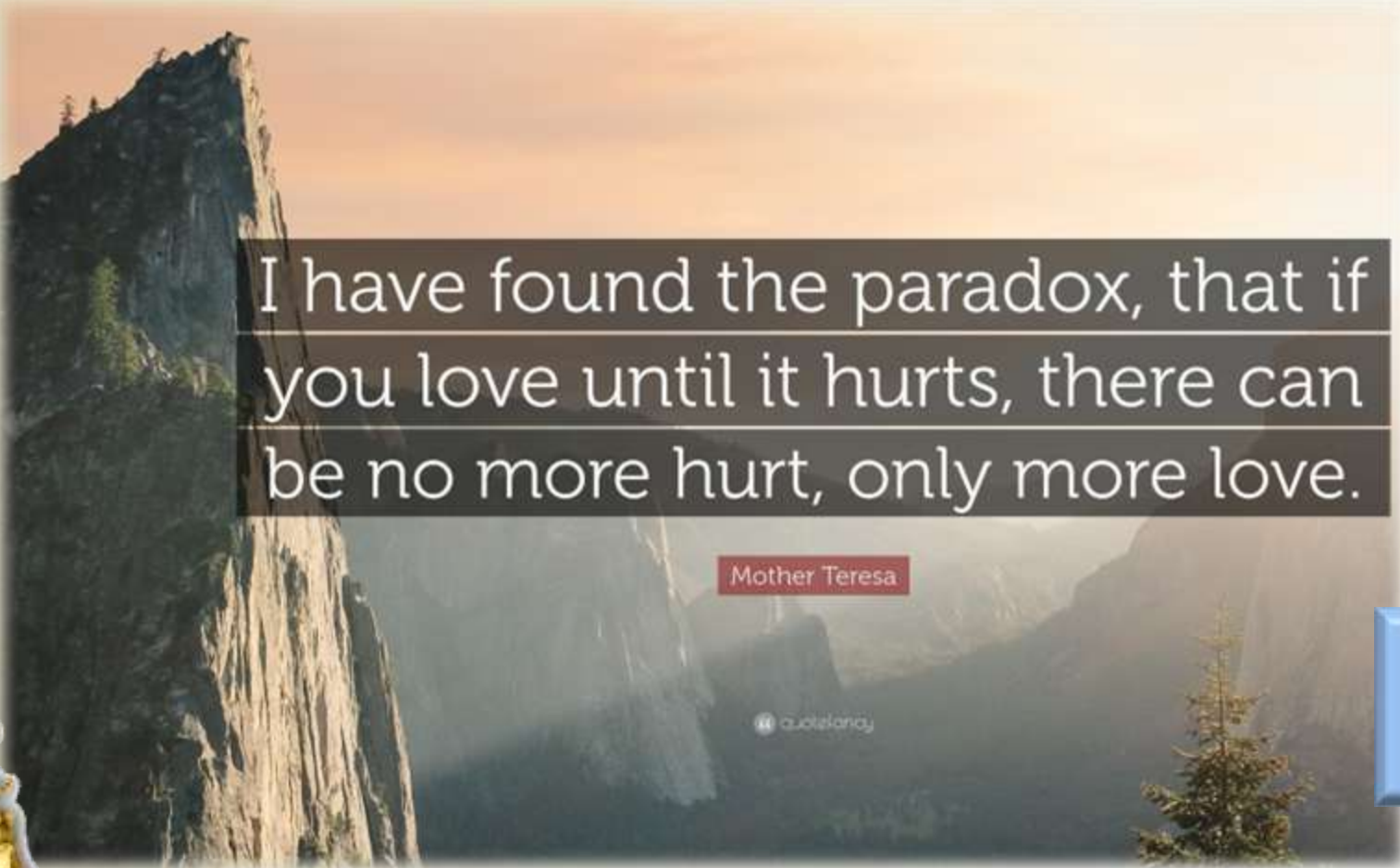




## 3-16 Obedient – Set Your Minds, Don't Conform, Be Holy

**TRY to be Holy** with a **LIVING HOPE**

One my favorites, Mother Teresa said,



I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.

Mother Teresa

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**Oh yeah,  
she's so right**

How now shall we live? Peter tells us clearly . . .

savor these jewels . . . *the REST of our lesson*

**1 Peter 1:17** Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

As you **TRY to be HOLY** ... in your **Living Hope** ...

Remember, this is not your home ... you're just visiting

Moreover, your neighbor OR your enemy will NOT judge you

*. . . next jewel please . . .*

**1 Peter 1:18-19** For you **KNOW** that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

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Did you lay down at night and think of tomorrow,  
Or go out and buy you a gun?

Did you turn off that violent  
old movie you're watchin',  
And turn on "I Love Lucy" reruns?



Not Gold ... or \$400 million dollars ...

But with Precious Blood of Christ that redeemed you ... AND

<sup>20</sup> He—Jesus—was chosen before the creation of the world,  
but was revealed in these Last Times for your sake.

REVEALED in the 1st Century for OUR sake ...

<sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead  
and glorified him, and so your FAITH & HOPE are in God.

Through who? Jesus Christ ... we believe ... whom God RAISED

All so that our FAITH and HOPE are in God ...

**How NOW shall we then live?**

*Last jewel of the lesson ... so practical*

1 Peter 1:22 **NOW** that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth  
so that you have sincere LOVE for each other,  
LOVE one another deeply, from the HEART.

First – you’re gonna love this

Greek φιλαδελφίαν, or **philadelphian** – 6x N.T., 5x by Peter  
sincere *philo* love & *delphia* brother for *brotherly love*

**agapēsate**, ἀγαπήσατε, from ἀγαπή agapa 143x in N.T.

**kardias**, καρδίας – 58x in N.T. – where we get Cardiologist

Yes, indeed, **LOVE** is all over the New Testament

**22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth  
so that you have sincere LOVE for each other,  
LOVE one another deeply, from the HEART.**

**In the Jungle ... where we live ... remember**

**The strength of the pack is the wolf, &  
the strength of the wolf is the pack.**

**The strength of the CHURCH  
is the Christian, and the  
strength of the Christian is the Church.**

***Heart of both is Love***

**LOVE one another deeply, from the HEART**



**Love ... I know that is a HARD WORD,**

sometimes MUCH harder than **“Be Holy”** this side of heaven

Peter knows, too, so he closes chapter 1 thusly,

**1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,**

**but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.**

**THEN Peter quotes Isaiah 40:6-8, famous verses even in A.D. 62:**

**24-25 For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like  
the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of the Lord endures forever.”**

**Peter closes**

**And this is the word that was preached to you.**

**Love ... because you have ETERNAL LIFE ...**

**Love ... because you Never Perish**

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**Did you go to a church & hold hands  
with some strangers**

**Stand in line to give your own blood?**

**Did you just stay home &  
cling tight to your family**

**Thank God you had  
somebody to LOVE?**





***Love is a very hard word***

**Especially in the JUNGLE ...**

**Where were YOU on that  
very clear Tuesday Morning**

**Sept. 11, 2001 @ 8:46 a.m.**

**American Airlines Flight 11,  
Boeing 767 w/ 20,000 gals jet fuel**

***... with 92 souls aboard***

***Yes, YES again ... listen to 1 Peter 1:22***

***LOVE one another deeply, from the HEART***



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But I know Jesus and I talk to God,  
And I remember this from when I was young

**FAITH, HOPE & LOVE** are some good things  
He gave us and the

***Greatest is LOVE***





In the jungle, we should  
**Love one another DEEPLY,**  
**from the Heart**