

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Recently we have seen a significant improvement in Christian media, especially in motion pictures and video. If you have not seen "*The Sound of Freedom*," this summer's anti-sex trafficking release, make arrangements to go see it immediately. The cinematography alone is worth your time, and the plot of the film will capture your heart.

The Sound of Freedom was released by Angel Studios, a crowd-funded organization based in Utah that is dedicated to amplifying light. Because the film's central theme is the kidnapping and sexual exploitation of children, Angel has come under fire from pedophiles on the left and from QAnon on the right. In other words, what started out being an honest attempt at publicizing an international, billion-dollar problem became politicized. Disney, which bought FOX in 2020, says they didn't even know they had *The Sound of Freedom* sitting on a shelf for two years. But Angel Studios acquired the film and began distribution plans. Their "pay it forward" plan has resulted in a \$100 million profit to date. But quite apart from that is the message this film sends. If you haven't seen it, you should.

The more cameras there are in the world and the more electronified everything has become, one would conclude that it is more difficult to transport captured children. But the movie shows just the opposite. It becomes extremely difficult, almost impossible, to track and find a single child.

The unfortunate truth is that we don't even know these people, much less remember that they are all God's children. Matthew 19:13-15:

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so He could lay His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering Him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And He placed His hands on their heads and blessed them before He left.

Welcome

September 10th, 2023



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;
Youth & Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

HANDFULS ON PURPOSE

TEXT: Ruth 2:15-16 (Amplified Bible)

A. THREE _____

1. Elimelech didn't have any _____.

The world offers nothing of _____ and the sooner we realize that the _____ we will be, the safer our family will be. Hebrews 10:35-38; 2 Corinthians 5:7

I am not saved by how I _____, I am saved by what I _____! 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 2:17; 1 Peter 2:9-10

2. Elimelech didn't have any _____.

The only thing that is _____ is the love, grace, mercy, and delivering _____ of God Almighty!

3. Elimelech didn't have any _____.

As long as there is a God in heaven our _____ is as _____ as the noonday ____! Psalm 39:7; Romans 5:5; 15:13

I have hope in that which is _____, not in that which is _____.

My hope is in God and His Word, and there is no _____ in that hope.

They did not even realize that dragging behind them were those who were _____ their lives and were _____ of the consequences.

We make decisions in our life and while they seem innocent right now, they are not _____ on the Word of God or on the _____ of the Spirit.

The world is _____ by Satan and his hoards and he doesn't care what it _____ him or how much time and _____ he has to employ to damn your soul and the souls of your family member to _____, he is _____ tirelessly in stealing, killing and destroying.

THEOLOGICAL SEED

Psalm 34:8-10 (New Living Translation)

Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him! Fear the LORD, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we will continue our study of John 17. Our children will enjoy Kid's Club in the basement.

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