



Dear Partners,

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Do you find yourself asking this question lately, “*What is going on?*” The year 2020 has all of us wondering this. The year 2020 has been unlike any other year we’ve ever experienced in our lifetime and we’re only halfway there. You may have noticed our nation being divided. Churches are divided, brothers and sisters are against one another, major cities are being destroyed by looters and rioters, monuments are being defiled and taken down. HISTORY is being erased. This year, Fourth of July festivities were canceled with our rights taken away. We aren’t allowed to worship in our churches, but protestors are permitted and even *encouraged* to march and allow their voices to be heard. Freedom of religion is being taken away, especially here in our state of California. This is not a political statement and we are not trying to paint a political picture or take a side. We are raising awareness in the body of Christ that deception is rampant in the world today. The Lord is telling us to spend more time with Him and less time consuming information from media.

If you’re like us, you may have started questioning the “sources” that are feeding us information. One day they tell us one thing, the next day they contradict themselves in a major way. And, if we aren’t careful, we too can be misled. It’s heartbreaking to see that even major churches around the world (and here in the US) are being deceived with the idea of “racism” and “injustice”. In the Body of Christ, there should *never* be an issue of race when we are *all* created in the image of God and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Instead, we see churches agreeing and even uniting with mainstream media and Hollywood to “solve the problem of injustice.” There is great danger when we see churches uniting with unbelievers and mainstream thinking that is contrary to the Word of God.

The Bible tells us this in Romans 12:2:

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may **discern** what is the **will** of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

What is deception? Deception is being deceived in one way or another through distraction, camouflage, concealment or propaganda. Deception hides the truth and misleads. We know how deception works because we escaped from the communist regime in Romania and relied *only* on the Lord for guidance. If we look at the verse from Romans 12, it tells us by renewing our mind, we will be transformed. By doing this we can discern what is the will of God. **Discernment is the antidote of deception.** How do we sharpen our spiritual discernment? The only way is by spending time with Jesus and getting to know HIS WORD.

It’s tempting to turn on the news first thing in the morning, check our emails or go on social media, but it’s more important to start our day with God. Spending quality (not quantity) time with the Lord requires *turning off the noise around us*. Having quiet time with HIS Word is essential to sharpen your discernment. It doesn’t need to take a lot of time, but by yielding to the Holy Spirit, you will begin to receive revelations and see the reality of what’s really happening. There are so many ways to feed on the Word of God, but there is no substitute for actually picking up a Bible and meditating on a scripture or two. The Word of God fertilizes our spirit! It sharpens our spiritual discernment in so many ways. We should begin and end our day with the Word, so we can be more in tune with God than with

everything going on around us. The Word of God will *never* deceive you. The Word of God will bring clarity and understanding. There is no confusion when we are filled with The Word.

In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will prepare [a prayer and a sacrifice] for You and watch and wait [for You to speak to my heart] Psalm 5:3 (AMP)

When You said, "Seek My face [in prayer, require My presence as your greatest need]," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I will seek [on the authority of Your word]. Psalm 27:8 (AMP)

*Blessed [fortunate, prosperous, and favored by God] is the man whose....delight is in the law of the LORD, And on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] **meditates day and night.** And he will be like a tree **firmly planted** [and fed] by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season; Its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers [and comes to maturity]. Psalm 1a-3 (AMP)*

It's very discouraging to see what is happening in our world today. It's *more* discouraging to see how deceived the church is becoming. As a family, we've been meeting together often to dig into The Word and pray. We should never look at man; our hope should always be in Christ alone.

As many of you know, John usually travels a lot throughout the year. He is invited to churches and groups all over Europe, but John has had to cancel all his international trips due to the ban that other countries have put on United States' travelers. Many are waiting to be baptized by John, and we trust God's timing is perfect! At this time, we are not certain when those bans will be lifted but the Lord told us to be still and continue teaching God's people. The work of the Gospel must go on! John has been doing daily Facebook Live videos full of encouragement and hope especially for the Romanian community around the world. We're taking Communion together and teaching people how to apply the Word of God to their lives. We have been teaching on discernment and how the body of Christ needs to sharpen their spiritual discernment like never before. We have received so much positive feedback from these Facebook teachings. Our international programs are aired 8 times a week on a major network based in Romania and aired internationally in the Romanian language. We upload weekly programs on YouTube. We are busier than ever before even though we aren't traveling at this time.

YOU are the reason we are able to continue this work! Your support is so vital in this Ministry and we are so honored to be part of this GREAT HARVEST *alongside* you. We are winning souls together with you. Thank you for being faithful during these difficult times. We are thankful for our obedient partners. It is because of **you** we are able to take God's uncompromised Word to the ends of the world and reach the forgotten for Jesus. You are in our daily prayers as our partners. We lay hands on all of the emails and letters we receive and we thank God for you every day. We pray Psalm 91 over each one of you and believe that all your needs will be met in Jesus name!

In Christ,

John & Alexandra