

## A THREAD IN THE HAND OF GOD

Every breath is a gift – FROM THE FIRST BREATH OF ADAM – FIRST BREATH OF BABY – TO THE VERY LAST BREATH YOU BREATHE

- over a lifetime 80 years 672,768,000 breaths (**every single one GIFT**)
  - o 1/3 involuntary – you don't even know **BODY DOES IT – VALUE**
- Ever **THINK ABOUT HOW FRAGILE** – **super ventricular tachycardia**

Q: You don't realize how much you need it until you are about to lose it.

- o **Ur life is thread in the hand of GOD – every breath a gift from HIM**

Acts 17:25 God is not worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Isaiah 42:5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it

**THAT IS THE MESSAGE I AM FOR – REMEMBER WHAT WE ARE FOR – CANCEL CULTURE (unrestrained against everything)**

**When you are against everything you are for nothing.**

### **WE ARE FOR AFFIRMING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING**

Human dignity is not a subjective construct it is a divine decree.

**MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD** - Not image of an animal, not a cosmic error

- Not a series of mutations – failures over the course of eras
- Intricately – beautifully woven together – with intention and care

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground,

- o **LIKE A MASTER POTTER** – Carefully shaping Caringly Crafting
- o **DIGNITY:** Bear His Image – u think deserved - **Homeless guy in downtown**

### **WE ARE FOR TREASURING THE GIFT OF LIFE**

**ANIMATED BY THE BREATH OF GOD – GOD GIVES LIFE**

Genesis 2:7 And *God* breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- Adam **became** a living being – because GOD INTENDED IT – life was **GIVEN**

**Grandpa's army knife – 1<sup>st</sup> knife - this was my grandpas – respect/honor**

- o Life is a gift to be respected – honored as coming from GOD – **PLACED HN**

Because we live in community we have a mutual responsibility to honor this gift.

**WE ARE FOR ESTEEMING ALL PEOPLE THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST  
YOUR VALUE COMES FROM THE CROSS**

- **For God so loved the world** – means for GOD SO LOVED EVERY PERSON
- **WHAT** God did **give** for Every Person – GAVE TO EACH EQUALLY
- **WHY** – So that every person who believes – **everlasting life** – GOD WANTS - **NO SEGREGATION. SPECIAL DESIGNATION. NO PARTIALITY**

God gives equal standing in His family and in heaven to every true believer.

### **WE ARE FOR LOVING OTHERS THE WAY CHRIST DID**

**TREAT PEOPLE LIKE JESUS TREATED PEOPLE – IF EVER A QUESTION.....**

- Love like Jesus loved – EVERY PERSON (never gave THE LOOK)

A Jew, Samaritan, middle eastern African or European, man or woman, religious elite or farmer from the galilee, trained religious leader, uneducated fisherman – **LOVED**

- o Easy to call out racism – since antithetical to way Christ treated people.
- o RACISM IS A SIN REPENTED OF – **SCAR ONLY BLOOD OF JC CAN HEAL**

### **WE ARE FOR EVERY PERSON RECEIVING THE 2<sup>nd</sup> BREATH**

The second breath isn't the one that comes after the first it's the one that comes from Spirit.

- New BEGINNING – RAD SPIRITUAL TRANSFORM

**THE SECOND BREATH BRINGS NEW LIFE – FORGIVENESS – REMADE**

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE

HERE IN LIES SOLUTION EVERY CRISIS - ANSWERED IN THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION