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Greetings to all of you! This has been a difficult month (September) as we start into the fall season of the year. Schools have started, Congress is back in session, hurricane season is at its peak time, leaves are changing, we are only a few days from Rosh Hashanah (9/22-24/25), followed by Yom Kippur (10/1-2/25), you could say we are at a turning point. And that is what brings me to a heaviness I have felt since the events of September 10th when a young man was shot and killed for speaking truth about his belief in Jesus Christ to those who had different views on many social subjects. He wanted to talk about those differences, not call names or disrespect, but to listen and discuss his position, and yes, ask pointed questions to have the other person define or describe their belief system roots. That is part of what I want to talk about here, or really ask a question to all of you who receive this newsletter. I expect it may upset some and confirm others, but that is part of our spiritual growth in the Lord → to know what we believe and why! And more importantly, who we are and whose we are! What are we doing in our everyday lives that shares who we are and who we represent? Do ALL of our discussions lead others to Jesus? Do we live in a way that honors Jesus? If we profess Him as Lord, then everything we do, say, or how we present ourselves should!

I want to say first, I only knew of Charlie Kirk and his ministry, Turning Point, which he started at the age of 18, but I did not know him personally. However, I knew personally someone like him, and although not killed by a gun, he was definitely making a difference where he was placed, with revival in the making, and he too was taken out too soon; he, like Charlie, was a threat to the enemy in every aspect of his life. Charlie Kirk went into places that others shied away from; they were called there, by God, to reach people and help them identify who they were, what they believed, and why. To give them the support and encouragement that they too, can make a difference, did he profess Jesus as Lord? Absolutely, but regardless of the other person's belief or lack thereof, they respected and allowed them the platform to debate, discuss, and discourse on their position. The impact Charlie had in his short 31 years has not only shaken this country, but the world. I believe that the next revival will be from those same young people Charlie was out to reach. When a good leader dies in any venue, they mentor others to pick up the torch/cause to keep it going. So now that he is gone, what happens next? Well, that is what I want to focus on this month.

According to the Bible, there were multiple times when a leader was killed or martyred, and each time the early Christians were called to continue in faith, unity, and boldness rather than retreating in fear. Although the point is to move through this time of grief, it must not place us in a NON-BIBLICAL place of revenge. Righteous anger, truth, boldness, faith, and unity absolutely. But *"vengeance is mine, I will repay"*, says the Lord (Romans 12:19, also referenced in Deut 32:35). We are then given the directive to trust God for perfect and just retribution, to refrain from self-serving revenge, and to respond to adversaries with love and acts of goodwill. God is the ultimate judge, and throughout scripture, He is known as a God of justice. Let's look at a few people from the Word and how their deaths were handled by those around them, and what we can do today, now, and within our current environment.

Below are some key scriptures and lessons with application for today. Let's look at them: Do a deeper study.

1. Stephen's Martyrdom (Acts 7:54–60; Acts 8:1–4)

- **Scripture:** After Stephen was stoned, *"a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered... Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went."* (Acts 8:1,4 NIV)
- **What next:** The loss of Stephen did not silence the church; instead, ordinary believers carried the gospel beyond Jerusalem.
- **Today's next:** When leaders fall or are silenced, the responsibility of the gospel does not end. Every believer is called to carry the message in their homes, workplaces, and communities, even in prison, not depending solely on chaplains, pastors, or public figures.

2. James' Death (Acts 12:1–5)

- **Scripture:** King Herod *"killed James the brother of John with the sword"* (v.2), and when Peter was also imprisoned, *"the church prayed earnestly to God for him"* (v.5).
- **What next:** The church's response to martyrdom was not despair but **united, fervent prayer** and reliance on God's intervention.

- **Today's next:** When Christian voices are silenced in society, the community should respond with corporate prayer, asking God to strengthen the remaining leaders and open new doors for His word. We must trust that God will bring justice → we are not called for that. If we are not able to continue the work ourselves in the venue of the fallen, we can still pray for those who are doing the work, and especially for their families.

3. John the Baptist's Death (Matthew 14:10–13)

- **Scripture:** After John was beheaded, Jesus withdrew, but soon after He fed the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13–21).
- **What next:** John's death was tragic, but the mission did not stop; Jesus continued ministering, showing compassion, and meeting needs.
- **Today's next:** When faithful leaders die, instead of allowing grief to paralyze us, we should channel that loss into renewed commitment to serve people in love and meet real needs. This is a hard one, but so, so, necessary, and an integral part of Christian maturation.

4. Jesus' Death and Commissioning (Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8)

- **Scripture:** After Jesus' crucifixion, His disciples were fearful, but in His resurrection He commissioned them: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).
- **What next:** Even in the face of their Leader's death (Jesus), the call was clear: **continue the mission, empowered by the Spirit.**
- **Today's next:** Leadership change or loss should never stop the Great Commission. The Holy Spirit equips us individually to carry forward the work, ensuring no generation depends only on one person. Why? Because all work for the kingdom should point back to Jesus, not ourselves!

5. Paul's Imprisonment and Anticipated Death (2 Timothy 4:6–8)

- **Scripture:** Paul, knowing his martyrdom was near, told Timothy: *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*
- **What next:** He passed the mantle to Timothy and other believers to continue the gospel work.
- **Today's next:** When seasoned leaders pass on, even at a young age, believers must pick up the mantle, discipling younger believers and ensuring continuity of faith across generations. When Charlie Kirk was asked, "How would you, if you could be associated with one thing, how would you want to be remembered?" "I want to be, I want to be remembered for courage, for my faith. That would be the most important thing in my life is my faith", he responded. Can each of us say that?

Practical incorporation for today's next:

1. **Personal Responsibility:** Share the gospel personally; don't depend on church leaders only.
2. **Prayerful Dependence:** In times of crisis or leadership loss, turn to united prayer.
3. **Resilient Faith:** Continue serving others even when discouraged.
4. **Spirit-Led Mission:** Remember the Holy Spirit empowers all believers, not just leaders.
5. **Generational Transfer:** Invest in mentoring and discipling others so the work doesn't die with one leader.

So, how can you apply a step-by-step plan when a leader is lost or martyred, modeled after how the early church responded in Scripture: Just some thoughts with scripture references!

Step-by-Step Daily Guide

1. Anchor in God's Word

- **Scripture:** *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."* (2 Timothy 3:16)
- **Action:** Begin each day with Scripture reading and meditation. Let the Word shape your perspective so grief doesn't lead to despair.

2. Commit to Prayer and Unity

- **Scripture:** *"The church prayed earnestly to God for him."* (Acts 12:5)
- **Action:** Dedicate focused time for prayer. Join with others in unity, asking God for strength, wisdom, and new direction for your community, even in prison.

3. Carry the Mission Personally

- **Scripture:** *"Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went."* (Acts 8:4)
- **Action:** Take responsibility for sharing the gospel in your own circles—family, work, community, even prison—regardless of leadership changes.

4. Serve People in Love

- **Scripture:** After John's death, Jesus still *"healed their sick"* and fed the crowd (Matthew 14:14–21).
- **Action:** Continue meeting practical needs, visit the sick, encourage the discouraged, support the grieving. Service keeps the mission alive.

5. Depend on the Holy Spirit

- **Scripture:** *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses."* (Acts 1:8)
- **Action:** Begin your day asking the Spirit to guide your words and actions. Walk in His power, not your own strength.

6. Keep the Faith and Persevere

- **Scripture:** *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* (2 Timothy 4:7)
- **Action:** End each day by reflecting on your faithfulness, where you trusted God, where you shared His love, and where you need to grow tomorrow.

7. Mentor and Build Others

- **Scripture:** *"And the things you have heard me say... entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."* (2 Timothy 2:2)
- **Action:** Invest in someone daily, through encouragement, teaching, or example, so the mission multiplies beyond one leader or one generation.

Summary Plan

- **Morning:** Scripture + Prayer for strength
- **Daytime:** Witness in word/action + Serve in love
- **Throughout:** Walk by the Spirit, not fear
- **Evening:** Reflect on faithfulness + Encourage others
- **Ongoing:** Disciple and build others to carry on the mission

As a side note, as of this writing (9/19/25), only 9 days after Charlie's death, there have been 65,000 new requests to start Turning Point Chapters in Colleges and High Schools. Jesus is Lord → Let the revival begin!! We ALL have a part in this, on the inside (prison) and the outside (free world). Let's make sure we are doing our part. Stand boldly up for what is right, for Jesus, and keep the faith! Jesus is coming back soon!!

For those of you who are struggling with disappointment and loss, know that we at Chief Ministries are praying for you and believing God for good things on your behalf. Genesis 50:20: *"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good"*. The verse describes how Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, which was a terrible act, but God used that event to elevate Joseph to a position of power and save many lives from famine. What the enemy has meant for evil → God will bring it to good.

Blessings to you all and press on,

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