

#WhatsTheMessage EP 006: Black Love & Hate (Valentine's Day Special)

We're so excited to share a bonus episode with this week special for Valentine's Day. In this episode Carmela and Claudia talk "Black Love & Hate." Tune in as they talk about Valentine's Day and the consumerism surrounding the day, Black Love, relationships, and dating. They also talk about the love people have for Kobe Bryant and how that love has turned into intense hate against award winning journalist, Gayle King. Towards the end they turn to discussing Dwayne Wade and Gabrielle Union's son who has just recently come out as a Transgender girl. This is a fun, powerful, and inspiring episode that you do not want to miss. Make sure you check it out. Make sure you're following us on Facebook so you can watch #WhatsTheMessage every Thursday at 11am.

#WhatsTheMessage EP 005: Trump, Faith, and Evangelicals

In this episode Claudia and Carmela discuss President Trump and the Evangelicals supporting him. To help them in this conversation, they welcome Orlan Johnson, the Director for Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist. In addition to his work for PARL, he also served on former President Obama's campaign staff, and practiced law for over 20 years. Join us in this conversation as we seek to understand this presidency, the impeachment, and why Evangelicals are supporting him.

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#WhatsTheMessage EP 004: Mothering While Black

In this episode, Carmela and Claudia discuss black motherhood in America. Taking the shape of a more interview focus, Claudia picks Carmela's brain about what it truly means to be a black woman in America and be pregnant, give birth, and ultimately raise a black child. Delving into black maternal death rates, the wholistic health of black mothers, and the burden many have of raising black children as a social and political responsibility, Carmela and Claudia dive into the hard truth of mothering while black.

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Message Daily: Holiday Break

Message Daily is our daily devotional podcast hosted by Pastor L. David Harris. Because of Pastor Harris' diligence and consistency we've published 108 devotionals to you since we began in August. Wow! I'm so excited that we've reach **OVER 100 Episodes in 3 months!**

This most recent series entitled, "Power!" has truly been a blessing. It is season 2 of the podcast and has 84 life changing episodes. God has truly blessed and has shown up in really powerful ways in each and every episode. We know many of you have been tremendously blessed by each 15 minute segment, and we are grateful for your support.

This update is to let you know that Message Daily will be on a break until the new year. And we are excited about starting season 3 in January bringing you a whole new series for the new year. We know you're going to be blessed. But until then, please keep Message and all of us here in your prayers as we continue to curate and create new content for you for 2020. Also, please rate the podcast. The more people that rate the podcast the easier it is to find and promote. So rate! Share! Comment!

I encourage you to spend the holidays catching up on many of these awesome episodes. They've been so transformative in my own life and I know they will be for you as well. Take this time to reflect on God's love and how He is dedicated to enacting His power in our lives.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Claudia M. Allen

100th Episode: Thief in The Night

Message Magazine's Online Devotional for Friday, December 13, 2019

This is devotional thought number 76 in our devotional series titled, "Power!"

"Now on the topic of times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come in the same way as a thief in the night. Now when they are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction comes on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will surely not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the darkness for the day to overtake you like a thief would. For you all are sons of the light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of the darkness. So then we must not sleep as the rest, but must stay alert and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But since we are of the day, we must stay sober by putting on the breastplate of faith and love and as a helmet our hope for salvation."

1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 (NET)

Look up! Jesus is on His way! Be honest. Did you just look up? What did you see?

Punk Proof

When I was a young boy in New York City in the 70s and 80s, people would often conduct a social experiment in large crowds of people, particularly in Manhattan. One or two persons would abruptly start looking up, apparently gazing at something of intense interest. Invariably, no matter how silly passers-by felt, they had almost zero willpower to resist looking too. Some even started pointing as if they discovered something new and exciting. Of course, there was nothing there, and scores of persons were duped into looking into the nothingness of the sky. I steadfastly refused to allow others to control where my attention went. Just call me punk proof.

Signs of The Second Advent

I find myself looking up a lot lately. Unlike those many years ago, now, I am looking up spiritually. Jesus promised to return. He pledged to telegraph His movements so those with keen, sober minds can know, of certainty, that He will arrive quickly. Jesus said that, in the same way, you can discern the changing of the seasons from the development of trees, foliage, and other elements in nature, we can discern Jesus's approach. Just as a pregnant mother's contractions increase in frequency and intensity, and we easily observe the inevitable birth of the child of her love, Jesus gave signs and last-day events to forecast the coming of the Lord.

A Thief in The Night

I know we read that Jesus will come as a thief in the night. But we also read that He does not come upon His people like a thief. "Be on your guard, so that your minds are not dulled from carousing, drunkenness, and worries of life, or that day will come on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come on all who live on the face of the whole earth. But be alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:34–36, HCSB). Paul agrees with Jesus. While we do not know the exact day and hour of His arrival, we have ample evidence that it will not be long, now.

Are You Ready?

The question we all must answer daily is, "Am I really ready for Jesus to come?" If you are not, and you love God, today's your big day! You can give your life over to Jesus for safe keeping. He is able to preserve everyone who is willing to cooperate with Him. "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved" Hebrews 10:37–39 (NLT). "He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's holy people" Revelation 22:20–21 (NLT).

Enjoy our all-new 15-minute podcast based on this devotional thought here:
<https://anchor.fm/messagemagazie>

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#WhatsTheMessage EP 003: Two Kings With a Cause

In this episode, Carmela and Claudia talk about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, the importance of churches continuing the work of social justice, and the importance of the Bible in continuing that work. They discuss how Christ and Dr. King are two Kings who sacrificed their lives for the cause of justice.

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#WhatsTheMessage: Tales of Church and Chicken

In this episode Carmela and Claudia discuss the frenzy around the Popeye's chicken sandwich, WalletHub's list of "the most sinful cities," and Kanye West. They discuss whether sinful behavior is innate or if it is influenced by your surroundings. They also talk about Kanye West and his latest Sunday Services and Gospel Album discussing the affects of secular music on sacred songs. Is it ok for what Time calls "sex jams" to be turned into worship songs. Carmela also mentions a great plant-based fried chicken recipe. Check below for the recipe.

This is an exciting and controversial episode you do not want to miss! Make sure you tune in right here on Facebook every week to watch #WhatsTheMessage Let us know what you think! Leave us your thoughts in the comments. Like, Rate, and Share.

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Donna's Fried Chicken

1 cup gluten flour

2 tablespoons yeast

3/4 – 1 cup warm water

Couple shakes each of onion powder, garlic powder, salt

Mix together, and the result should be "doughy" and "pully." You may not use all of the water. Feel free to play around with it in your hands. Let sit for at least an hour. It can sit longer if you are doing something else. It should get puffy. After desired time of rising is done, pull into pieces, flatten and drop in broth. Let boil for about 2-3 minutes. Remove and place in breading. Coat well. Drop in oil that is hot enough to fry. Turn when

browned on one side. Finish browning and place in container/towels to drain.

Yield: About 20-25 pieces.

Broth

3-4 cups Water

Seasoned with about 1 tablespoon each of Nutritional yeast, McKay's Chicken Style Seasoning, Garlic powder, Onion powder, Salt

Breading

1 cup whole grain flour

1 cup nutritional yeast

1 cup cornstarch

1 teaspoon each of the following: Salt, Paprika, Onion powder, Garlic powder, Cayenne or Red Pepper flakes, Thyme, Rosemary. Salt is optional.

Mix thoroughly and dredge "chicken" in it.

Message Daily: Glory in The Lord

Message Magazine's Online Devotional for Friday, November 15, 2019

This is devotional thought number 48 in our devotional series titled, "Power!"

"That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 1:31

The Lord has a way of making Himself abundantly clear so no one need be confused. When He wants to get a point across, He does extraordinary things. He defies natural processes. He goes beyond human reasoning. The Lord is above all.

Think of some of the things God did in Bible times to separate Himself from the crowd. He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son that we might be saved. He moved the sun back ten degrees for Hezekiah. He overcame Jericho through marching Israelites and sounding trumpets. He overcame the proud Philistine Goliath, with a smooth stone in the hands of a shepherd boy. He separated the Red Sea through the staff of Moses to allow the Israelites to pass over on dry land. Perhaps the most incredible thing God did was devise a plan to empower us to be born of the Spirit. God's demonstrative resume is quite impressive. One thing is certain. None of the things that He has done can be duplicated by human beings. He has proven beyond all reasonable doubt that He is God all by Himself.

There were many in Paul's day who esteemed their human wisdom to be noteworthy. They worshipped their own abilities. God demonstrated through the foolishness of preaching that salvation and high godly status came only through Christ. Those who esteemed themselves above God considered godly things foolish. In turn, God chose the foolishness of this world to confound the wise. Jews required a sign and Greeks required human wisdom in order to believe in Jesus, but God gave no such signs. God did not resort to our wisdom to make Himself known.

In order to reveal His power to save, and love for humankind, God gave us salvation through Christ. As a result, He became our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. If anyone wants to glory, let them glory in the Lord. In Him, there is no room for self-worship.

Thank the Lord for giving us the most incredible blessing imaginable in which to glory. It is much more satisfying giving Him the praise, because He alone is worthy.

You can listen to Pastor Harris speak on this topic in greater detail by listening to our podcast Message Daily by clicking on the link here:

<https://anchor.fm/messagemagazine/episodes/Glory-in-The-Lord-e8v3e3>.

Be Blessed!

Coming Soon: Maryland Message Power Weekend

Join *Message* for a weekend of Power! You will be inspired by the Word of God, and leave powered up to bless the world around you!

Dr. Jesse Wilson headlines this event with a Spirit-filed message. After a delicious vegan and vegetarian meal, your life will be enriched by fast-paced and transformative information:

- Seven things you can do today to feel better tomorrow!
- Five things you can do to ensure a meaningful financial legacy!
- How to work through your doubt!

Good music, very nice prizes, and this power-packed day is free and open to *you!* Come and join me Saturday (Sabbath) November 2, 2019 at the Emmanuel Brinklow SDA Church, 18800 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, MD 20861, starting at 9:15 a.m.

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