

Kingdom or Church, Part 5

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In last week's message, I shared a few thoughts concerning immigration - since that seems to be a real hot-button issue going on right now. And, to be quite up front with you - even as late as the night before the message went on the air - I was praying about whether or not I should even bring it up - knowing that the reality is that the whole subject could not be adequately addressed in a short amount of time.

The listeners that know me and know my positions more thoroughly, understood where I was coming from - but a few others did not. I am going to clarify just a little before we move on to today's message.

Please remember that the entire theme of my ministry, my life - has been for over 35 years - has never changed - except for maybe gaining momentum and stronger conviction and courage - the main focus is - that Jesus Christ / Yeshua is King of kings and Lord of lords - right now. He was crowned King of kings and Lord of lords in the first century. He is not a coming King. His Kingdom was fully established at AD70 and when people allow His reign in their lives and in their communities - the Kingdom of God becomes visible and alive.

When people reject the King and His Kingdom - then the head becomes the tail - society begins a tailspin - freedoms are lost - prosperity is lost - and failure sets in.

The implementation of His Kingdom begins from the inside of men - then to the outside. Once it is established - then by all means - righteousness rules over evil. The sword of righteousness can and will be enforced on a society - even when a minority rejects it.

Listen, and this is an everlasting principle - from generation to generation - just like the Kingdom of God -

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

When I quote the Scriptures regarding the Kingdom being from generation to generation - I want you to think about this. The "churchmen" have taught a future Kingdom. And according to them, it will be a time where the King and His Kingdom

impose their will against all of creation and according to Scofield, "it is the age of resistless power, whatever the inner thought of man may be, he must do right or die."

Now think about this. Where does grace come into play under this scenario. There is no grace. If you would thoroughly read his writings - and I have - you will see that in this future Kingdom scenario - all the finished work of Christ has vanished from the scene. It is a supposed new dispensation where man does not have a choice - it's almost as if men have become sort of a robotic creature. Not saying that's what Scofield said, robots were not even heard of in his time - but it just seems like that is what he is leading to in our modern understanding.

So under the Scofield scenario - evil has been the normal mode of operation since the ascension of Christ. God has ordained men to rule over each other and some mythical god called Satan has been the ruler of the world for hundreds and hundreds of years.

Then someday, God is going to have enough of that, and He is going to come back to this earth and beat the devil in a big war and force everyone into submission - regardless of whether not men want His Kingdom or not. According to the "churchmen" and modern "churchianity" it's all going to be played out like some Hollywood sci-fi movie and in the end - John Wayne - I mean Jesus is going to be Saviour of the day.

But this is not at all what the Scriptures teach about the King and His Kingdom. My Kingdom is not of this world - in other words - His Kingdom can't be compared to the world's - it doesn't work that way.

The governments of men are always born out of violence and rebellion. The Kingdom of God is supposed to be born out of obedience to the King. Now, the world will certainly consider it as rebellion to them - and so be it. But the Kingdom of God begins when men fall on their knees in obedience to the King.

From generation to generation. What does that mean? In men's governments, they try to keep their governments going from generation to generation by force - by deception - by tradition. They keep it going by making people believe they have no choice in the matter. Men are enslaved by birth.

In the Kingdom of God - each generation has a choice. The principle that Joshua demonstrated hundreds of years ago - "Choose you this day whom you will serve" - that principle still remains today. And it is generational. If a generation will choose to serve God and forsake the God's of the Amorites - then great. But they can also choose to

continue serving the God's of the Amorites and accept the consequences.

Our problem is that we have accepted some full-fledged Scofield dispensational theologies - and we have developed some of our own - and what has happened is we have resolved ourselves into the idea that the enemies of God have become so large and so powerful - that all we can or should do is just exist - and hopefully some day - God will miraculously intervene on our behalf and force the enemies of God away from us. So rather than be proactively trying to build the Kingdom today - we have become neutralized in the fight - thinking that the fight is for another day - and possibly for another people.

So, then, our generation has done very little in advancing the Kingdom of God - now our children are growing up and beginning their families - and still - very little is being done to advance the Kingdom. God has still not miraculously intervened on our behalf. And that's because He is not going to. He has set the plan in motion. He has given us the blueprints for implementing His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven - but we have failed. We are the ones who have been content to stay in Egypt and serve other gods - to follow their statues.

Our problem is that we have failed miserably in understanding exactly Who This King is and who we are supposed to be because of Him.

When I was talking about "immigration" last week - I was actually talking more about the authority and power that our King has granted to us - than I was talking about just any man. It is WE - those who have accepted the King and His Kingdom - we are the ones who should be free to move ourselves anywhere we want to on His creation - and for whatever reason we want to.

Would you think about this for a minute, please? And I've given this scenario out many times in my preaching. Jerusalem was first introduced to Jesus - to Yeshua - as a baby - as a young child. Wise men came from the east looking for, "He Who was born King." There were shepherds abiding in the fields on December 25th in the middle of the winter - no strike that - that's for another message - but there were shepherds abiding in the fields at night - more like in the fall of the year around harvesttime - who had an angel appear unto them - listen - Luke 2. Let me give you a minute to turn there - please make sure you are seeing these verses. Hearing is great. But hearing and seeing the text is better.

...the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round

about them: and they were sore afraid.

[10] And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

[11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Christ - the anointed one - the King - the Lord - the One Who is Supreme in authority.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

[13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

[14] Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

[15] And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

"Wow, boys, that was kind of cool. Not really earthshaking, though. I've seen better shows than that at the movies. Let's get back to the sheep." No.

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

[16] And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

[17] And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

[18] And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

[19] But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

[20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

They knew that the Messiah had come. They knew that everything that was prophesied from Moses to Malachi was occurring right then and there - right there - the prophesied King was born. This is the One that Isaiah had prophesied concerning. This was the One that Daniel had prophesied was coming. The 70 weeks of Daniel were coming to a close. This was huge. Unlike most people today who have failed miserably in understanding the fact that the events of the first century were so earthshaking - literally that an entire world was coming to an end - and a brand new world was going to be instituted. When we fail to understand the first century - we fail to understand

the meaning of the Bible.

[21] And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

[22] And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

[23] (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

[24] And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

[25] And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Simeon was doing what? He was waiting for the consolation of Israel. He was waiting for the fulfillment of the prophecies. He was waiting for the restoration of Israel. He was waiting for the promises to become reality. He was waiting to see the King revealed. He knew the time was right. He knew because he understood the prophets. He understood by the books, the numbers of the years. It was time for the King to be revealed and for Israel to be saved.

[26] And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

So is Simeon still running around here today, too? Is Simeon still running around with Peter, James and John? No. Because the Lord's Christ - the Saviour and King of Israel - the Saviour and King of ALL GOD'S CREATION was revealed in the first century just like it was promised. Simeon saw the King.

[27] And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

[28] Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

[29] Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

[30] For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

[31] Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

[32] A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

My Lord and My God - can we not see the blasphemous error of our times when we tell

people that the prophecies concerning Messiah are yet to be fulfilled? Oh what grievous error we have made by telling people that the King has not come.

[33] And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

[34] And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

[35] (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Go back and look at Psalm 42 - which is exactly what Simeon is referring to here. Psalm 42 is a plea from David for God to reveal Himself to Him. And Simeon is saying, Today, God has Revealed Himself.

[36] And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

[37] And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

[38] And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

In that instant, at that time, she spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. If you are saying that the redemption of Jerusalem is future - you have missed it. You've missed it badly - and you cannot understand the Scriptures because the futurism has blinded you from the truth.

[39] And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

[40] And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

[41] Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

[42] And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

[43] And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

[44] But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

[45] And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

[46] And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

[47] And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

[48] And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

[49] And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

[50] And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

[51] And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

[52] And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

We've all seen some smart 12 years olds. But not like this One.

As He continued to grow and prepare for His ministry on the day of His baptism, the heavens opened and a voice from heaven called out, "This is my beloved Son." You and I have never heard a voice from heaven like the one those people heard in the first century.

When Jesus began to gather His disciples, one Nathaniel found Him and proclaimed, and I would hope by now - many of you who have been listening to these messages - can quote this with me - "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and the prophets did write, Jesus, the King of Israel."

The disciples then watched Him perform miracle after miracle after miracle. Raise the dead, walk on the water. Heal the lame, give sight to the blind. They watched as His Kingship was reviled by the "churchmen" and the "prosecutors" - who when they had determined that another innocent man's blood was nothing to them - went on and had a crown of thorns pressed into His head, beat His face, then nailed Him to a cross.

Defeated and downtrodden, His disciples were left seemingly hopeless and helpless until three days later - as they were gathered in the upper room - Jesus walked through the wall and after He brought them another place, said to them,

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

[19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

[20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

After all that, after all they had seen and heard, after all they had read from the Law and the prophets - those men looked squarely in the face of Jesus - and said - "Yes, Lord, we'll go and do what you say, but first, we must go to men's governments and ask for their permission. We must get our passports and visas. We must incorporate our ministries. We must get all our flags in order and fly them according to protocol. We realize that every single your life demonstrated was that you are King - but just in case you really aren't - we need to get permission from men to do what you told us to do."

Really? Well, that's exactly what we do to today. And it's because we are looking for a future king. We do not believe what happened in the first century - we do not believe He is the same King for us that He was for His disciples in the first century - and until we realize this and implement that type of authority in our lives - instead of

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice:

This is what we get:

...but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn...

So when I was talking about a man's freedom to move any where he wants to under God's creation - I am talking about the freedom we should have as Ambassadors for the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Not only IS He King of kings and Lord of lords - but He is the LAST of the Kings that God allows for His creation. This was miraculously established at AD70. And it's not going to be miraculously established again. It's up to us to be obedient to the King and live according to the Lawbook.

The Lawbook says, "Build my ecclesia." Build His Kingdom. Build Christian communities of believers who are called to the King and His Kingdom. The concept of building churches is killing us. It's a false switch. It's trading the powerful for the powerless. It's trading the power of God for the power of men - and it's killing us.

Should we discount the miraculous intervention of God in our lives? Should we say that

God would never miraculously intervene in our behalf? I don't believe so. I think we may be making a big mistake in thinking that if we obey Him - we will still be left on our own for the consequences. I believe I will always hold out hope that when we obey Him - we can move Him on our behalf to fight our battles, to intervene for us. But I absolutely believe that the overwhelming evidence in Scripture indicates that the "ifs and thens" are everlasting principles from generation to generation.

Another misconception of what I had to say from last week is that I may be implying that because men should be free to move around on God's creation wherever he wants to - is that I'm advocating for integrating the races. I have never ever advocated for that. In fact, that's not the first time I've had this confusion before in my ministry.

I believe - and I will try to make this as clear as I can - I believe that the Bible is a book about Adam's race. I believe that God created Adam's race and that Adam's race was given the covenant. I believe that Christ came from Adam's race. But, I believe this put a great responsibility on Adam's race in that Adam's race has the responsibility of teaching the whole world - all of God's creation - the Laws, Statutes, Judgements, His Perfect Will for His creation - and that all men everywhere are to submit to His Laws, Statutes, Judgements and His Perfect Will for His creation - in other words - His King and His Kingdom.

I don't care what color you are. I don't care what race you are. I don't care what your name is or who you think you are. "Let every soul be subject to the Higher Powers - for there is NO Power but of God."

And I want to make this very clear - Adam's race - if you are or think you are Adam's race - without the faith of Abraham - you are nothing.

I've heard so many people say that the white race has done this and that...yeah, I get it. But I'll say this. The white race has also done more to assault the King and Kingdom - at least from what I have seen in my lifetime - than any other race in the world.

In my own life, I've never had a Muslim assault me. I've never had a black man assault me. I've never had an Hispanic man assault me. But I've been repeatedly assaulted by lily white, anglo-saxon, churchites who have come against me, made things up, told lies about me, permanently scarred and damaged me, and apparently are still not satisfied and I believe would love for me to just die - and it's because I refuse to follow their gods and I preach that Jesus Christ is King - right now. And you know what, these people aren't democrats, either.

Because I have preached that all men everywhere are to submit to the King and His Kingdom, some people have wrongly determined that I advocate mixing the races. So, for the record - to be as clear as I can possibly be - I believe that if the Laws of God were implemented in the world today, as they should be, the races would not be mixed. Each race would and should be implementing the Laws of God in their civilizations.

As a white man, even though I would be free under the Kingship of Christ to move myself to, say, Nigeria, if I wanted to do. Would that be a good idea for me? What if my children needed to find husbands and wives. Knowing what I know about the Laws of God concerning miscegenation, would that be a good idea for me? I don't think so.

As we talk about this, it almost seems like one continuous thing after another comes up. Don't call me racist. Don't throw that label out there because I believe the Scriptures concerning mixing races. Just because men are not allowed to intermarry does not mean that people of color cannot be in the Kingdom of God. They absolutely can be in the Kingdom of God. We just don't have to marry each other. Good grief, that's not that difficult. God created kind after kind - and said it was good. What's the big deal? I don't get it. I never have. It's no big deal at all that men and women should marry within their own races.

This past week, there was another interesting article related to the quote "illegal immigration" scam that's going on. As I told you last week, the "illegal immigration" scam is nothing but men's governments ways of creating more laws, taking away more freedoms, and increasing its tyranny of men. And I'm correct about this. I am seeing this and am seeing what's happening and what is going to happen. Why? It goes back again to the messages I have preached concerning a man's perspective.

If you are a man who has lived outside of men's governments for his entire life - you are going to see things from a different perspective than the man who has lived inside of men's governments for his entire life. Perspective is huge.

Already this is happening. The main catch-phrase for years has been "illegal alien." Then, it was changed to "illegal immigrant." Now, it's changed into what I believe the real intention is. Just like I said last week. We are now seeing the new catch-phrase replacing "illegal immigrant, then illegal alien" it is now "undocumented person."

Headline from TIME Magazine, July 23, 2019

When ICE Tried to Arrest an Undocumented Man in Tennessee, Neighbors and a Network of Volunteers Formed a Human Chain to Protect Him

"Undocumented Man." This is going to be painful for many of you to hear, but I have to say it. This is alarming to me - without question - this is alarming to me. Listen to me - in 2019 in the United States of America - "undocumented man" SHOULD BE the label on every single man, woman, boy and girl who claims the name of Jesus Christ.

Each and every believer in Christ the King - not just in America - but all over this world - should be "undocumented" by the governments of this world.

Turn with me please to Hebrews chapter 11. I want to give you the time to get there because it is of utmost importance that we see this.

Understand please that the book of Hebrews was written to the first century believers who were living during the time where the Old Covenant World was in the process of dissolving, after vanishing away, of melting with a fervent heat, of the heavens and the earth passing away - and they would be the first century to see the New Covenant World brought into existence, the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, the new heavens and the new earth - and this book was being written to them to show them what was to be expected as they entered into the New World.

The principles that we learn from the lives of those found in what we call the Old Testament - many of those principles are alive and well in the New World in which we now live. Hebrews 11, verse 1.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[2] For by it the elders obtained a good report.

[3] Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

[4] By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

[5] By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

[6] But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Is this still true today? Is it still true today that without faith, it is impossible to please Him? I believe that is as true today, as it ever was in the record of the Scriptures. Verse 7.

[7] By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Listen to this about Noah's day:

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

[12] And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

[13] And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Are there any similarities to our days compared to Noah's days? Are there any principles that we should take away from what we learned from Noah, that we should consider today? I believe so. Not one word was written to us, but every word was written for us. By faith, Noah, prepared an ark for the saving of his house. Are we building any type of ark today?

[8] By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

[9] By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

[10] For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

At one time, in America, in 1639, we can point to a time where people built a city that

had foundations whose builder and maker was God. But as the Kingdom of God is from generation to generation, now in our generation, we find ourselves strangers even in the land of our birth. Abraham was in a strange country. We today, are in a strange country.

[11] Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

[12] Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

[13] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

The reality today for us, in America, who are wanting to live for the King and His Kingdom, we should be confessing the same things our forefathers did. We are strangers and pilgrims on the earth. These that went before us - were "undocumented people" as far as the governments of men were concerned. Strangers and pilgrims. Foreigners and migrants. They did not have a city, because the one they were looking for had not yet come.

[14] For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

[15] And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

[16] But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

The writer of Hebrews will continue on past this chapter and reveal to the readers at that time, that the city that God prepared for them - was soon coming. The New Jerusalem, the heavenly Jerusalem was just about to be revealed. Their citizenless days were soon to be over.

[17] By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had

received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

[18] Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

[19] Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

[20] By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

[21] By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

[22] By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

[23] By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

[24] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Please please please look at what was just said. Moses refused to be documented by the king of Egypt. He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. I'm not stretching this here. This is exactly what was going on. He refused to be called a citizen of Egypt. What would have been the problem? Why not? Why not claim Egyptian citizenship? What would have been wrong with that. God had miraculously spared his life as an infant by having him be rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. The hand of God was involved.

[25] Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

[26] Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

[27] By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Moses was UNDOCUMENTED. Does the world today bring reproach and disdain to someone they label as undocumented? You better believe they do. The undocumented are considered the low-lives, the dregs, the castaways - the citizenshipless. And these men of faith found in Hebrews 11

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They did not choose citizenship with the world. Sure, this is my perspective. This is coming from someone who saw things this way 40 years ago and has been seeing it that way ever since. And whenever the governments of men do things to try to make everyone submit - this is how I see it. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.

In this article entitled

When ICE Tried to Arrest an Undocumented Man in Tennessee, Neighbors and a Network of Volunteers Formed a Human Chain to Protect Him

as I read the article there was something in there that I found really interesting. Let me read the first couple paragraphs:

Residents in a suburban Nashville neighborhood came together to protect an undocumented man as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers attempted to arrest him Monday morning.

After a four-hour attempted arrest — during which time the undocumented man and his young son barricaded themselves inside a van parked in front of their home — ICE agents left, and neighbors and activists on the scene created a human chain to allow the family to get indoors.

“At that point it was being extra cautious and letting the family know, look, we got your back, we’re between you and the unknown, and here’s a safe pathway back to your front door,” Tristan Call, a volunteer at [Movements Including X \(MIX\)](#), a collective of young activists who organize for social causes, tells TIME. Call was a part of the human chain.

By the time the attempted arrest was over, dozens of people had showed up to support the undocumented man, including two city councilmen from Nashville. The volunteers showed up as part of a network called ICE Rapid Response to protect undocumented immigrants, just one example of communities throughout the country who have responded to [increasing threats of ICE arrests](#).

“All of us were volunteers today,” Call says. “It wasn’t like a big nonprofit, or like a big law firm or something like that. This is something any group of people can do.”

Now what jumped out here to me - even though I've been talking about the quote unquote "undocumented" - that's not what jumped out at me. What jumped out at me as the last paragraph.

“All of us were volunteers today,” Call says. “It wasn’t like a big nonprofit, or like a big law firm or something like that. This is something any group of people can do.”

It's a little bit disheartening that a small group of people can turn back the U.S. federal government by coming together for a goal and purpose - but most of the time God's people seem to be so scared of standing for the King and the Kingdom.

When you read further down into the article, I would have thought that maybe there was a hundred or two hundred people that stood between the undocumented and the federal agents. But the article says it was only 15 neighbors that stood for this man.

Apparently there has been a group that has organized and they call themselves ICE Rapid Response. One of their spokespersons said:

“At first it was pretty scary,” Cindy says. “But it was amazing how the work of the network and just community itself, and how neighbors help each other and stick together to help this person with his son — it was really exciting but sad, but a very sweet moment.”

The article goes on.

What happens now?

Call says the family was taken to an undisclosed location with a local advocacy organization as they plan out what to do next.

“People need to prepare themselves for this kind of thing all over the place,” he says. “The family has some decisions to make. Luckily we have a strong support network of lawyers and churches and synagogues and mosques, and different people here in Nashville where there’s support... So I think they have to figure out what they’re gonna do and they have the backing of thousands of people around the city that have been organizing to be available in moments like this.”

The attempted arrest took place about a week before a mayoral and city council election will take place in Nashville on Aug. 1.

“Hopefully this will help people running for office to understand that they need to take a stand about protecting our neighbors,” Bedne says.

“Nashville is a welcoming city,” Bedne adds. “We care about our neighbors.”

I wonder how much they would care about their neighbors if they found out their neighbors were born in America - but they chose to be undocumented because they wanted to follow Christ.

I know that where I am right now, when people found out that I chose the reproach of Christ over the riches of Egypt - they've wanted to destroy me. I wonder how quote "accepted" I would be if I was in Nashville?

It was my full intention to look at some more details from Scripture specifically relating to the Greek word ecclesia, but Lord willing we'll have to try again next week.

I want you to know again that I am honored and blessed to be able to have his voice and speak for the King and His Kingdom now. I am glad for each of you that listen each week. I am glad for each of you that write in to me by email with questions and comments.

I have been impressed with the idea of putting together some sort of conference or get together for people who are seeking the Kingdom of God and looking for practical answers to the problems we are facing today. I was originally thinking about the possibility of putting something together for the spring. My trials are supposed to be coming up towards the end of what they call September - so I'm a little bit cautious concerning trying to make definitive plans right now.

If the Lord wills it, I'd love to try to put something together as soon as the end of what they call November - maybe before the risk of bad weather comes. I'd like to hear from you. Are any of you interested in getting together for a conference? I've asked Ted if he would be willing to come and be a speaker. There will be others I will ask as well.

I think it would be a great time of fellowship and could possibly lead to giving some real insight into advancing the Kingdom like we are supposed to. I have already heard from a man as far away as Canada that said, "Count him in." Send me an email at

charlie@godsendusmen.com - or go to the website at www.godsendusmen.com and on the Contact page I'll have a form you could submit and let us know if you are interested.