### WE ARE IN A BATTLE

Tom Sanford

The Lord quickened to me that there is a paradigm shift in how the devil is attacking us. Our church received a prophecy by Larry Lotz that our congregation is to lean in to one another so that the devil cannot find any cracks or vulnerabilities among us. We have been attacked time after time and we have grown from them. So when the attacks don't work like they used to, the enemy is changing his plan. Just as in war, if your weapons are not reaching the enemy, get new weapons or shift your attack. The Lord wants us to be prepared that the enemy is attacking in new ways. We must adapt or we will fail. This is very normal in our spiritual growth. Don't fear. We are to mature and fend off the enemy. Then he will try something new. Now it's time for growth again. Together. Lean in.



## THRIVE YOUTH CORNER

Parents: We have an awesome year with events planned out for our youth group! Two ATM camps, a Michigan cabin retreat, and multiple lake days in the Summer are just some to name a few. Your youth leaders have put a lot of effort into planning times of worship and time in the Word for our youth. As well as some wild games of course also!









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### February 11, 5:30 pm

Come and learn about Kingdom Harvest Ministries, and their recent work and future plans. Enjoy a meal at Romer's Catering with a silent auction, raffle, and more. Tuesday, February 11, at 5:30 pm. For more details, see Pastor Justin or Tom Sanford.

ATM Camp March 20-22

All grades 7-12 are invited for

the 2nd Annual ATM Spring

miss growing closer to the

Lord as an ATM family!

You won't want to

Retreat!



FUNDRAISER

DINNER

YOUTH! Our Super Bowl party is at the Monfort's Check house this year. your bulletin for more details or ask a youth leader!



February



# Come Join Us For

### January 31, 6:00 pm

You won't want to miss this time of fellowship with others over board games, card games, and Plan to bring your snacks. favorite games and a snack to share. This will be held at the

Worship Center. For more information contact Tom Sanford.

### KHM CURRICULUM

The time has come, the hour is now, we must not delay. We have a window of time to advance the Gospel forward and that is what we are doing here at KHM. Over the past several months God has been giving us at KHM a clear vision of what we are to be about. God is calling us not only to be a Released Time Bible Education(RTBE) program but also to be a curriculum developing program. What does that mean? We have formed a partnership with Vision Christian Bible College & Seminary(VCBCS) to take their college courses and reformat them into a High School curriculum. That entails several hours a week of watching videos, transcribing material, and then teaching the material to a classroom of students. God has brought together a team of us to do this work. Myself, Tom Sanford and Cheryl Solomon from Rockford are working together as a team to pull off this project. Our short-term goal is to produce one year's worth of curriculum for all RTBE programs, statewide and even nationwide. Long-term goal, we want to have an entire 4 year program developed for all High Schools nationwide. We are looking into partnerships with other programs, giving them access to the curriculum that we are developing. We could use some help with this. If you're a teacher or someone who is anointed to bring the Word of God to life, we are looking for volunteers to be included in the process of bringing to life our curriculum. You could either teach a class or audit a class of someone teaching to give us feedback of what could be done differently in the classroom. Please be praying for KHM as a ministry and be praying for all those involved. Our enemy would want nothing less than to see us trip up and make mistakes along this path. To learn more about what we are doing, you are able to attend our KHM fundraiser on February 11th, at 5:30pm. Cost is \$25 a ticket unless you're at a sponsored table.

### **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**

Discipleship 4: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 8 - 9:15 am



### THE SEVERITY OF GOD

Pastor Bruce

In the visions which John His severity also is greater was given, Christ is portrayed as a powerful warrior king. Upon His white steed, He "treads the wine press of the fury of the wrath o f Almighty" (Revelation 19:11-21). It is not a popular picture, this vision of our Lord as a God of fury, wrath,

and fire. We hear much (as w e 1 1 w e should) of the grace and kindness of our LORD. But we hear

too little of the other side. The Scriptures address both sides of divine nature, grace AND wrath. There is a view that the period of the old covenant was characterized by the severity of God, whilst the period of the new covenant is characterized by the grace of God. Not so. It is true that God's merciful grace is greater in these latter days than even the great grace He showed in times past. But the corollary is not that his severity is lessened. Quite the opposite:

now. With greater grace there comes greater severity. "Anyone who set aside the law of Moses, died without mercy ... how much more G o d severe a punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God?" (Hebrews 10:29). What effect should



beholding the severity of God have upon us? What is the point of the "fear and trembling"? This i s

answered in Hebrews 2:1-3. "For this reason, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it". How much attention are you paying to the word of Christ? Are you just drifting in the comfort of His grace, unmindful of His severity, and therefore not listening intently to every word that proceeds out of His mouth? It is in fear and trembling that you "work out your own salvation" (Philippians 2:12).