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NEWSLETTER

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ASSEMBLE – PASTOR ANDY

THREE WEEKS AGO, A MOVIE CAME TO THE BIG SCREEN CALLED: AVENGERS “ENDGAME”. WITH IN THREE WEEKS IS HAS ALREADY GROSSED WORLD-WIDE, 2.4 BILLION DOLLARS. WHEN IT IS ALL SAID AND DONE, THEY ARE ESTIMATING IT WILL MAKE OVER 3 BILLION. THIS WOULD MAKE IT THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MOVIE IN HISTORY. MY BROTHER HAS SEEN IT 4X (3D, IMAX, DOLBY SURROUND SOUND, AND IN THE FRONT ROW).

IT IS A SUPER-HERO MOVIE, MADE WITH UNREALISTIC PEOPLE (E.G. CAPTAIN AMERICA, SPIDERMAN, THE INCREDIBLE HULK, IRONMAN, ETC. . .) AND ABILITIES – IT’S A FANTASY WORLD. THIS MOVIE IS THE CULMINATION OF TEN YEARS AND TWENTY-TWO MOVIES TELLING ONE MASSIVE STORY OF GOOD VERSES EVIL.

THIS PARTICULAR MOVIE IS THREE HOURS LONG W/O AN INTERMISSION AND AN APP FOR YOUR PHONE WAS DEVELOPED SO YOU WOULD KNOW THE BEST TIMES TO LEAVE THE THEATER TO REFILL YOUR POPCORN.

THE ANTICIPATION FOR THIS MOVIE WAS INCREDIBLE. IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST-KEPT SECRETS IN THE WORLD. EVEN THE ACTORS WERE NOT GIVEN FULL SCRIPTS SO NO ONE PERSON COULD GIVE AWAY THE STORY TO THE PRESS BY ACCIDENT.

WALKING AWAY FROM THE MOVIE (I DID SEE IT TWICE). . I LIKED IT. IT WASN’T MY FAVORITE, BUT IT WAS ENTERTAINING. IN TALKING WITH PEOPLE, EVERYONE SAYS THAT THE BEST 3 MINUTES OF THE MOVIE IS RIGHT BEFORE THE FINAL BATTLE WITH THE BAD GUY AND HIS ARMY. TWENTY-THREE SUPERHERO’S (AND THEIR FRIENDS) COMING TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY, WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA CALLING THEM TO ARMS WITH HIS INFAMOUS BATTLE CRY, “AVENGERS! ASSEMBLE!”

NOW I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR A FEW WEEKS. WHY DOES EVERYONE LOVE THAT PART? I BELIEVE IT IS BECAUSE PEOPLE STILL DESIRE TO SEE UNITY IN FACING AN ENEMY. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR MILITARY, CHEER FOR OUR SPORTS TEAMS, AND WANT OUR BUSINESSES TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT THAT ONLY HAPPENS WHEN EVERYONE IS WORKING TOGETHER.

PROVERBS 18:1 SAYS - HE WHO SEPARATES HIMSELF SEEKS HIS OWN DESIRE, HE QUARRELS AGAINST ALL SOUND WISDOM.

YET HEBREWS 10:24-25 SAYS - ²⁴AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO STIMULATE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS, ²⁵NOT FORSAKING OUR OWN ASSEMBLING TOGETHER, AS IS THE HABIT OF SOME, BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER; AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY DRAWING NEAR.

THE WORLD DOES NOT NEED TO SEE A CHURCH DIVIDED BUT ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS WHO THE ENEMY IS. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS ENEMY WE FACE, AND ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN DEFEATED (JOHN 12:31; 16:11; ROM 8:38-39*), HE STILL ROAMS ABOUT SEEKING THOSE HE CAN DEVOUR. THE CHURCH (LITERALLY, THE ASSEMBLY) WHEN ASSEMBLED IS STRONGER. YET ACROSS THE WORLD THERE ARE PEOPLE TRYING TO BE ROGUE CHRISTIANS.

I BELIEVE THE WORLD DESIRES UNITY, BUT THEIR FORM OF IT IS A FANTASY WORLD. THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, FORMED BY JESUS CHRIST, CAN SHOW THEM WHAT TRUE UNITY LOOKS LIKE WHEN WE ARE MINDFUL TO LOOK TO HIM AND OTHERS INSTEAD OF OUR OWN SELFISH WAYS.