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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR ANDY

LIZ AND I WERE ENGAGED ON MAY 5TH, 2008 – CINCO DE MAYO. THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY DAYS THAT I HAVE EMBEDDED INTO MY MEMORY BANK. MANY OF US HAVE DATES THAT WE LOVE TO REMEMBER: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, FIRST DATES, SPIRITUAL BIRTHDAY & BAPTISM, AND HOLIDAYS (FYI GROUNDHOGS DAY SHOULD BE ONE OF THOSE FOR ALL OF US).

REMEMBERING DATES OF THE PAST AFFORD ALL OF US GREAT MEMORIES AS WELL AS HELP GIVE PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH. THE USA IS GOING THROUGH A SERIES OF DATES THAT WE OFTEN REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO BATTLE AND FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOMS THAT WE ENJOY (I.E. JUNE 6 WAS THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY).

HERE IS A DATE THAT MANY OF US DO NOT HAVE ON OUR MINDS, BUT CLOSE TO 1.5 BILLION KNOW OF IT AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS FLOOD THE STREETS FOR IT. JUNE 8, 632 IS THE DATE THAT MOHAMMED DIED AT THE AGE OF 61. HE IS BURIED IN MEDINA, SAUDI ARABIA AND EACH YEAR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MUSLIMS VISIT HIS TOMB. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY COME TO MOURN HIS DEATH, NOT TO CELEBRATE HIS RESURRECTION.

FOR US, THE REDEEMED, EVERY TIME WE GATHER TOGETHER, PRAY, SING, WITNESS, READ SCRIPTURE, AND EVEN TAKE OUR NEXT BREATH WE CELEBRATE NOT ONLY THE DEATH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR THAT PAYS THE PENALTY OF OUR SIN, BUT WE CELEBRATE HIS RESURRECTION THAT ETERNALLY SETS US FREE FROM THE CONSEQUENCE OF DEATH.

1 PETER 1:3: "PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:21: "FOR SINCE DEATH CAME THROUGH A MAN, THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD COMES ALSO THROUGH A MAN."

AS WE KNOW, BECAUSE ALL WAS NOT UNDERSTOOD BY THE DISCIPLES AT FIRST, THEY TOO WERE MISERABLY BROKEN AND LEFT EMPTY AT THE DEATH OF JESUS. WE WOULD BE THE SAME WAY IF ALL WE HAD TO LIVE BY WAS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS LIFE WAS IT.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19 - IF WE HAVE HOPED IN CHRIST IN THIS LIFE ONLY, WE ARE OF ALL MEN MOST TO BE PITIED.

SADLY, TODAY IS A DATE THAT 1/5 OF THE WORLD MOURNS BECAUSE THEY CAN ONLY REMEMBER WHO MOHAMMAD WAS AND THEY CAN ONLY STRIVE TO REMEMBER WHAT HE TAUGHT.

REJOICINGLY, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, NOT JUST ON EASTER SUNDAY, CELEBRATES THE VICTORY OF HER LORD AND SAVIOR OVER THE GRAVE, AND BY THE SEALING OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, LIVES EACH DAY UNTIL THAT ULTIMATE GLORIFICATION WITH THEIR LOVING SAVIOR.

MAY TODAY, JUNE 8TH, BE A GREAT REMINDER OF WHO WE SERVE – OUR LIVING HOPE.

ROMANS 6:8-10 - 8 NOW IF WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM, 9 KNOWING THAT CHRIST, HAVING BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, IS NEVER TO DIE AGAIN; DEATH NO LONGER IS MASTER OVER HIM. 10 FOR THE DEATH THAT HE DIED, HE DIED TO SIN ONCE FOR ALL TIME; BUT THE LIFE THAT HE LIVES, HE LIVES TO GOD.

**PASTOR ANDY**