

Grievous Wolves - Godly Or Not - Acts 20

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John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Luke 8 Referred to the Gadarene Demoniac coming to Jesus to be set free.

Mark 5:6 But when he (the Gadarene Demoniac) saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped Him,

Matthew 11:28 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Referred to many apostles persecuted in the New Testament Church.

John 15:20 Remember the Word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My saying, they will keep yours also.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but

mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Genesis 49:27 Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil. (King Saul & Saul saved to be Paul.)

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, & the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: & dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 5:6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.

Jeremiah 7,11,&14 God said "Pray not for them".

2 Chronicles 34:27,28 Because thine (Josiah) heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD. 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Ezekiel 22:27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have

made her many widows in the midst thereof.

Ezekiel 13:17-23 Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, 18 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of My people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? 19 And will ye pollute Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? 20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: 23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Habakkuk 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

Zephaniah 3:3 Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

Ezekiel 45:8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and My princes shall no more oppress My people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

Proverbs 22:22,23 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: 23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we

know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Matthew 7:15 Beware of false (pseudo) prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

1 Chronicles 16:22 Saying, Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm.

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Acts 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word.

John 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

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1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Strong's #02061 ze'eb *zeh-abe'* AV-wolf 7; 1) wolf.

Strong's #3074 lukos *loo'-kos* AV-wolf 6; 1) a wolf 2) metaph. of cruel, greedy, rapacious, destructive men & women.

Strong's #926 barus *bar-ooce'* AV-grievous 3, heavy 1, weighty 1, weighter 1; 6 1) heavy in weight 2) metaph. 2a) burdensome 2b) severe, stern 2c) weighty 2c1) of great moment 2d) violent, cruel, unsparing.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Acts 20:29 (AV) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:29 (NKJV) For I know this, that after my departure savage

wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:29 (ESV) I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

Acts 20:29 (Message) I know that as soon as I'm gone, vicious wolves are going to show up and rip into this flock, men

Summarized of many modern ungodly tactics in many churches.

Former congregants of Word of Faith church reveal years of abuse done to 'purify' sinners in the name of God

Many of the abused members would not speak of what happened due to their fear of authoritatian Word of Faith Fellowship church leader Jane Whaley.

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Spindale, N.C., From all over the world, they flocked to this tiny town in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, lured by promises of inner peace and eternal life. What many found instead: years of terror, waged in the name of the Lord.

Congregants of the Word of Faith Fellowship were regularly punched, smacked, choked, slammed to the floor or thrown through walls in a violent form of deliverance meant to "purify" sinners by beating out devils,

(Compaired to Jesus in Luke 8 & many apostles. Summarized of many false deliverance tactics. Biblical Christians have the Name of Jesus, the Blood of Jesus, and God's angels to help in Godly Biblical deliverance. Mark 16:17, Hebrews 1:14 Are they (God's angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?)

43 former members told The Associated Press in separate, exclusive interviews. Victims of the violence included pre-teens and toddlers, even crying babies, who were vigorously shaken, screamed at and sometimes smacked to banish demons. (Spiritual terrorism)

"I saw so many people beaten over the years. Little kids punched in the face, called Satanists," said Katherine Fetachu, 27, who spent nearly 17 years in the church.

Word of Faith Fellowship, an evangelical church with hundreds of members in North Carolina and branches in other countries, also subjected members to a practice called "blasting", an ear-piercing verbal onslaught often conducted in hours-long sessions meant to cast out devils.

As part of its investigation, the AP reviewed hundreds of pages of law enforcement, court and child welfare documents, along with hours of conversations with Jane Whaley, the church's controlling leader, secretly recorded by followers.

The AP also spent more than a year tracking down dozens of former disciples who scattered after leaving the church. Many initially were reluctant to break their silence because they had hidden their pasts from new friends and colleagues, and because they remain afraid of Whaley.

(Psalms 23:3A He restoreth my soul.)

Those interviewed, most of them raised in the church, say Word of Faith leaders waged a decades-long cover-up to thwart investigations by law enforcement and social services officials, including strong-arming young victims and their parents to lie.

(1 Timothy 3:2,12 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.)

They said members were forbidden to seek outside medical attention for their injuries, which included cuts, sprains and cracked ribs.

The former members said they were speaking out now due to guilt for not doing more to stop the abuse and because they fear for the safety of the children still in the church, believed to number about 100.

(1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.)

Several former followers said some congregants were sexually abused, including minors.

(Luke 10 - Referred to the parable of the Good Samaritan helping the wounded man.)

On one recorded conversation, Whaley admits to being aware of the sexual assault of three boys but not reporting it to authorities.

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(Summarized of extreme control & many abuses done here.)

(Alex Sanz/AP)

In the past, Whaley has strongly denied that she or other church leaders have ever abused Word of Faith members and contended that any discipline would be protected by the First Amendment's freedom of religion tenets.

She and church attorney Josh Farmer turned down repeated AP requests for interviews to discuss the fresh allegations from the dozens of former congregants.

The ex-members said the violence was ever-present: Minors were taken from their parents and placed in ministers' homes, where they were beaten and blasted and sometimes completely cut off from their families for up to a decade. Some male congregants were separated from their families and other followers for up to a year and subjected to the same brutal treatment.

Teachers in the church's K-12 school encouraged students to beat their classmates for daydreaming, smiling and other behavior that leaders said proved they were possessed by devils. (Wrong!!!)

"It wasn't enough to yell and scream at the devils. You literally had to beat the devils out of people," said Rick Cooper, 61, a U.S. Navy veteran who spent more than 20 years as a congregant and raised nine children in the church.

Word of Faith Fellowship has been scrutinized on numerous occasions by law enforcement, social services agencies and the news media since the early 1990s— all without significant impact, mostly because

followers refused to cooperate.

Some former members offered a more doctrinal explanation for their decades of silence, frequent warnings by Whaley that God would strike them dead if they betrayed her or her church.

"We were warned to keep the abuse to ourselves. If we didn't, we knew we would be targeted. ... You lived in total fear," said Liam Guy, 29, an accountant who fled in 2015 after nearly 25 years in the church.

Word of Faith was founded in 1979 by Whaley, a petite former math teacher with a thick Southern accent, and her husband, Sam, a former used car salesman.

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(Alex Sanz/AP) - They are listed as co-pastors but all of those interviewed said it is Jane Whaley, a fiery, 77-year-old Christian Charismatic preacher, who maintains dictatorial control of the flock and also administers some of the beatings herself.

She has scores of strict rules to control congregants' lives, including whether they can marry or have children. At the top of the list: No one can complain about her or question her authority. Failure to comply often triggers a humiliating rebuke from the pulpit or, worse, physical punishment, according to most of those interviewed.

Under Jane Whaley's leadership, Word of Faith grew from a handful of followers to a 750-member sect, concentrated in a 35-acre complex protected by tight security and a thick line of trees.

The group also has nearly 2,000 members in churches in Brazil and Ghana, and affiliations with branches in other countries.

It was Whaley's personality as much as her message, "strong prayer" and deliverance turn around troubled lives and assure salvation, that attracted people to the church, former members said.

When she started Word of Faith in her early 40s, some of the former members recall her as a motherly figure offering hope to those

struggling with alcohol and drugs, or stuck in bad marriages. She filled a spiritual and emotional void, showering new congregants with love and attention.

Those attending the church's twice-a-year international Bible seminars were encouraged to move to Spindale, a community of 4,300 midway between Charlotte and Asheville. It wasn't until they sold their homes and settled in North Carolina that the church's "dark side" gradually emerged, former members said.

By then, isolated from their families and friends, and believing Whaley was a prophet, they were afraid to leave, they said.

Looking back, some former members told the AP they that consider Word of Faith a cult.

"You had a strong leader who controlled everything in your life, where to live, work, who to talk to," Guy said. "You couldn't do anything without her permission. And she had people around her enforcing her law. Soon, you couldn't think for yourself. You had to do everything she said."

Exodus 8:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

2 Samuel 12:14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

2 Corinthians 11:26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

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