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## **Things are bad, but...**

A mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. Followed by one in Dayton, Ohio. Followed by one in Chicago, IL (that went largely unreported). All on top of the homicides that routinely happen in our large urban cities. Not to mention all the other wickedness taking place in our culture. Things are bad.

I recently began reading Genesis again. Genesis 6:8 stands out in light of recent headlines: “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.” That sounds like today, doesn’t it?

God brought judgment. But even in judgment He remembered mercy and saved Noah and his family.

So it is today. Things are bad, but God remembers mercy. There is an answer. It is the saving work of Jesus.

We need to fight feeling helpless in the face of the evil confronting our country—and help our people fight it, too. Things are bad, but God is still on the throne. I may not be able to do anything to stop the senseless violence, but I can individually recommit myself to being a loving husband, a good dad, a good employee, a faithful church member. I can recommit myself to sharing the good news of the Gospel. And I can pray.

More than ever, we need to pray. I can’t explain it, but honest, sincere prayer moves the heart of God. Maybe now is a good time to download the If 7:14 App and use it as a reminder to pray twice a day for our country and our leaders (at 7:14 a.m. and 7:14 p.m.). Maybe now is a good time to encourage your people to do the same. Whether you use the app as a reminder or not, clearly, we need to engage in faithfully praying.

[Dr. Michael Brown wrote a challenging and encouraging article](#) recently on this very subject, including a strong reminder to pray.

The link to the If 7:14 app is at the top of this email.

Let’s pray for those tragically impacted by these shootings and for our country and our leaders. Let’s pray for revival and that the Gospel will go forth in power, both here and abroad.

In Christ,

Dave Lingle  
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P.S: In case you missed it, on September 26 we are doing a workshop exclusively for pastors/ministry leaders on “The Gospel & Sexuality.” You can access the details [HERE](#). We hope you can join us for this event designed to encourage and strategically help you deal with this critical issue.