

*Looking at where we Live.*



Examine the timeless truth of the Bible  
in the ever changing world we live in.

A satellite-style map of the United States. Two red location pins are placed on the map: one on the coast of Alaska and another on the coast of Washington state. The map shows terrain, water bodies, and some city labels.

**Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Rainfall: 141 inches**

**Seattle, Washington**

**Rainfall: 37 inches**



**What do stories like these tell us about the world we live in?**

*1. Feelings are playing a bigger role than ever in guiding our lives and our outlook on morality.*



# July 16, 1999 JFK Jr., wife and sister die in Plane Crash



*“Heart over Mind: The Death of JFK, Jr.”*

**Here is the crux of the matter: the pilot's emotions drowned out the flight instruments' story about banking and diving at high speed, and screamed out, *“No way! It can't be! I'm actually flying straight and level! I know it! I feel it's true!... Reason and emotion are at war.”***

*“Heart over Mind: The Death of JFK, Jr.”*

Recovering from unusual attitudes consists of one essential belief: your feelings cannot be trusted as the final authority on what the airplane is doing. *Your mind is boss. The instruments are your window on reality*, and you desperately need to understand the data they provide. The only power that can grasp and integrate this evidence correctly is reason, which evaluates experience by logic.

*“Heart over Mind: The Death of JFK, Jr.”*

**Our feelings, indulged without examination, will kill us. Feelings, intuition, and emotions are inputs that should be fully heard, but they must never govern our behavior.**

*Roman 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*



What do stories like these tell us about the world we live in?

*2. Being “true” to yourself is key to living a happy life.*



About living a life of integrity:

*Being true to ourselves doesn't make us people of integrity. Charles Manson was true to himself, and as a result, he rightly is spending the rest of his life in prison. Ultimately, being true to our Creator gives us the purest form of integrity.*



**John Wooden:** Head coach at UCLA. He won ten NCAA national championships in a 12-year period.

God

2. *Being “true” to ~~yourself~~  
is key to living a happy life.*

**Matthew 22: 37-39 <sup>37</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.**

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**Philippians 2:5-7 <sup>5</sup> ...have the same mindset  
as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature  
God, did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking  
the very nature of a servant.**

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*3. Traditional moral boundaries are dissolving at an accelerating rate.*



# Courageous living in a changing world :

*1. Be prepared to share your convictions about God's good design for life. Be compassionate and understanding, knowing you're a sinner in need of God's forgiveness too.*

*In a fallen universe, all of us are alienated, in some way, from who were designed to be. That alienation manifests itself in different ways in different people.*



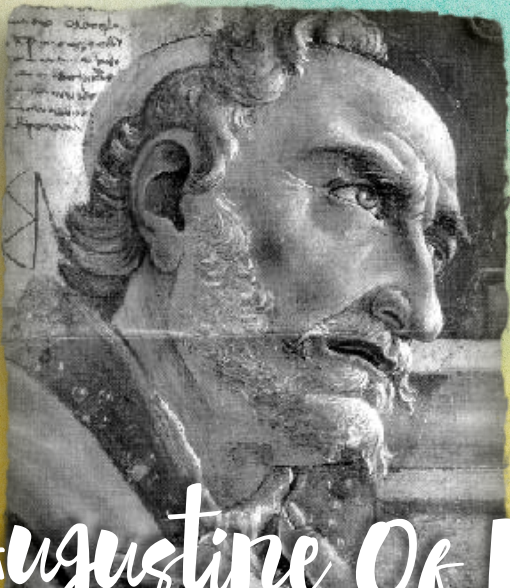
**Russell Moore**

# Courageous living in a changing world :

*2. God's courageous people confess their sins and are more concerned with the condition of their own heart than that of others.*



Men go abroad to wonder at the heights  
of mountains, at the huge waves of the  
sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at  
the vast compass of the ocean, at the  
circular motions of the stars,  
and they pass by themselves  
without wondering.



Augustine Of Hippo

# Communion

*A time of remembrance  
and personal reflection*