

Looking at where
we Live.



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

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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.

“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.” 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. 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.

<http://airlinesafety.com/editorials/JFKJrCrash.htm>

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

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 we're designed to be. That alienation manifests itself in different ways in different people. –Russell Moore

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. –St. Augustine

Verses:

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.

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

Matthew 22: 37-39 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

1 Peter 3:15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

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