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FROM THE

*Editor*

It seems that just in the brief year since the inception of Called Journal the world has changed forever. Unlike a 9/11 event, or the assassination of a president where it seems that the world stands still for an immortal second and

everyone remembers precisely where they were when they "heard the news", the events of the past year are more like watching the footage of a train wreck on the news. Each car in slow motion leaves the track and begins its path of devastation careening out of control smashing everything in its wake, as we look on. With each wave of devastation we cringe in horror, disgust, disbelief, and fear. Just when one thinks the projectiles are going to stop, when it is anticipated that the devastation is done, the next car leaves the track and to our astonishment creates even more horrifying calamity. Truly we are living in a different world.

The images of 800,000 Islamic refugees pouring into Germany and Europe, the News of the Supreme courts Obergefell decision legalizing same sex marriage in all 50 states, witnessing the gender confusion and insanity taking place in public sectors of our cities, high schools, and places of commerce (Target corporation), The

debacle of the presidential race, seeing avowed socialists running for office (Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton) with much popularity, reading of marauding bands of Muslims in Minneapolis in neighborhoods with bullhorns promising terror and rape and all this was done with the protection of law enforcement and elected officials (Governor Mark Dayton), and the list could go on and on, has had a numbing effect on my spirit and has literally rocked my world.

*This is a publication for young people and today's young families living in a rapidly changing technological world.*

I am not a doomsdayer and strive to be a person of faith. I firmly believe in the sovereignty of God and Christ's coming to set up His kingdom where He will reign in righteousness and His saints with him. But I have to admit, I have gone from facepalm to disillusionment, to exasperation, to disbelief, to horror, to grief... the whole gamut of emotions. There have been times this past year where I have said those chilling words, "Why bother?" Indeed, some of the delay in publishing this issue has been my own personal disappointment in our country and the death of western culture as we have known it, and Christianity as a predominant force in our culture.

But with this issue, I offer you, our readers, the hope and encouragement that although we all need to live thru times of chaos and insanity - the hope of the gospel and the truth and righteousness that flow out of that life giving message. are a reality for us today. With a new resolve I offer this issue with some "heavy articles" written by some thoughtful folks that we trust will be an encouragement to your spirit as you seek to live the life of faith in these challenging days. I also hope to inspire you to a life of joy in the presence of the Father. Enjoying God and His special presence in our lives and being on mission with Him is truly the crown of the Christian life and the epitome of a life of meaning and purpose. We would love to hear from you. Feel free to email me at pauldmn@hotmail.com

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