Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE



By Preacher/Teacher Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Ministries

Are You Packin' **Even for the Church**

Jesus and the Apostle Paul told their disciples the world will become increasingly worse. Christians and other responsible human beings still have the right to protect themselves. Jesus' instruction, "if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one" is a good one to follow. On his teaching of Luke 22:36, Preacher/Teacher James Vernon McGee wrote, "You had better pack your suitcase and get your traveler' checks if you are going out for the Lord today... You had better be prepared to protect yourself and your love ones. We are living in difficult days. The Lord said, 'He hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.' (King James Version) Why? For protection, of course. They were living in days that required a sword. We need to recognize that fact also." (Thru The Bible Commentary, Page 347, paragraph 2 and 3 Copyright 1983) Jamieson, Fausset and Brown wrote, "[you] will now need support, provision and the usual means of defense." We live in days that require a "sword" (a gun, or something) for protec-

In an article written by Bill Titus, I read something that got me thinking about the times we are living in. His article was eye opening and it thrust my thoughts to think about how bad things can get, and about what the Bible says about the end days (2 Timothy

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3:1). He wrote, "Nine years ago, church service had turned into a Larry Gene Ashbrook entered killing field with no warning. the Wedgewood Baptist Church zines for his weapon, emptying three before taking his own life. Those three magazines contained enough ammunition to take the

A different outcome in in Fort Worth, Texas and opened Colorado Springs, Matthew Murfire. He carried nine loaded maga-ray entered the New Life Church carrying three weapons and over 1,000 rounds. When he began his attack, he was confronted by Jeanne Assam, a church volunteer. lives of four teenagers and three Withhelp from other church-goes, adults in the unarmed crowd. A Ms. Assam distracted Murray and peaceful Wednesday evening shot him, bringing his intended

killing field to an end. After being disabled by Assam's bullets, Murray took his own life, as was his likely plan all along. Two young women were killed and their father wounded, but had Assam not acted, how many more would have died at the hands of a man who had come prepared to kill as many people as he could?" (The Concealed Handgun - Bill Titus – Volume 12, Number 1 February-March 2008)

The fact is the walls of religion will not stop bad men from entering an institution to dish out harm upon unarmed people. On March 6, 2008, a terrorist entered Yeshiva (religious school) during a seminar in Jerusalem. He opened fire on people wishing to learn more about their religious beliefs. This gunman had killed several students before Yitzhak Dadon - a student attending the seminar - responded with his weapon firing two rounds into the terrorist's head, ending the bloodshed. The director of the Seminary, Rabbi David Simchon, was quoted by the Israeli News Service saying, "No terrorist will succeed in stopping our faith, our values, the justice of our cause of what we teach here at Yeshiva [Seminary] (religious school)." (Bill Titus – Publication of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association)

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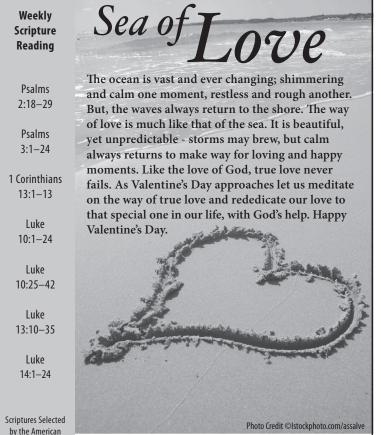
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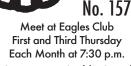


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