



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, 2020 MORNING MESSAGE**

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### **Greetings in Christ Jesus!**

The last half dozen automobiles my father bought were Ramblers. They were built in Kenosha, Wisconsin. I was amused when George Romney was elected governor of Michigan. He was president of American Motors, which built Ramblers in Wisconsin.

Kenosha has been in the news this week. Riots and violence have followed another incident of a law enforcement officer shooting an unarmed man, whose only crime may have been trying to escape from law enforcement.

Lebron James, an All-star professional basketball player, was quoted as saying, "I'm scared. Black men are scared. Black women are scared. Black children are scared."

He's right. If I were Black, I would be scared, too. I'm about as white as one can be, and I'm scared.

Psychologists and neuroscientists tell us that when we are scared, frightened, in fear for our lives, there are two normal and natural responses: fight or flight. Either run away or resist.

People of all colors, races, nationalities, run away from law enforcement not because they are guilty, but because they are afraid.

Law enforcement officers attack or shoot persons of all colors, races, and nationalities not because they are evil, but because they are afraid.

Fear is the source of violence and evil in our 2020 world.

In one of his letters, John wrote:

"Perfect love casts out fear."

Where can we find this perfect love?

I believe we know the answer. David said it in Psalm 23: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

God loves each one of us. And each one of them. Regardless of who us is, or who them are.

Hate is the result of fear. Love is the antidote to what is poisoning the world of 2020.

May God have mercy on us all. And may we truly come to love one another as God loves us in Christ Jesus.

Your Transitional Pastor,

**Ted Land**