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Here is some news from Joel Rosenberg regarding Middle East Concerns.....

remember "My Father's House is a House of Prayer for all Nations.

The powerful forces of Good and Evil are in serious conflict.

September 13, 2012) -- Pastors and Christian leaders, please mobilize your congregations this Sunday to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, to pray for the nation of Israel, to pray for those killed and wounded in Libya and Egypt, and for the Father to let this cup of war pass. Please ask your people to pray for peace, while also realizing that sometimes God allows war. And if war comes, pray we will all be prepared to care for those who suffer as well as proclaim the good news of God's love in a dark and darkening region.

That was one of the central themes of my opening address at the 2012 Epicenter Conference last night: "Pray for peace, but prepare for war." Some 2,000 people attended and people watched online from all over the world. Here are a couple of excerpts from my opening message. The full text is now posted on my blog. The video is also now available at my blog and at www.epicenterconference.com. I hope you find this helpful. Please share this information with others via Facebook, Twitter, email and texting. And please join us on Friday night at 9pm eastern (7pm in Albuquerque) as the conference continues. Thanks so much.

** "What is the State of the Epicenter in 2012? It pains me to report tonight that*

great darkness is descending on the people of the epicenter. Radical Islamic militants -- both Sunni and Shia -- are rising to power in one country after another. Lawlessness is spreading. Violence against Christians and Jews and Americans is intensifying. The global economic crisis is pushing millions of people in the Mideast further into poverty and causing them to struggle even more to make ends meet. And the evidence suggests the most devastating war in the modern history of the epicenter could be just days or weeks away."

** "Tragically, the Arab Spring has been a catastrophic failure. All hope of the rise of free nations with free elections and free economies and freedom of speech and worship in the near term have been dashed. What's rising instead are dangerous Radical Islamic regimes that will oppress millions of people and foment violence and war."*

** "The new leaders of Libya are Radical Islamists -- members or allies of the Muslim Brotherhood. They are committed to creating an Islamic republic and imposing Sharia law on the people of Libya as part of the Islamic caliphate. They have a deep hatred for Israel and the United States. Yesterday, Islamic militants attacked the American consulate in the city of Benghazi. They murdered U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens. They murdered three other U.S. diplomatic staff. The Libyan government did precious little to defend the lives of Americans."*

** "The new President of Egypt -- Mohammed Morsi -- is a senior leader of the Muslim Brotherhood. He hates Israel, despises the United States, is committed to holy war against all infidels, and has stated clearly he's going to turn Egypt into an Islamic republic under Sharia law. Morsi gave a speech at Cairo University in May: 'The Qur'an is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader, jihad is our path, and death in the name of Allah is our goal.' Last month, Morsi became the first Egyptian leader in a generation to visit Iran and begin rebuilding ties to the radical mullahs in Tehran. Yesterday, some 2,000 radical Muslim militants stormed the U.S. embassy grounds, tore down the American flag, raised the flag of Islam. The*

Egyptian security forces did precious little to stop them. This is a country to which the U.S. provides \$1.5 billion in foreign aid annually."

** "At the same time, amidst this darkness, there is hope. The Lord God is still on His throne. Still sovereign. Always a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God, a wonder-working God. That's why we have hope. We saw two big answers to prayer this year. For one, Gilad Shalit came home. Shalit is the Israeli soldier kidnapped by Hamas On June 25, 2006. But God heard the prayers of His people. He showed mercy to Gilad and his family. He was released on October 18, 2011 after 1,940 days in captivity."*

"Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani was also released from an Iranian prison. Nadarkhani is an Iranian Muslim convert to Christianity. He faced a death sentence in Iran on charges of apostasy. But God heard the prayers of His people. He showed mercy to Pastor Youcef and his family. Youcef was acquitted on the apostasy charges. He was found guilty of sharing the Gospel with Muslims and sentenced to three years in prison. But was released in the last few days, having already served his time. Many of you prayed for these men. Thank you. Please keep praying for them."

** "Let us consider the words of Ezekiel 33:1-6. "And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, "If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people, then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a*

person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand."''

**** "Two important questions emerge from this passage: 1. Will you and I be watchmen on the wall able and willing to see the threats rising, or will we turn a blind eye? And 2. In light of such rising threats, will you and I act with love and honor and compassion and courage, or will we keep silent?"***

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