

JAMES CHAPTER 5



PROMISES, PATIENCE, PRAYER AND PERSEVERENCE

Randy Broberg

Maranatha Mens Ministry

May 19, 2015

\$10-Billion Jury Verdict Against Texaco Upheld

December 11, 1985; Los Angeles Times

- HOUSTON — A Texas state judge Tuesday upheld the biggest award of damages in U.S. history-- the \$10.53 billion that a jury last month ordered Texaco to pay Pennzoil for improperly luring Getty Oil out of a merger deal.
- Judge Solomon Casseb Jr., who came out of retirement to take over the case from an ailing jurist, granted Pennzoil the full \$7.53 billion in actual damages it had sought, plus \$3 billion in punitive damages and interest.
- Altogether, the nation's third-largest oil producer was ordered to pay \$11.12 billion. That far exceeds the largest previous damage award of \$1.8 billion, which a jury granted in 1980 to MCI Communications from American Telephone & Telegraph. An appeals court later threw out the award and ordered a new trial.
- Apparently acting to diminish Texaco's threat to file for bankruptcy court protection to keep Pennzoil from seizing its assets immediately, Casseb also delayed for up to 105 days a Texas legal requirement that the giant company post a \$12-billion bond while the case is appealed.

A close-up portrait of a man wearing a light-colored cowboy hat. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the left. The word "MOTIVATION" is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the bottom left of the image. The background is plain white.

MOTIVATION

WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR

WHEN WE FINISH THE RACE

- **Matthew 25:23**
- His master said to him,
- **‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’**

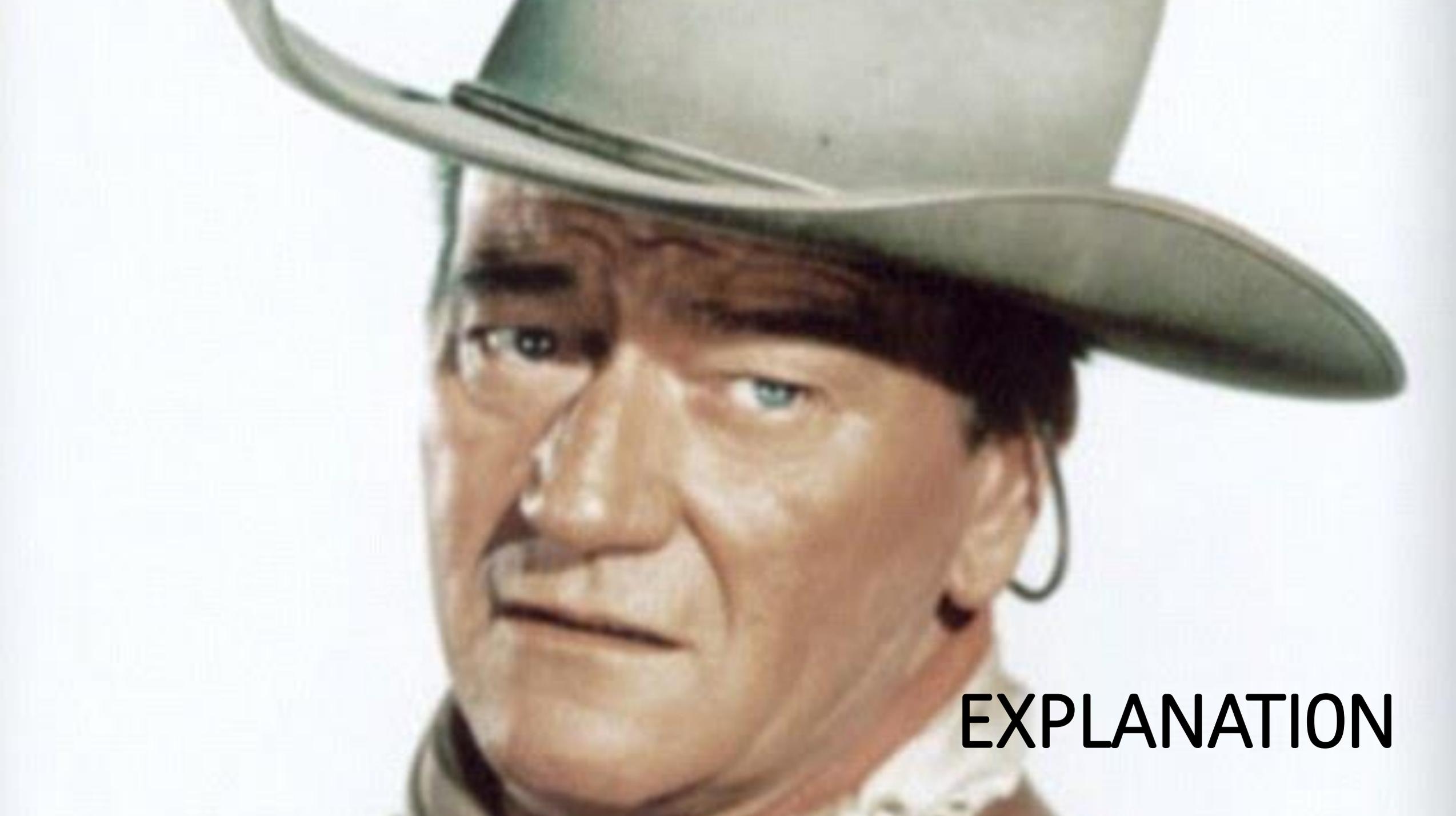
PROMISE KEEPERS!

WE ARE STEWARDS, BUT ARE WE FAITHFUL?

- 1 Corinthians 4:2
- **Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.**
- 1 Corinthians 4:17
- That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and **faithful child in the Lord**
- Colossians 1:7
- just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. **He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf**
- Colossians 4:7
- Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother **and faithful minister** and fellow servant in the Lord

BEING FAITHFUL..THE JOB OF A *FIDUCIARY*

- “FAITHFUL” is the Greek word “PISTOIS”.
- It does not mean “full of faith”.
- “God is faithful.” **1 Corinthians 1:9 AND 10:1**
- It means TRUSTWORTHY, RELIABLE, RESPONSIBLE
- A man who is trustworthy
 - tells the truth
 - keeps his word
 - When he can't keep his word, looks for consent, not excuses.



EXPLANATION

PROMISES:

BREAK YOUR WORD AND THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES

- 5:1 Come now, you rich! Weep and cry aloud over the miseries that are coming on you.
- 5:2 Your riches have rotted and your clothing has become moth-eaten.
- 5:3 Your gold and silver have rusted and their rust will be a witness against you. It will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have hoarded treasure!
- 5:4 Look, the pay you have held back from the workers who mowed your fields cries out against you, and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.
- 5:5 You have lived indulgently and luxuriously on the earth. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.
- 5:6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person, although he does not resist you.

KEEPING YOUR WORD....

The Law of Reaping and Sowing

- **Galatians 6:7**
- Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also **reap**.
- TWO APPLICATIONS
- 1. DON'T THINK YOU WILL REAP SOMETHING OTHER THAN WHAT YOU SOWED.
- 2. IF YOU'VE BEEN BUSY SOWING A LOT, EXPECT YOU'LL HAVE TO REAP A LOT.

PATIENCE:

BECAUSE GOD KEEPS HIS WORD

- **5:7 So be patient**, brothers and sisters, **until the Lord's coming**. Think of how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the ground and is patient for it until it receives the early and late rains.
- **5:8** You also **be patient** and strengthen your hearts, **for the Lord's coming is near**.
- **5:9** Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged. **See, the judge stands before the gates!**
- **5:10** As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord's name.
- **5:11** Think of how we regard as blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's endurance and you have seen the Lord's purpose, *that the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

God is a Promise Keeper, so should you be

- 2 Peter 3: 8-9
- But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

PROMISES:

A MAN'S WORD IS HIS BOND

- **5:12** And above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath. But let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall into judgment.

- **MEAN WHAT YOU SAY AND SAY WHAT YOU MEAN.**

PRAYER:

TRUST GOD TO ANSWER YOUR PRAYERS

- **5:13** Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praises.
- **5:14** Is anyone among you ill? He should summon the elders of the church, and they should pray for him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.
- **5:15** **And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick and the Lord will raise him up—and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.**
- **5:16** So confess your sins to one another and **pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great effectiveness.**
- **5:17** Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain and there was no rain on the land for three years and six months!
- **5:18** Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land sprouted with a harvest.

PERSERVERANCE:

TRUST EACH OTHER TO COVER OUR BACKS.

- **5:19** My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone turns him back,
- **5:20** he should know that the one who turns a sinner back from his wandering path will save that person's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
-

Get each others' backs.

- Galatians 6:1-2
- Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

WE'RE PARTNERS AFTER ALL

- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.
- ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!
- ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?
- ¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken



APPLICATION

FAITHFUL HUSBAND AND FATHER

YOU CAN'T OBTAIN BALANCE, NOR SHOULD YOU

- PUSH WILL CERTAINLY COME TO SHOVE.
- Do you really think you can balance wife and kids vs. job?
- When you renege, you don't just break your word, you tell the other party that they are not as important.
- What exactly is being balanced, anyway?
- Your time?
- Quality time?
- Face to face time?
- Family time?

FAITHFUL HUSBAND AND FATHER

WHAT YOU NEED ARE PRIORITIES AND COMMITMENTS.

- Make commitments consistent with your priorities.
- Keep your commitments.
- If you can't keep your commitments, then get permission to reschedule.
- Once the commitments are made, you can't use priorities to wiggle out of them.
- God's priorities are not in conflict with each other. God wants you to be a good husband, father, church servant and employee or business owner.

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

