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(0:04) What if history isn't just a dusty collection of dates and events, but a living story? (0:11) One with a purpose, a plot, and a divine author. (0:15) That's the question Dr. Del Tackett poses in tour six of the Truth Project, titled (0:22) History, Whose Story? (0:24) As we watch this session, we couldn't help but feel a shift in how we see the past. (0:32) Not as a random scramble of human triumphs and failures, (0:36) but as his story, God's unfolding narrative, where every chapter shapes who we are today.

(0:45) Tackett starts with a word that stuck with us, (0:49) remember. (0:50) It's a command woven through scripture, like in Joshua 4, (0:55) where God tells the Israelites to stack twelve stones after crossing the Jordan, a (1:01) tangible reminder of his deliverance. Or Deuteronomy 8, where forgetting God's provision is a (1:09) one-way ticket to spiritual ruin.

(1:11) Remember isn't just nostalgia. (1:15) It's a call to anchor ourselves in truth. But here's the kicker.

(1:20) What happens when that anchor gets yanked away? (1:24) History, as God's stage and our compass. (1:30) Tackett frames history as the fourth pillar in his temple of truth, (1:34) connecting philosophy, ethics, science, and now history under a biblical worldview. (1:42) He leans on verses like Isaiah 46, 9 through 11, where God declares the end from the beginning.

(1:51) And Genesis 4, 4 through 5, where Christ arrives in the fullness of time. (1:58) History isn't chaos. It's choreography, (2:01) directed by God.

(2:03) But Tackett takes it further with a principle that hit us like a ton of bricks. (2:08) What you believe in the present is determined by the past. In other words, (2:14) the story we accept about yesterday (2:17) shapes how we see everything today.

Our values, our identity, our reality. (2:25) The pilgrims signing the Mayflower Compact in 1620 (2:31) didn't just stumble into America. They came for the glory of God and (2:37) advancement of the Christian faith.

(2:39) That's their own words. (2:41) Knowing that changes how we view their legacy. (2:46) Not as mere settlers, but as people on a mission rooted in faith.

(2:51) History, Tackett says, is our compass. Lose it, and we're adrift. (3:00) The revisionist trap.

This is where Tackett drops another bombshell. (3:06) If I can change your historical context, I can change the way you view the present. (3:11) It's called revisionism, and it's a game changer.

(3:15) He traces it back to Genesis 3, where the serpents to God actually say (3:21) so's doubt. And Matthew 28, where priests bribe soldiers to lie about Jesus' resurrection. (3:29) These aren't just old stories.

They're warnings. (3:33) Control the past, and you control the mind. (3:37) Take the Mayflower Compact again.

(3:41) Modern retellings often cast it as a proto-democracy movement, (3:46) sidelining its God-centered purpose. (3:49) Or consider the resurrection witnessed by hundreds, yet dismissed as myth by skeptics spinning their own tale. (3:57) When we rewrite history, Tackett argues, (4:01) we don't just lose facts, we lose meaning.

If I convince you the pilgrims were just chasing freedom, (4:10) not God, I've shifted your lens on faith in America today. (4:15) If I erase the resurrection, I've undercut the hope you carry now. It's subtle, (4:21) but it's power.

(4:23) So why should this hit home in (4:26) 2025? (4:27) Because we're swimming in a culture that's allergic to memory. (4:32) Social media thrives on the now. (4:35) Yesterday's irrelevant.

(4:37) But Tackett insists history isn't a buffet we pick from. (4:41) It's a map showing where God's been and where he's taking us. (4:46) What we believe about the past, whether it's God's hand or a human chance, (4:51) decides what we trust today.

And when revisionists tweak that map, (4:57) they're not just messing with facts. They're steering our whole worldview. (5:04) We walked away from tour six asking, (5:08) What am I believing? Am I swallowing revised versions of my own story, my nation's story, or God's story? (5:18) Tackett doesn't just lecture.

He hands you a lens to see history as a gift. (5:23) One that reveals God's character, roots your present, and calls you to trust him with the future. (5:31) History is a battleground of truth.

And what we remember, or let others rewrite, (5:37) shapes everything.