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Are You Trapped?

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. Philippians 4:11

Charles Swindoll wrote about these men who bring in animals from Africa for American zoos. They say that one of the hardest animals to catch there is the ring-tailed monkey. For the Zulus of that continent, however, it's simple. They've been catching this agile little animal with ease for years. The method the Zulus use is based on knowledge of the animal. Their trap is nothing more than a melon growing on a vine. The seeds of this melon are a favorite of the monkey. Knowing this, the Zulus simply cut a hole in the melon, just large enough for the monkey to insert his hand to reach the seeds inside. The monkey will stick his hand in, grab as many seeds as he can, then start to withdraw it. This he cannot do. His fist is now larger than the hole. The monkey will pull and tug, screech and fight the melon for hours. But he can't get free of the trap unless he gives up the seeds, which he refuses to do. Meanwhile, the Zulus sneak up and nab him. There's a pretty clear moral to this story, wouldn't you say? If we really want to be free, we must let go of the things we love. The more we hold on to our earthly possessions, the more frustrated we will get and eventually, we will be entrapped. Let's let go of the worldly things we've been holding on to. God has much greater things for us to be doing than sitting here with our fists in a melon!

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The Blessings Of Spring

There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.

With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight!

Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

King James Version

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

Author Deborah Ann Belka



Church of the Covered Dish

BY THOM TAPP



"Good news pastor, the Grumblestones have agreed not to file suit if you promise not to preach against sin anymore."



Cousin Leroy

Advice from Cousin Leroy...

- ~ Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- ~ Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- ~ Live a good, righteous life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
 - ~ Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- ~ If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- ~ Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- ~ The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
 - ~ Always drink upstream from the herd.
 - ~ Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- ~ If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- ~ A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
 - ~ Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- ~ Forgive your enemies; it's the right thing to do and it messes with their heads.

Dr. Young & Dr. Geezer

An old geezer who was a retired farmer for a long time became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put up a sign outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, and if not cured, get back \$1,000!" Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he visited Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I've lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh !! -- This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I've lost my memory, I can't remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't, that's gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back! That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after losing \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so here's your \$1000 back," and handed him a \$10 bill.

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."



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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

The Reality of Hell

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments...Luke 16:23a

A few nights ago while working at my desk I had the news on and in one of the commercials a man made this statement "I would die and go to hell first before I would sell an annuity". When I heard this statement it broke my heart and grieved my spirit. Clearly this man had no idea what he was saying. I wish what I heard was something rare but sadly it is not. People use the word as a slang (curse) word, they tell jokes about hell...worse than that people tell other people to go to hell...sometimes jokingly and sometimes in the heat of anger. The truth is that anyone who uses Hell in this fashion has absolutely no idea of the reality and the horrors of an eternity in Hell. It is a place where the worm dieth not! It is a place where the fire is never quenched! It is a place where there is weeping and gnashing or teeth! It is the place of eternal separation from God...a place of darkness and torment where there is no rest! It breaks my heart to say it but most preachers and church members do not know this either. If they did we would see a greater burden for the lost! If they did there would be more time spent at our altars crying out to God on behalf of all of those who are going to this terrible place! If they did those of us preaching the truth would not have to beg for enough of an offering to keep the lights on and to fund the things that we do in order to reach the lost with the ONLY message that saves! And that is the message of the finished work or the cross...JESUS CHRIST and his shed blood. Whether its popular or not there is still a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun! There is only one way to make Heaven your eternal home and be assured that the flames of Hell will never touch your soul and that is to put your faith in Jesus Christ as your LORD and Saviour! To turn to Him and trust AND depend upon and ONLY upon the fact that He took our place on the cross and paid the price of "death" for our sins so that through faith in Him and what He has done we can rest in Him knowing that Heaven is our eternal home once we leave this old world! The lost need to be told this because this is their ONLY hope and Hell is where they will spend eternity if they do not get saved. The church needs to be told this for the same reason because this is where the lost will spend eternity if they do not get saved! Regrettably while the lost by the untold millions go to hell the church of today stumbles around in a drunken stupor wrapped up in foolish fables and useless activities! Shame on the preacher who will not preach on the reality of hell!!! If your not going to preach the truth do yourself and the world a favor and turn in your resignation and go do something else. Shame on the Christian who has no burden for souls, who is more interested in spending their money on entertainment and the things of the world than they are in giving to the LORD so that HIS Gospel can be preached! The "power of positive thinking" had never saved a soul...the "word of faith" name it and claim it, grab it and nab it, speak it into existence teaching HAS NEVER saved a soul! ONLY preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified heals the broken hearted, sets the captive free and saves the soul from hell!!! I have heard preachers and church members alike say they "didn't want to offend" anyone by telling them about hell...trust me when I tell you that there is not a single soul in hell today that takes any comfort from the fact that you did not "offend" them in this life by not telling them the truth. It is the charge...the commission...the responsibility of the church to preach the Gospel! To preach of the promise of Heaven to all who will put their faith in Jesus Christ and to warn of the fires of hell for all who reject Him! I want to finish by sharing something with you that Bro. Jimmy Swaggart told once in one of his sermons. He told of a preacher friend of his who had a dream about hell. He said that in the dream the preacher saw the fires of hell and the untold number of souls that were there. He said that he noticed one man who was walking through the flames. As he walked he would lift someone up, look at them and then put them down. And he did this over and over. The preacher said he asked the tormented man what he was doing and his reply was this..."I am looking for the preacher who told me I was alright!" Oh LORD stir our hearts and souls with a burden for the lost like we have never had. I know that none of us can reach everyone BUT all of us can reach someone! All of us can pray...all of us can stand in the gap and cry out to the LORD that somehow someway the lost will be reached before it is eternally too late. All of us can give to the work of the LORD so that ministries like this one can reach as many people as we can while we still have the time and the freedom to preach the Gospel. Charles Spurgeon once spoke these words and I pray that we all take them to heart today and forever keep them in mind..."If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for." Until next time, Pastor Billy R. Douglas

**“The Old Paths” conclusion**

By Evangelist Mike Heltsley

Jeremiah 6:16 - Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

The three Hebrew men stood in the Old Paths when Nebuchadnezzar threatened to put them in the fiery furnace. Daniel 3:16-18 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Shammah stood in the Old Paths. 2nd Samuel 23:11-12 - And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory. This list could go on and on but I am going to limit it to these three accounts. If you stand for something, then you will fall for anything. In these days we need to stand for the Bible. Of course, I mean a King James Bible for those who speak English. We need to stand for the Blood. We need to stand for the Blessed hope that awaits us. I cannot believe the folks that have gone astray on the Rapture. B. We are told to ask for the old paths. Our children need to be taught to ask for the Old Paths. They are going to suffer from the lack of plain preaching if they are not taught to ask for the Old Path. We are living more and more in what Brother Amos warned us would come. Amos 8:11 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD C. We are told to walk in the Old Paths. It is the path that our Savior trod. 1st Peter 2:21 - For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Too long people who call themselves Christians have been talking the walk and not walking the talk. It means walking in the Lord. In the book of Ephesians we see seven different walks. We have our past walk that we followed the devil and his crowd. We have our present walk in which we are His workmanship. We have a privileged walk in that we are in the vocation of the high calling of the ministry. We must have a pride less walk. We must never walk in the vanity ways of the world. We have priceless walk in that we are walking in love. We have preventable walk in that we are walking in the light of the Word of God. All this leads us to the prudent walk. We are careful in all that we do. IV. THE REWARDS OF THE OLD PATHS First of all, we know that we are going to arrive at the right destination. The destination that we going to is heaven and the Lord Jesus has not failed to get any of His children to their destination. We are assured that Old Path that we can surely end up into His presence. Secondly, we can travel in safety knowing that the Lord is guarding our way. Not only will we end up where we want to be, but also we will get there in the safest, most peaceful manner possible. It is the absent- present principle. 2nd Corinthians 5:6-8 - Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Thirdly we can know that while we are on the Lord's path, the deepest needs of our soul will be met! Only Jesus knows that deepest need. He knows how to satisfy and met it. Fourthly, there will be fellowship with Him and joy in His presence at the end of the way! "What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see and I look upon His face, the One that saved me by His grace; When He takes me by the hand and leads me through the Promised Land, What a day, glorious day that will be!" V. THE RUINATION THAT COMES FROM DEPARTING FROM THE OLD PATHS Our Text tells us that some decided that they would not walk in the Lord's will and in the Lord's path. The results of their choice are chastisement and destruction. We are living in a day when many are refusing to walk in the old paths. Either the old way is too narrow, or they feel that God just doesn't know that what He is talking about. I never consider it an insult that I am narrow minded. That is the old path. Yet no matter what the world does, let us, the people of the Lord stand tall in the old way. Let us be unashamed of who we are. Let us hold our heads high and walk in the way God has ordained without apology and without backing down. Let us be everything the Lord commanded us to be in His Word. 1st Corinthians 15:58 - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. Conclusion: No, the old way isn't the popular way! It is being abandoned daily by people who have decided that new is better. They are leaving the Bible, the old songs of the faith, old-fashioned worship, praising the Lord and preaching. Seeker services are replacing old time worship of the Lord. Yet, God has not changed. Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Malachi 3:6 - For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. I can find no room to change myself. I'll ask for the old paths...The question is: how about you? The enemy is changing the signs, but the Lord will know the way. Let's ask Him and He will lead directly to the Old Paths.



The Comfort of the Lamb

Pastor Steven Huston

The other night my 14 year-old daughter was unable to sleep. As is often the case when she can't sleep, she came downstairs, sat on the couch with her Bible to read and pray. Below are some thoughts that the Spirit impressed upon her. She wrote them down, laid them on my desk, and asked me to let her know if her thinking was correct. Here are those thoughts: In Psalms 23:2 we read, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." Now read with me Revelation 7:17 "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Sarah's thoughts: "Isn't it just so comforting. I mean if you are in Jesus Christ from the beginning to the end and even at the end he's going to feed you, give you living water, and wipe away every tear." Dad's continuing comments: I agree with my daughter; I can't imagine a more comforting thought for the living or for the dying—for those who are IN Christ. To know that—Jesus as my Shepherd—meets my every need while here on earth, is truly a blessed comfort. He provides food, shelter, drink and many of our other "needs." By His almighty, sovereign Hand, He can send the ravens with food as He did for Elijah or He can bring water from a Rock like He did for Israel. Often it's in less miraculous, although no less abundant, ways. Then there are times when He allows us to experience need, so that He might remind us that He's ALL that we need. There are yet other times when He sends angels to attend to us...what a blessed, faithful and Good Shepherd He is. Jesus is such a comfort for our hurts. He's a Father to the fatherless; He is enough. He calls us to cast all our cares upon Him for He cares for us. Whether sad, scared, or lonely, we only have to turn to Him and nestle in His loving arms. Yes, He is our shepherd and we shall not want. As we keep our eyes upon Jesus, let us continue to trust in His sovereignty and goodness. Let us remember that where He leads is best for us and He has a way of working all things out for good. Friends, what a blessing and comfort that Jesus not only meets our needs while on earth but also for eternity. Our Shepherd is also the Lamb that was slain for our sin. He was not only slain in humility but raised up and highly exalted. He now and forever shall be in the midst of the throne. Oh blessed thought! And although highly exalted, he continues to provide for His own in eternity. When we step through that doorway of death, it is neither need nor condemnation that awaits us, for our Good Shepherd continues to provide all that we need. The Lamb shall feed us and lead us to the continual flowing fountain of living water. Jesus will—even in eternity—be a comfort to us, wiping away every tear. O glorious thought! As we endure the great trials of this life; as we are persecuted for godliness and walking in faithful holiness; as we stand fast—being overcomers; we should keep our focus on the Everlasting Lamb of God and the comfort He is and ever will be. This being the case, "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." (Hebrews 12:1-3)

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Cliff Hanging

Deborah MacQuarrie

Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. Psalms 118:13-14

When you're out on the edge of the cliff, what do you grab hold of? Or who do you grab hold of? Some of us grab for those closest to us, expecting them to somehow have the power (and the desire) to change our circumstances. Some of us dig in deeper, drawing upon our own strength to keep from falling over the edge. Some of us grab hold of anything that relieves our feelings of being out of control...some reach for the bottle or the pills or the wallet or physical activity...anything to get our minds off the situation. A Prayer of Thanksgiving: O Lord how many times have I been on the cliff-edge? It seems like I specialize on cliff-edges. But, You always (never fail!) grab me and hold me. For You truly are the strength of my life. You are the song in my heart, the joy of my life. And You are my salvation. You have imparted Your grace which will sustain me for the rest of my life. Your hand, Your strong right hand, has turned the tide in my life! Father, thank You for all that You are! Amen



REESIE'S RECIPES

Creamy Baked Spaghetti

- 1 pound spaghetti noodles, cooked and drained
- 1 pound ground beef, browned and drained
- 1 24 ounce jar spaghetti sauce
- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter the bottom and sides of a 9x13 baking dish. In a medium bowl, mix together the cooked beef and spaghetti sauce. In a medium bowl, beat together the cream cheese, sour cream, and cottage cheese until smooth, creamy, and well combined. Salt and pepper to taste. Place half of the cooked spaghetti in the bottom of the baking dish. Dollop half of the cream cheese mixture over the spaghetti as evenly as possible. Spread with half of the meat mixture. Repeat the layers once and top with cheddar cheese. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Meatloaf

- 1½ lbs ground beef
- ¾ cup quick oatmeal
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 egg
- ½ cup onion, finely
- 1¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- ⅓ cup ketchup
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp mustard

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine ground beef, oatmeal, milk, egg, onion, salt and pepper in a medium sized mixing bowl. Using your hand, mix everything into the meat. Transfer meat into a large loaf pan and press it down evenly into the pan. Mix ketchup, brown sugar, and mustard in a small bowl. Pour over meatloaf. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Remove from oven and drain off excess grease. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

7 Up Biscuits

- 4 cups Bisquick
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup 7-up
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Mix bisquick, sour cream and 7 up. melt butter in pan, and put shaped biscuits in. Bake at 425 until golden.

Preacher Cake

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped pecans or walnuts, divided
- 1 cup flaked coconut (optional)

Sift together flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; set aside. Combine sugar, eggs, oil and vanilla and mix on medium-low speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Slowly mix in flour mixture until just combined. Add pineapple (undrained), 1 cup chopped pecans and coconut and continue mixing on medium-low speed until all ingredients are thoroughly combined (about 1 minute). Spray a 13x9 baking pan with cooking spray. Pour cake batter into pan and bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until cake is set in the center and a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool cake completely in pan then the frost with Cream Cheese Frosting. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup chopped pecans over cake.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted

Whip cream cheese, butter and vanilla with an electric mixer until fluffy (about 2 minutes). Beat in powdered sugar (add more if necessary to reach desired consistency – if your kitchen's hot, you might need more because the butter will be softer). Makes enough to top one 13x9 cake – double recipe if using on a layered cake.



LORD Give Me Courage

Sister Betty Jean Robinson

Well, Praise the Lord! Spring is on its way. Don't you love spring? I do. We've had some good things happen this past year in our nation which have been an encouragement to God's people. Yet our nation is totally divided between light and darkness. Oh how we need a Holy Ghost revival. I'm believing this is going to happen. Lord, send down the rain, send down the latter rain! Last year was a trying time for me. But God has brought me through. I thank the Lord, He has walked me through it. And I thank you all for your prayers. When you're dealing with your health, the enemy will say "You'll never sing again," or he will try to come and steal your courage or your joy. The enemy tried to tell me I should quit. But just in a few days I will be going out again in ministry. I look forward to what God will do in the upcoming services. Don't let the enemy steal your joy. Hold on to your song, and keep singing it to the Lord. I found this little poem. I hope it will bless you:

Lord Give Me Courage

I saw a little bird today
Twas sitting on a wire,
The air was cold and frosty,
And one longed for the fire.
The little bird stretched wide his beak,
And melody flowed out;
He didn't seem to mind the cold,
Just sang and looked about.
From out his feathered throat,
there came A song of pure delight.
The wind blew hard, the snow swirled by,
He sang with all his might.
I bowed my head and said,
"Dear Lord, Make me like that small bird.
When things are cold and drear,
oh Lord, Please make my song be heard."
If I can sing when harsh winds blow,
And things are drear and cold,
I'll be of help to kindred hearts
Who've almost lost their hold.
Lord give me courage to sing out,
Though skies above seem gray
And may I, like the little bird,
Help make a happy day. -Wagoner

God Bless you. Keep on singing,

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And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15



The Vessel

(Author Unknown)

"The Master was picking a vessel to use;
On His shelves there were many - which one would He choose?

"Take me," cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright,
I am of great value; I do things just right.
My beauty and luster will outshine the rest.
For someone like You, Master, gold would be best!"

The Master passed on, with no word at all;
He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;
"I'll serve You, dear Master. I'll pour out Your wine.
I'll be at Your table whenever You dine.
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
The silver I'm made of will compliment You."

Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
It was wide-mouthed and shallow and polished like glass.
"Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do,
Place me on Your table for all men to view."

Then the Master looked down, saw a vessel of clay.
It was empty and broken where it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel the Master might choose,
To cleanse it, to fill it, make it whole, fit for use.

"Ah!" said the Master, "This vessel I choose.
I will mend it and fill it and put it to use.
I need not the vessel with pride in its self;
Nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf;
Nor the one who is big-mouthed and shallow and loud;
Nor one who displays his contents so proud;
Nor the one who thinks he can do all things just right;
But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might.

He then gently lifted the vessel of clay,
To mend it and cleanse it, He filled it that day.
He spoke to it kindly, "There's work you must do,
Just pour out to others as I pour into you."

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- 07- That's All That Matters To Me
- 08- I Want To Know God
- 09- Break A Rose For Me
- 10- It's Time
- 11- The Big Hand Of God
- 12- There's No One I'd Rather Give Him To
- 13- Do You Know Who I Am?
- 14- The Beggar and The King
- 15- Drinking From My Saucer
- 16- Would You Pray Me Home
- 17- Jesus Take A Hold
- 18- Amen Again
- 19- It's Not The First Time
- 20- Don't Tell Momma

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A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

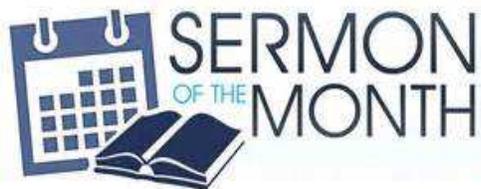
Additional passages for Today: Mark 12:30; Luke 16:13

Thought for Today: Friendship with the world is to be the enemy of God! If you desire to fit in with those in this world you are choosing to be the enemy of God. Look to desire your heavenly home and the comforts there, more than the temporary pleasures you may find in this world.

Story for Today: Joanna and Penny sat giggling on Penny's bed as they looked through the teen magazine again. It was just a silly quiz but without realizing it, they had started to change their way of thinking. What would Max think if they wore this? Or what would Sam say if they sent that in a text? Joanna and Penny may have just turned 13 but, the world around them was more than ready to sink her hooks into their heart, hoping for a life long friend. Joanna was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley, life long members of the church, both served on church boards and taught Sunday School classes. She and Penny had become fast friends 3 years ago when Penny's dad accepted the pastorate for he and his family. Pastor Sands was in his 11th year as a Pastor and being a preachers kid or PK was the only life that Penny could remember. The hardest part about being a PK wasn't being in the spotlight, Penny kind of liked that. It wasn't having so many "look out for her" as they told her parents about the things that she did that wasn't quite fitting for a "pastor's" kid. It wasn't even that her Dad was often too busy to attend her events or just play with her; Although, that was hard. The hardest thing that Penny dealt with was never knowing what tomorrow would bring. Would they be moving on as they had the last couple of churches that she could remember? Would she lose contact with her friends? Would she have to be the new girl in another school and meet a whole new church family that would deem what she could and couldn't do? Penny was tired of losing contact. Joanna was her closest friend yet and she had just started getting interested in boys and really dreaded the vote that would be coming in the spring. Penny and Joanna often had sleep overs with each other and would plan what they would do when they were on their own. Both girls were kind hearted, and would do anything to help others. But, both were being drawn into a culture that was teaching them to become more selfish each and every day. The girls made up lists of what movies they would see, places they would go and clipped out pictures from magazines of outfits they would own someday. The girls weren't normally difficult and mostly read their Bible and memorized their verses. But, their hearts weren't into that as much as it once had been and it seemed the older they got, the more they neglected the things of God. It wasn't long before both girls were old enough to get summer jobs and they immediately started fulfilling some of their dreams. The library also provided the young girls with media that they would sneak in when the busy parents were unaware. And it wasn't long before the life they lived with friends was not the life that those in church would have recognized. They didn't do the REALLY bad stuff. They still claimed to be Christians. They still sang special music at church and even helped with the Vacation Bible Schools in the summer. But, the world was their friend. Their lack of trust in God for "tomorrow" revealed a heart that belonged to the world. Would they continue to make God their enemy or would something happen to open their eyes and draw them back from the ever tightening clutch the world had on them?

Questions for Today: Who is your friend? Do you take pleasure in the things our society has to offer? If a stranger met you for the first time; would they recognize you as a friend of God or do you fit so well in our world that they would not realize that you don't belong? How do you spend your time?

Take some time today to pray: Heavenly Father, Thank you for teaching us how to love you and how to be your friend. Please open our eyes to see the ways we are embracing the culture and this world. Please give us strength to stand against those things and deliver us from the clutches of worldly things. Please open our eyes to see any way that we are being deceived and deliver us. In Jesus' Name, Amen



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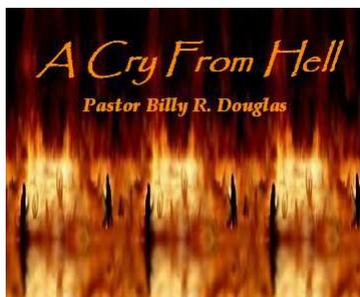
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