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My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, to Him I belong;
He's ever here with me, I'm never alone;
He holds fast my hands in the valleys so low.
My shepherd loves me and I, too, love Him so.

The Lord is my shepherd and He loves me too,
Through all the dark valleys He leadeth me through;
To springs of still waters He safely shall guide,
I've nothing to fear with Him by my side.

The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.
The times when I'm weak, my shepherd is strong.
He'll not let me down nor once leave my side;
My shepherd is near and on Him I rely.

The Lord is my shepherd, He leadeth the way.
His mercy and grace close by me will stay.
From His watchful care, I never will stray;
I'll be His forever for all of my days.

The Lord is my shepherd and He loves me too,
Through all the dark valleys He leadeth me through;
By springs of still waters He maketh me lie,
I've nothing to fear with Him by my side.

Written by Loyd C. Taylor

The Good Shepherd

George Whitten

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:10-11

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
1 Peter 5:4

Joseph, the son of Jacob grew up caring for flocks, a shepherd boy, (Genesis 37:2). While we might have a romantic view of an easy pastoral life among sheep and goats, the main responsibility of a shepherd was to protect the flock against hungry predators (wolves, lions, etc.) looking for an easy meal, actually quite a dangerous job. The shepherd loved his sheep; and Joseph was a good shepherd. Jesus the "Suffering Servant" the Messiah was illustrated in the life of Joseph. Jesus came as the good shepherd to protect His flock against the enemy whose sole purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. Our Shepherd was ready to give His life to protect us. And He is still watching over us – He gave His lifeblood to protect us because He loves us and we are incalculably precious to Him, each one. Do you know how precious and loved you are? How the Son of God exposed Himself to the ultimate danger because of His incalculable love for you? How He protects you from unseen danger every day of your life? We can rest in His protective love, no matter what happens, especially because where we're going, there will never be danger again. www.worthydevotions.com

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Eli, you should KNOW better than joking like that... they really BELIEVE you when you say you'd preach for nothing if you had to!



Cousin Leroy

Leroy was delighted when his little 4-year-old daughter Gert climbed up onto his knee and said, "Pappy, you're handsome." Ole Leroy smiled from ear to ear showing what teeth he had left with pride. But his grin quickly faded when she added, "and I'm Gretel."

Bubba's Tumble

Bubba had been working on the construction sight for about a week. One day he slipped and tumbled from a scaffold, he went head over heels but managed to break his fall by grabbing on to parts of the scaffold on the way down. He received only minor scratches.

Embarrassed by the fall, he climbed back up to continue working. Then he noticed his co-workers holding up hastily-made signs reading, 9.6, 9.8, and 9.4.

Ways To Make A Bad Blind Date End Early Without Hurting Anyones Feelings!

Wipe your nose on your date's sleeve. Twice.

Stand up every five minutes, circle your table with your arms outstretched, and make airplane sounds.

Order a bucket of lard.

Without asking, eat off of your date's plate. Eat more from their plate than they do.

Ask the people at the neighboring table for food from their plates.

Ask for a bucket. Explain that you frequently get ill.

The Math Problem

The teacher asked Johnnie, "Johnnie if I gave you two rabbits and then two more rabbits and then two more rabbits, how many would you have?" Johnnie replied, "Seven rabbits, Teacher." The teacher asked again, "Listen Johnnie, If I gave you two rabbits, plus two more rabbits, plus two more rabbits... How many rabbits would you have altogether?" Johnnie smiled, "That's easy, Teacher, I would have seven." "Ok Johnnie," the teacher said. "Let's try it a different way. If I gave you two cans of pop, plus two more cans of pop, plus two more cans of pop. How many cans of pop would you have?" "Six cans." Johnnie said. "OK," said the teacher. "Now think of that with this question. If I gave you two rabbits, then two more rabbits, then two more rabbits how many would you have?" "Seven, Teacher." Johnnie said. "Why seven?" the teacher asked, exasperated. Johnnie replied, "Because I already have one rabbit at home!"

Take Care of Those Burglars

Public Service Announcement - The following are a few simple ways to keep burglars out of the house by putting a few signs in strategic locations.

- Dear Mr. Butcher, starting tomorrow, please leave eight pounds of meat for Brutus. Six pounds only makes him angry and vicious!

- Dear Mr. Mailman, we found bloodstains all over our mail. They must be yours. The next time you put mail into our slot, please be sure to keep all parts of your body well clear of all openings. P.S. - Any sign of that book we sent for, "The Care and Feeding of Wild Jungle Cats"?

- Thelma Lou, don't come in! The boa constrictor got loose again...

- Dear Mr. Exterminator, be very careful when you go inside! The termites have eaten through most of the floorboards and you will fall into the basement where all of those HUGE rats are!



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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

The Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.
2 Corinthians 7:10

While studying for a recent sermon that I preached at Voice of the LORD Tabernacle that bore the same name as this article. I did some research by trying to look up other sermons and articles on the same subject. I was shocked and really left for a loss of words at first by what I found. Out of all the searching that I did I only came across a couple of sermons teaching on the convicting power of the Holy Spirit in the believers life BUT I found countless sermons by pastors and teachers teaching that the Holy Spirit never convicts the believer of sin! I could hardly believe what I was reading and hearing even though by now there is really nothing about the modern day church that should surprise us. I remember while growing up in the Pentecostal movement it was simply a mainstay that most if not all of the Pastors would preach of this work of the Holy Spirit and how that true conviction was a part the believers everyday walk. Yet now in todays seeker friendly diseased ridden church we find very little if any teaching or preaching on the dangers of sin or the fires of hell. We find very few people in the pews who actually have a prayer life or that make the Word of God a part of their everyday life. All of this and more has lead us to what we see today and that is a church world that knows very little about the Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit! That whisper in your spiritual ear that's lets you know when you have missed the mark. That pricking of the heart that lets you know right away that you have messed up and you need to ask for forgiveness! David knew what this was...we find in 2 Samuel 24:10 after David had disobeyed the LORD by numbering the people that the Word of God says this..."And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly." This is a perfect example of the convicting power of the Holy Spirit in David's life. If David had of went to one of the mega church seeker friendly Pastors of today and explained how he felt to them they would have sent him on his way assuring him that all this was that he was feeling was condemnation. How sad it is today that this great work of the Holy Spirit has been expelled from most of our churches and most Christians lives. Is there such thing as condemnation? Absolutely! But the difference between condemnation and conviction is this...**Condemnation** always points out what you have done wrong, tells you what a failure you are but NEVER points you to the solution. **Conviction** while pointing out what you have done wrong will ALWAYS point you to the solution which is repentance! John when writing to believers in 1 John 1:9 wrote these words..."If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Conviction will always lead us to repentance and victory IF we allow it to. I know some might argue over using the word "conviction" so if it sets better with you we could call it "reproof" which means to point out a fault...either way when this is done by the Holy Spirit the intent is to always lead us to repentance and never to condemn. This is one of the ways that the Holy Spirit leads and guides us into all truth! I encourage you that if you do not already receive our sermon of the month on CD that you make it a point to order this months sermon entitled "The Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit" in the sermon we go into much more detail of what this wonderful work of the Holy Spirit is and how needful it is in the life of every believer today! Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you is my prayer, Pastor Billy R. Douglas



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**“Spiritual Reflection”**

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

Psalms 46:10-11 - Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Summary: We can get so busy in our day to day lives that we can forget Who God is and what He would have us to do. We have been so busy as a church – it was wonderful... I would like us to take time to reflect on our Spiritual lives to make sure that everything is ok and still in working order. I. A Time of Stillness – Psalm 46:10-11 Be still, and know that I am God.” We cannot know God if we are rushing here and there with so many things pulling us in so many directions. God, family, church One of Satan’s traps is to get us so busy and involved in activity that we have no time to be still in the presence of God. Sometimes God must force us to be still. We must take time to get to know our Lord, to spend time with Him and listen to His still small voice. 1st Kings 19:11-12 - And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. Maybe the men will understand this. Has anyone been trying to talk to you when there is something on the TV? How can you hear when there is so much noise going on, it is difficult...How then can you expect to hear what God is saying to you if there is so much business (noise) in your life and He is trying to talk to you in that still small voice and you can’t hear Him. Psalm 46:11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. – This is such good news that the psalmist wrote it twice. (Verse 7) Think about it! The Lord of hosts is with us. God almighty is our strength. The mighty Jehovah of all the ranks of angels is our strength. One angel in one night could smite all Sennacherib’s (king of Assyria) host! 2nd Kings 19:35 – And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. All the angels of God are gathered around His throne, they rush to do His bidding, they are sent to minister to those who are the heirs of salvation. But the good news is better than that. The Bible does not say that these hosts are with us but that the Lord of hosts is with us. Is it possible to believe that, with ten thousand times ten thousand angels to occupy His mind, He could be with us? To think that He is with us...with us in a desperate domestic need...with us in a financial bind...with us in our loneliness... with us in our weakness...with us despite our faults and our failings...God is with us! Let’s take time to be still. Take time to know His presence. Take time to feel His presence. Take time to hear His voice... Be Still II. A Time of Waiting Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Often times when we rush or are busy we can become weak. We need to renew our strength – how do we do that? By waiting upon the Lord. We all grow weary physically and spiritually. There are times when we need to have our Spiritual strength renewed. That strength comes when we quietly wait on the Lord in studying His Word and praying. God knows how we feel and how we fear and He is adequate to meet our every need. If we trust ourselves, we will faint and fall, but if we wait on the Lord, we will receive strength. The word “wait” does not mean that we sit around and do nothing. It means “to hope,” to look to God for all that we need. Isaiah 26:3 - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. This involves meditating on His character and His promises, praying and seeking to glorify Him. The word “renew” means “to exchange,” as taking off old clothing and putting on new. We exchange our weakness for His power. As we wait before Him, God enables us to soar when there is a crisis, to run when the challenges are many, and to walk faithfully in the day-by-day demands of life. “I can plod,” said William Carey, the father of modern missions. “That is my only genius. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything.” The journey of a thousand miles starts with one step. The greatest heroes of faith are not always those who seem to be soaring; often it is they who are patiently plodding. As we wait on the Lord, He enables us not only to fly higher and run faster, but also to walk longer. When our strength is renewed, we find that: We can SOAR like the eagle - "...mount up with wings as eagles." We can have STAMINA for the race - "...run and not be weary." We can be STEADY in our walk - "...walk and not faint." III. A Time of Rest Matthew 11:28-30 - Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Steady Wins the Race

Pastor Steven Huston

Although John Wesley was speaking of Methodism in particular, the same can be said for any Biblically orthodox organization. “There are four capital principles, like pillars, that uphold this divinely-ordained movement: Doctrine, experience, practice and discipline. Emphasize doctrine alone, and you make antinomians; emphasize experience alone, and you make fanatics; emphasize practice unduly, and you make Pharisees; but emphasize all of these to the neglect of discipline and it would be like a man who planted a vineyard without a hedge, thereby exposing it as a prey to every wild boar of the forest.” Our Lord Jesus calls us to live holy lives, not just believe in holiness, feel feelings that are holy, or to live outward actions of holiness apart from the sound doctrine, feelings, or discipline of such piety. We are reminded by the Apostle Paul to do all things in moderation (Philippians 4:5 “Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”) In part, that requires us to set our minds on a “wholeness of holiness.” It helps us to put a rein on our zealous natures, thereby controlling our natural instinct to run wild on a trail that leads to our favorite hobby horse or pet doctrine. We are in need of “holy reins”—held by the Holy Spirit—that not only directs us but controls the speed with which we move. There are times to sit still, or to move slowly, and then there are times to drive like Jehu—wildly running headlong into the project God has allowed us to partake in. My dad was a man who stood behind the scenes working faithfully for God. He was loyal and kind; he persevered—being led by the Spirit—to the very end. He believed in a doctrine of holiness, humbly experienced it, it was supernaturally his daily practice, and it worked through his life in a disciplined manner. Having all four of these pillars—that Wesley spoke of—in his life, allowed him to stay stable and on an even keel throughout his life. It allowed him to stay faithful even throughout the most trying times. It helped him to enter the strait gate and navigate the narrow way, allowing him to hear our Saviour say on Saturday, July 22, 2017, “Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” Dad was a man who lived out “the wholeness of holiness.” Jesus was the center of dad’s life and the holiness of Christ flowed into every area of his life, bar none. As I think on dad’s life and especially the last leg of the race that God had set before him (Heb. 12:1), I think of this paragraph taken from the Herald of Holiness (July 31, 1912): “It takes heroism to reach heaven. There must be that determination of heart and life that ‘will live godly’ and that ‘presses toward the goal.’ Times come in the life of a sanctified soul when not only does the current retard our progress, but winds are adverse. At such times it were easier to drift with the stream; but with an inward appeal for divine assistance he who retains his vantage point, must bend to the oar and ‘keep himself in the love of God.’ At such seasons one must keep himself praying, keep himself trusting and keep himself building. Rest assured, the prayer for help will have its answer, and the mighty Keeper will constantly assure you that ‘He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him, against that day.’” Dad served others by the grace of God. He served in the military, in the church, strangers, and he served his family. He was a real hero in the most important sense of the word and by the grace of God, the blood of Jesus, and the power of the Spirit, dad made it home to heaven. You might think that this article is just a grieving son writing about his dad. If so, you’ve missed the point; it’s about you and about me. Reread what was written and remember that we need to have all four pillars to stay stable, to press on walking worthy of our calling, to be a pillar for others to lean on, and to make it to heaven, trusting in the Lord. Read again and learn the importance of sound doctrine AND faithful experience AND daily practice AND dutiful discipline, allowing the world to see your moderation in all things. Dad might would tell you the words of Jude 1:17-25; particularly verses 20-21, “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” And although dad would never say this of himself, I would commend to you—looking at dad—the words of Paul; “Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.” (Philippians 3:17) Brothers and sisters, press on in the light of the Word, the power of the Spirit, and the grace of God. Live a life which exemplifies the “wholeness of holiness,” to the glory of God, the edification of the saints, and the salvation of sinners. Dad has joined that great cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1). He’s cheering you and me on and would love to hear Jesus say to us, “Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7



REESIE'S RECIPES

Rangoon Egg Rolls

- 2 (8 ounce) boxes cream cheese
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 3 green onions chopped
- 1 lb cooked crabmeat flaked or diced
- 10 egg roll wrappers
- Vegetable oil for frying

In food processor pulse cream cheese Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, onion powder and green onions several times until mixed. Stir in crab meat. Lay one egg roll wrapper out with a corner pointing towards you. Place about three rounded tablespoons in the center of each wrapper making a short horizontal lump. Bring the corner that is closest to you up and over and gently tuck it in. Fold in the sides and roll the wrapper tightly. Use a small amount of water to secure the tip of the wrapper. Heat oil in heavy stockpot or saucepan to 365 degrees. Fry them 2-3 at a time for 1-2 minutes or until lightly browned. Allow the heat to charge back up in between batches. Place on paper towels to drain.

Breakfast Bundt Cake

- 1 cup diced cooked ham, bacon or sausage
- 2 c tater tots...still frozen
- 1 dozen whisked eggs
- 1 can (8) Pillsbury Grands biscuits, diced up (raw)
- 2 c. Cheddar Cheese
- 1/4 c milk

All mixed together. Put in greased bundt pan. Bake on 400 degrees for 45 mins. When done flip onto platter and cut and serve

Fried Fair Cakes

- 2 cups Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, in 1/2" cubes
- 3/4 cup lukewarm water

Mix the flour, baking powder, and salt. Work in the cold butter, using a pastry blender, your fingers, or a mixer. Stir in the warm water to make a soft dough. Cover and let rest for 15 minutes. Divide the dough into eight pieces. Working with one piece at a time, roll into a thin 5" round, about 3/8" thick. Heat about 3/8" vegetable oil to 375°F in an electric frying pan, or in a pan over a burner. If you're not using an electric frying pan, use a candy thermometer to take the temperature of the oil; or guesstimate it by seeing if the first piece of dough fries nicely in the time specified. Pick up one dough disk, and carefully lower it into the pan. Let it cook for 60 seconds (it'll puff up on top and become light brown on the bottom), then flip it over and cook until light brown on the other side, about 60 seconds. You don't want to cook these too dark; they'll become overly crisp. Remove from the oil and set on a paper towel-lined baking sheet. Place in a 200°F oven to keep warm while you make the remaining fried doughs. Serve warm, with maple syrup or powdered sugar, or cinnamon sugar; or the topping of your choice.

Mashed Potato Pancakes

- 4 cups mashed potatoes
- 2 cups (8 oz) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup flour (or up to 1/2 cup flour for creamier potatoes)
- 2 to 3 Tbsp chives, chopped
- 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
- oil to sauté
- Sour cream to serve

In a large mixing bowl, combine first 5 ingredients. Use a potato masher to mash the mixture together until well mixed. If the potatoes are too loose to hold a patty shape, add flour a Tablespoon at a time. Place a heaping tablespoonful of potato mixture between your palms and form into a round, 1/2" thick patty. Dredge both sides of the pancake in bread crumbs and set on a cutting board. Repeat with remaining pancakes. Heat a large non-stick pan over medium heat with enough oil to lightly cover the bottom of the pan. Once oil is hot, add patties in a single layer and sauté 3-4 minutes per side or until golden brown. Repeat with remaining patties, adding more oil as needed.



FEAR HAS TORMENT

Sister Frances Swaggart

Two of the six calls we responded to on a recent program had to do with fear. All of us, at one time or another, have experienced fear. Why? It goes all the way back to the garden of Eden. After he sinned, Adam told God, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid." As my husband notes in The Expositor's Study Bible, "fear is the first reaction of fallen man." Those of us who have placed our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ are instructed—even commanded—not to fear because God is with us. But if you find yourself pulled today between faith and fear, I urge you to read and prayerfully study the Scriptures below. God loves you, dear friends, and He does not want you tormented by fear.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Josh. 1:9).

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps. 27:1).

"I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Ps. 34:4).

"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day" (Ps. 91:4-5).

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7)

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God's Abundant Supply

Pastor Don Ragsdale

1 Kings 17:8-14 - God's provision will not fail, even though it looks like it's not enough and you feel like you're going to die, God says, "Fear Not." God had given Elijah a Promise, Arise and go to Zarephath, for I have commanded a widow woman to sustain you there. The condition for Elijah's provision was one of FAITH, Faith in God's promise, and not faith in himself, which caused him to obey the word of the Lord. Flesh always attempts to flee the path of faith, by depending upon one's own efforts, yet as believers we are to depend upon God's promises. Even though the widow woman only had a handful of meal and a little cruse of oil, God had instructed her to be faithful in her little whereby God would bless her much. No doubt Elijah also may have seen with the natural eye there wasn't enough there to sustain both her, her son and himself but at God's word, He told her to make him a cake first. The Lord not only was teaching this widow woman how to trust and believe God for "All Things," He's doing the same for us today. Zarephath means refinery, and derives from to smelt, refine, test, prove true, purge away. God places us in situations in life that aren't always easy and seem impossible and at times we get ourselves in those impossible situations. Nevertheless we serve "The God of The Impossible so we must learn to stand on His promises and let Him remove dependence from all efforts of the flesh. That little handful of meal and little cruse of oil didn't appear to be enough but God not only fed them, but He fed them "Many days." When Jesus fed the 5,000 with only five loaves and two fishes it seemed to be impossible but they followed God's word and received God's Blessing, but it wasn't without first it being BROKEN. Just as the disciples toiled all night long and came up with nothing, Jesus said, launch back out into the deep and cast on the net on right side of the boat, so Peter said but Lord we've toiled all night, but nevertheless at your Word. When faith came, then so did the blessing, to the point that their net began to Break. The idea of the test is not to destroy our faith but to purify our faith, and only as we too are broken will we completely depend upon the Lord. 1 Pet. 1:3-7 says, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your FAITH, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be TRIED WITH FIRE, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Yet if we fail to believe Him, He cannot and will not fulfill His promises. This is why it's so important to Believe God's Word, for the Bible tells us that whatsoever is not of faith is sin, 2 Cor.4:18. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we are called to 2 Cor. 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) As Bible believers, the Just are called to live by Faith, Rom.1:17, and Faith is something we cannot see yet we still believe, (Heb.11:1). Yet many times we look at circumstances like this widow woman did and for a moment forget God's promises, "the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail." Our God is a Blessing God but we have to Go His way, which is the Way of the Cross, (the way of Refinery). For through these test and trials, God removes doubt, and causes true Faith to come out, and when Faith Comes, Faith Overcomes! So whatever you need today, put the Lord first, (Mt.6:33) and see if He doesn't Supply All of your Needs! But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil.4:19.

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"Forgive! - No Options"

Pastor Loren Larson

Have you ever been betrayed by someone whom you love or trusted? Perhaps it was a friend, a co-worker, a loved one, or, God forbid, even a spouse. There is nothing more hurtful, more painful, more devastating than to have been dishonorably treated by the action or attitude of someone you care about or esteem highly. When it occurs it feels like a "sucker punch" to the heart; it leaves you breathless. After the initial shock wears off comes the anger. If we're not careful, the hurt we feel, which is very real and spiritually "numbing," can produce a heart and mind filled with bitterness. If bitterness is allowed to remain it will defile the heart and soul. Therefore, the event can take on a double negative if not handled correctly. In the initial experience we are hurt by the loved one. But with the wrong reaction we hurt ourselves and allow the devil to plant a seed of destruction within our souls. What's a person to do? The answer is sure and scriptural. We have the right to forgive those who have trespassed against us. In fact, the true believer has been given no choice. Are you holding a grudge today over what someone else has done? You have no option but to release the situation to Jesus and forgive them even as God in His great mercy has forgiven you your trespasses! Amen! Mark 11:26 - But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.



A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

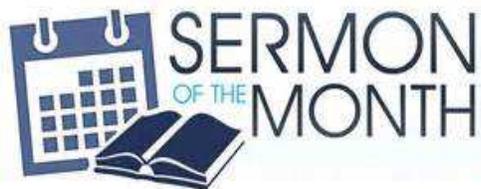
Verse for Today: Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Thought for Today: It takes a conscious effort to preach the gospel, to every creature, everywhere!

Story for Today: Macy & Ty stood toe to toe. Neither one of them were willing to back down. "There is so much for you to do here. You are needed here. Why must you travel way over there to preach to those people? Can't you find people here who need God?" questioned Macy one last time. Ty shrugged his shoulders, "It is where God has called me. It is where I have the opportunity. It is where I've been welcomed to share. I know there are lots of people here who need God. That isn't the issue. I do share here with people when given the opportunity. However, there aren't many people willing to go into the refugee camps. And they are always short staffed. There are many people who don't want to share about God's mercy with those people because they are afraid of what will happen if they accept them into their community." "But, it isn't safe there! So many have been killed there. It is such a dangerous place and you have nothing in common with them. They don't even speak the same language! Why must YOU go there?" Macy exploded. "God has called me and He is still in control of what happens to me whether I am here or there. God can handle anything that I have to face. No one can touch me unless He gives them permission." continued Ty calmly. "Besides If I die and even one soul has been saved, it's worth it all. I can't even imagine if I were to stay here and live to be even an hundred but have lived in disobedience to my Lord, what could I say when I stand before God on my judgement day? How would He respond to, 'sorry, I didn't want to get hurt.' or 'too many people said I shouldn't, they needed me to do other things.'? I really need to be obedient and leave my life in God's hands." The tears streamed down Macy's face as she turned away reluctantly, realizing that her brother was right. She knew not every one was called to go into these dangerous places. And she had always supported others going. It just dawned on her that the families of those leaving may have felt the same way she was feeling now. Maybe it is always easier to send someone else's brother. However, she was just coming to understand that every believer has been called to proclaim the mercy of the Lord and help the lost to seek repentance and find eternal salvation. As Macy stepped into her bedroom, she wondered if she could be as determined and conscientious about proclaiming the glories of Christ to every creature she met. Would she be faithful to seek out God appointments each day? Ty was sure to be reminded of the importance as he worked with the dangers all around him. Would she be aware of the spiritual dangers that were all around her. The thing that had just caused her to be a temptation to her very own brother. She was grateful that he had remembered his calling from God and had been faithful. She would need to trust God right where He had her and she needed to be faithful to the calling that God placed on her life, just like everyone that claimed to be a believer, a follower of Christ, a Christian. All must preach the gospel to every creature everywhere just like Jesus commanded the disciples in Mark 16:15.

Questions for Today: How about you? Do you purpose in your heart each day to proclaim the wonderful gospel of Christ? Do you seek opportunity to share of the mercies of the Lord? When is the last time you testified to what Christ has been doing in your life? Are you relying on a work that God did years ago, or do you have a witness of something He has done this month, this week, yesterday or even today? Give God the glory and proclaim His goodness and the mercy he gives that is new each morning.

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, We thank you and praise you that your mercies are new each morning. That you are all-powerful, all-knowing and everywhere. Please forgive us for living complacently; apathetic to the needs of a dying world. Please give us courage to proclaim the gospel message to every creature, every where this day!



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(by Debbie Preuss)

Lord, help me make a difference

In someone's life today.

May I always be alert

As I go on my way.

May I reach out in love

To point the way to you;

Showing Your direction

When this life is like a zoo.

May fear never be a reason

For me to shrink away.

May I always feel free

To say "come on, let's pray."

May I be a beacon

Shining brightly in the night;

Radiating joy and mercy,

Shining forth Your light.

May I always be alert

As I go on my way.

Lord, help me make a difference

In someone's life today.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16



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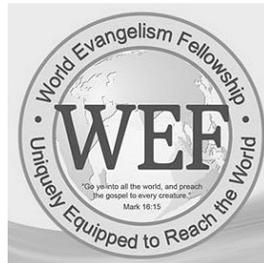
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