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Search Me O God!!

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalms 139:23-24

I recently read a story about a rather pompous-looking deacon who was endeavoring to impress upon a class of boys the importance of living the Christian life. 'Why do you think people call me a Christian?' the man asked. After a moment's pause, one youngster said, 'Maybe it's because they don't know you.' I don't know if this is a true story -- but I'm sure we've all experienced hypocrisy in our own lives. Mark Twain said "We're all like the moon, we have a dark side we don't want anyone to see". Hypocrisy is a dangerous thing. It has turned a many a man away from the Lord to search elsewhere for answers. It can ruin an entire generation and more after them. But we have the opportunity to change those generations for the good of God's kingdom! Those of us who know and love God must never stop allowing Him to search our "dark sides" so that we can more effectively be used as vessels to lead the hungry multitudes to Him. Let's come against the hypocrisy in our lives. Let's ask the Lord to search our hearts today and uproot the things that need uprooting. Let's give our all to God again. There's so much work to be done!

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp





Cousin Leroy

When Bubba went to get his driver's license renewed, the local motor-vehicle bureau was packed. The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of him finally got his license. Bubba was up next and when done, He walked out inspected his photo for a moment and showed it to Leroy, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty rough and grouchy in this picture." Ole Leroy looked at his picture closely. "It's okay Bubba," "That's how you gonna look when the cops pull you over anyway."

The Diet Workshop

Everyone had weighed in, and our diet-workshop leader began her lecture on the week's topic - the problems of dining out. She talked about alternatives, such as requesting diet sodas and dressings, and having meat broiled instead of fried. Finally she turned the question over to the group for discussion. "What is the greatest problem you encounter when going out to eat?" Replied one woman quickly, "Running into you!"

The Pastor

A pastor assured his congregation he was their servant and that they should feel free to call him anytime they had a problem. That night the pastor's phone rang at 3 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, "Pastor, I can't sleep." "I'm so sorry to hear that," he comforted her. "But what can I do about it?" the pastor said. She sweetly replied, "Preach to me a while, pastor."

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

(Author Unknown)

Some go to church to take a walk. Some go to church to laugh and talk.

Some go to church to meet a friend. Some go to church, their time to spend.

Some go to church to meet a lover. Some go to church, a fault to cover.

Some go to church for speculation. Some go to church for observation.

Some go to church to doze and nod. The wise go there to worship God.

Why Do YOU Go ...?

The Children of Israel

After church one Sunday morning, the Pastor was sitting in his office when little Melvin walked in the door. "Pastor?" asked little Melvin "there's something I need to know." "What's that my child?" asked the Pastor. "Well, according to the Scriptures, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?" "Right." "And the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines, right?" "Uh ... right." "And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "Again you are correct." "And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, and the Children of Israel fought the Romans, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?" "All that is correct," agreed the Pastor. "So what's your question?" "What I need to know is this," demanded Melvin. "What were all the grown-ups doina?"



"Will someone call my wife and tell her I'm alright, and that I found our luggage the airline lost last month."



Flow Through Me Holy Spirit

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

I want to start by saying how very thankful I am for all of the testimonies we are hearing from those who are being blessed by the new CD. Although the title song "Flow Through Me Holy Spirit" is not a new song for us...as a matter of fact I have been singing the song for years. Yet of late it has somehow taken on new meaning. When putting the CD together I felt lead of the LORD to not only include the song on the project but to use the song as the title. And the more I think on it, the more I sing it, the more I come to know that this should not just be a song that we sing but that it should be the prayer of God's people. Our hearts cry should be "FLOW THROUGH ME HOLY SPIRIT FLOW THROUGH ME A USEFUL VESSEL LET ME BE!" In a world that is full of darkness and despair we, God's people now more than ever need to be a light...we need to be that helping hand...we need to pray LORD "let me touch someone in need through your precious Holy name"! And lets face it the only way we can be the light, the only way we can be HIS hand extended is if we will allow HIM to flow...WORK...through these old vessels of clay. For without HIM we can do nothing! It's time for the church...THE REAL CHURCH...the blood bought redeemed CHURCH to stand out from the crowd! To be the separated, dedicated, consecrated people that we are called to be! Each day we should pray LORD let your HOLY SPIRIT FLOW THROUGH ME! There is a world that is lost and undone...dying of a plague called SIN and we hold the only antidote! Mans sickness is still the same "SIN" the cure for mans sickness is still the same "JESUS"! Let our hearts cry be LORD use me...not just today but everyday let your Holy Spirit Flow Through Me! I encourage you that if you have not ordered the new CD yet please do so... I know that it will be a blessing to you. I want to leave you with the chorus to the song and may we all make it more than just a song but a part of our daily prayers...."Flow through me Holy Spirit flow through me, A useful vessel let me be, Let me touch someone in need through your precious Holy name, Flow through me Holy Spirit flow through me". Until next time may the Lord bless and keep you is my prayer. Pastor Billy R. Douglas



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For Anger Resteth In The Bosom Of Fools conclusion

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

Ecclesiastes 7:1-10 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity. Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart. Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

"Blowing your stack just adds to the air pollution." III. How Anger Is Beneficial Ephesians 4:26 - Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: A. It marks sinful behavior Psalm 7:11 - God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. God is a God of love, but He is angry at sin. We can have a righteous anger that helps us mark or identify sinful behavior. When we see something we don't like. B. It makes us aware of the enemy Who is our enemy? It's not our spouse, our children, friends, co-workers, etc...We can use our anger to remind us that Satan is our enemy. He will use those who are close to us to attack us, but we must keep clear about who the real enemy is. Matthew 16:21-23 - From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. C. It motivates us to do right Matthew 21:12-13 - And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. I have heard some use this event to excuse their own sinful anger. That is akin to blasphemy! We need to allow the emotion of anger to motivate us to do right not do wrong! IV. How to Properly Handle Anger A. Contemplate (or think about) our ways. Proverbs 29:11 - A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. Proverbs 19:11 - The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression. Proverbs 12:16 - A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame. Don't just 'fly off the handle'. How often have we had to go back to someone or at least we should have gone back to someone and said, "I'm sorry, I don't know what I was thinking!" There is a reason for that...B. Control our words. Proverbs 21:23 - Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. Proverbs 15:1 - A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. I know of people who think it is spiritual to give someone a 'piece of their mind', but remember, we only have so much and most of us can't afford to give away much. Have you ever noticed the correlation of the volume of our voice with the degree of our anger? A 'soft answer' is not just in volume, but also in spirit and attitude. C. Confess our wrongs. Proverbs 28:13 - He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. When tempted to be angry or bitter we shouldn't: 1. Clam up 2. Blow up 3. Hold up but we need to 'fess up. Ecclesiastes 7:9 - Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Ephesians 4:26 - Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

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A PLACE

I try to pray to God above, As upward I fix my stare.

Not knowing exactly where He is, I'm looking everywhere.

He made a place for the birds of the air, He put the fish in the sea.

And when Jesus hung between two thieves, He made a place for me.

Written by Marie Pitts



...BUT God...

Pastor Steve Huston

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us," Ephesians 2:4

Two little words have changed and will continue to change history as we know it. They are two short three-letter words but they have ALWAYS had a long and everlasting impact on people and events. These two small words are the biggest words in all the course of time. All of creation, redemption, and holiness can be boiled down to these two words. These two words are "BUT God." There was nothing at all...BUT GOD...spoke and created the heaven and the earth. (Genesis 1) Israel was weak and enslaved by mighty Egypt; its Pharaoh wouldn't let God's people go. It seemed like an impossible situation ...BUT GOD...brought them out of Egypt with a mighty hand, making them a great and free nation. (Exodus1-15) Israel had no strength and no hope of victory on their own, as several nations came against King Jehoshaphat...BUT GOD...fought for them. They lifted their voices in praise but not a hand to war; and Israel spent three days collecting all the spoils of war. (2 Chronicles 20) Faithful and praying Daniel was to be supper for a bunch of hungry lions...BUT GOD...shut their mouths and brought Daniel out alive. (Daniel 6) Three chapters earlier, three Hebrew youths were to be burned alive...BUT GOD...brought them out with neither a singe nor smell of smoke upon them. As a matter of fact, the only thing burned in that fire was the bonds they were bound with! Friends, that's shouting ground and a sermon in itself! Someone give God glory right now! (Daniel 3) Lazarus was dead and stinky for four days...BUT GOD...said, "Lazarus, come forth," and he walked victoriously out of the grave. Those old grave clothes still bound ole Lazarus and Jesus said, "Loose him, and let him go." Think about that for a minute; oh the grace of God wants you loosed from that old, stinky man that has you bound today. (John 11) That brings me to this next "but God" example. Those of us who are Christians and were once dead in our sins, we were children of disobedience...BUT GOD...showed great mercy and love toward us! ...BUT GOD... made us alive and ready for the coming of Jesus. (Ephesians 2) My, my, aren't you grateful for His mercy and love? Aren't you glad that you have experienced a "BUT GOD" in your own life? America's own history is full of "BUT GOD" moments if we would only look for them. Many times we faced drought, desperation in battle, and a host of other things that would destroy us for sure; we came to God in prayer and humiliation...BUT GOD...saw fit to have mercy upon us and send the rain, turn the tide, or meet whatever other need we had. More recently, by all the polls and by most people's imaginations Hillary Clinton would take office as the 45th president of the United States of America...BUT GOD...brought a reprieve to this country under President Donald Trump. By no means is he a perfect man, but God has used him to restore some semblance of law and order to this nation which was on a path of no return. Why this Biblical history lesson? Because we need to realize that even though we may become educated on the issues; even if we inform and stir others to action; "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Whether that house is a nation, a church, or your family, if the people try to build it, it will fall; it God builds it, it will be built! This brings me to my last "BUT GOD example". In Ezekiel 37 there is the "BUT God" of revival! Things seemed hopeless and helpless in this valley of dry bones...BUT God! Ezekiel knew this truth. When God asked if these bones could live again his answer was, "Lord, only you know." You see, there is NOTHING that is impossible for God; for with God, ALL things are possible! Ezekiel didn't whine and say, "But God this is a valley of dry bones! Why should I preach to them?" Instead Ezekiel was obedient. And the result of obedient action was the impossible becoming a reality! Friends, whatever God is calling you to, know that it is possible because of those two little words, "BUT God"! I don't care how impossible it seems; if you will be obedient the impossible will become a reality! Hallelujah! We need to take Ephesians 2:4 and apply it to Ephesians 1:4! Our lives are meant to be a living sacrifice, an obedient example of what the Bride of Christ should be. Our lives must live holiness and our mouths must proclaim holiness. The dead bones CAN live again if God be the "Reconstructor" of skeletons. Dead bones can live again if God puts the flesh of the Word upon them and breaths the breath of holiness into them! These bones were dead...BUT GOD! This church was dead...BUT God! Maybe you are lost...maybe you are backslidden...maybe you are dead in sin...BUT GOD! "BUT GOD who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ."

This article comes from a message I recently preached. You can receive a CD copy of this message by giving a love gift of any size to Billy Douglas' VOTL ministries.



Zucchini Bread

by Teresa Daugherty

2 cups sugar

1 cup oil

3 eggs

Mix really well, then sift together

3 cups plain flour

1/4 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp salt

1 tsp cinnamon

Stir into first mixture.

Add

2 cups grated raw zucchini

1 cup nuts (optional)

Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

Creamy Tortellini Broccoli Bake

1 jar (15 oz.) CLASSICO Four Cheese Alfredo Pasta Sauce

1 cup milk

1-1/2 cups KRAFT Shredded Italian* Five Cheese Blend, divided

1 pkg. (20 oz.) refrigerated cheese tortellini, uncooked

2 cups chopped cooked chicken breasts

2 cups frozen broccoli florets

1 cup chopped red peppers

1 garlic clove, minced

3/4 tsp. dried Italian seasoning

Heat oven to 350°F. Mix pasta sauce and milk until blended. Reserve 3/4 cup cheese for later use. Combine remaining cheese with all remaining ingredients in large bowl. Add pasta sauce mixture; mix lightly. Spoon into 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; cover. Bake 20 min. Stir tortellini mixture. Top with reserved cheese; bake 5 min. or until melted.

Squash Relish

Mildred Moore

8 cups shredded or chopped squash

2 cups chopped onion

2 cups chopped bell pepper

1 Tbsp salt

2 (4oz) jars pimento

2 cups vinegar

3 1/2 cups sugar

1 tsp. mustard seed

1 tsp. celery seed

1 tsp. turmeric

1 tsp black pepper

In a large pot mix squash, onion, bell pepper, salt and pimento, let set for one hour. In another pot mix remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Pour mixture over chopped vegetables, bring to a boil again. Put relish in prepared canning jars and seal.

Hot Crab and Corn Dip

1 pkg. (8 oz.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened

1/2 cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing

3/4 cup KRAFT Shredded Mozzarella Cheese, divided
1/2 cup KRAFT Finely Shredded Parmesan Cheese,
divided

2 green onions, sliced, divided

1 can (6 oz.) lump crabmeat, drained

1/4 cup roasted red peppers, chopped

1-1/4 cups fresh corn kernels, divided

Heat oven to 375°F. Mix cream cheese and MIRACLE WHIP in medium bowl until blended. Add 1/2 cup mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan; mix well. Reserve 2 Tbsp. onions for later use. Add remaining onions to dip along with the crabmeat, peppers and 1 cup corn; mix lightly. Spoon into 9-inch pie plate sprayed with cooking spray; top with remaining mozzarella, Parmesan and corn. Bake 30 to 35 min. or until dip is heated through and mozzarella is melted. Sprinkle with reserved onions.

O Death, Where is Thy Sting?

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 1 Cor.15: 55 Harry Houdini was an escape artist. They tried all kinds of ways to keep Harry Houdini locked up. They would bury him in a coffin, but he would get out. They would sew him up in canvas bags and throw him in the river, but he would get out. His biographer said "He would escape from anything except your memory." Yet there came a day when Harry Houdini died, and he did not escape the iron-clad clutches of death. As a matter of fact, he told his wife, when talking about his death "If there is any way out I will find it. If there is any way out, I will find you and I will make contact with you on the anniversary of my death." After Harry' death, for 10 years, his wife kept a light burning at the bottom of his portrait. And after 10 years, she turned out the light. Death had laid it's hands on Harry Houdini and he could not escape. Death also laid it's hands on another, "Jesus Christ". And death laid Him in a tomb. But death could not hold Him. In three days He arose, Triumphed over death and the grave. Because He Lives we can live also, eternally. Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph oe'r His foes, for He arose a Victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose, Hallelujah, Christ Arose!! You are loved with an everlasting love,

Pastor Mike Vaughn - Good News Fellowship Ticfaw, LA

Knowing THE WORD

"...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Dear reader, do you know where these words of Scripture are found? Let me share a short story about these holy words with you, hopefully it will change your life. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was once attacked by a robber who demanded all his money. The thief was going away after his demand was met; the Mr. Wesley called him back and said, "My friend, let me say a word to you. The time may come when you will be very sorry for the kind of life you are now leading. Remember, then, this passage from the Bible: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." He said no more, and they parted ways. Many years after, as Mr. Wesley was one day leaving a church where he had been preaching, a man came up to him, and asked if he remembered being robbed in a certain place. "I do," was Mr. Wesley's reply. The stranger said, "I was the man who robbed you, Sir. I wish to thank you for the words you spoke to me on that occasion. That sweet verse of Scripture that you quoted there took such hold of my mind that I could never rest till I turned from my wicked ways in deep repentance, and became a Christian." First, please recognize that Scripture (even short portions of it) can soften a sin-hardened heart. You must know the Word in order to share the Word. As Christ is lifted up, the Spirit can and will move men to Christ. Secondly, would you respond as Mr. Wesley did? Would you speak kindly with loving words to help the one who wrongs you? As Christians, our responses ought to be similar. Let us know our Bibles intimately, that we might be ready to lift Christ up in every circumstance.

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He Came To Pick Us Up!

Pastor Loren Larson

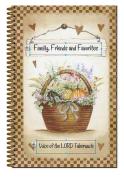
The story is told of a little girl in the first grade. Each weekday, at school days end, she was escorted down the hall-ways of her grade school and was brought into the area known as "aftercare." Both her parents worked and one parent or the other would pick her up about 5:00 o'clock each afternoon. On this one particular day she felt more than a little sad for no real reason she could think of. She just couldn't wait until one of her parents arrived to take her home. While waiting, she gathered together a few of her favorite toys kept in the "aftercare" room and waited impatiently for her parents. When her Dad finally showed up, just a little before 5:00, she ran from the corner of the room where she had been playing all alone and cried out, "Oh Daddy, let's go home!" "Wait just a moment," said the day-care worker in charge. "You know the rules. You have to put your toys away before you go." The little girl was almost close to panic and with the faint glimmer of tears forming in her eyes she looked towards her Father and said, "Oh Daddy, don't leave without me!" Her Dad just smiled and said, "Oh honey, I didn't come to leave you. I came to pick you up." My weary friend, be encouraged. Jesus didn't come to leave us. He came to pick us up!

Revelation 22:20 - He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The Fragile Vessel

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psalms 34:18

If strength in Christ meant being empty in other areas of your life, would you still choose His strength? If I'm being honest, at the early signs of physical discomfort you can short behind me find a trail of complaints. When emotional discomfort comes along, I'm quick to crumble at the reality of my fragile heart. Invigorating is the thoughts of fighting through adverse conditions to sit in high places, thankful for my strong mind and body. Looking through my life, the one piece of me that has never truly crumbled, has been my spirit. Physically, I have been broken and bruised and emotionally some scars are so deep they still look freshly imprinted on me. Those wounds I'm so quick to gaze at considering what I still haven't overcome. My spirit, however, has been there like a steady golden thread. Kintsugi is an ancient Japanese art of redeeming broken pieces of pottery by filling the cracks with gold dusted lacquer. Instead of replacing the broken pottery, the cracks are emphasized with a sealing source more valuable than the pottery itself, making streams of gold in the broken bits of bowls and cups. The result is a repaired piece of pottery that is more beautiful than the original-because of the cracks. Maybe it's the desert girl in me, but something about flower growing through cracks in the concrete makes my heart flutter. How can a tree grow up the side of a dry mountain? Life is always celebrated, but in adverse conditions it can be breathtaking. While your fingertips run over your broken heart feeling the cracks and dents, feeling the ends of where you reach, don't lose sight of who binds your brokenness together with something prettier than you could have produced on your own. Your brokenness is a window, and what shines through is what your spirit is rooted in. I don't know about you, but if you're like me, you have some broken pieces. When we run our fingers across those insufficiencies, hurting over what we failed at, we're missing the gift of insufficiency. The truth is that we never were enough to hold the weight of what we face. Our hearts our fragile, and this world is tough. But, God. God is that gold dusted beauty, glazing over all your broken pieces, making streams in the wasteland. Be broken, and be beautiful. by Sister Taryn Laven - www.wordshandmade.com



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A Word for TODAY!

By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verses for Today: Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God

Additional passages for Today: James 4:1-6; Matthew 7:7-8

Thought for Today: Do you ask for things from God? If not, why not? If so, what do you ask for?

Story for Today: Marge slipped quietly to her knees next to her bed. It had been a long time since she had been in this posture. Having been raised in a Christian home, this was customary to her as a little girl. Not sure when she had stopped the practice, Marge turned her thoughts to the urgent need at hand. The thing that had brought her to her knees as an old lady. Elizabeth, her granddaughter. The precious teenager that had appeared so perfect and promising was lying in a hospital bed in a comma. Bethie, had somehow gotten in with the wrong crowd and had started running wild over the last year. Oh, how Marge wished she had stayed close to the Lord over the vears. It just didn't feel right asking Him to heal her grandchild, but the doctors said that without a miracle even if her body lived the damage from the drugs and the trauma to her brain from the fall would leave her a vegetable. Oh, why hadn't she given her life to God and remained faithful. Why hadn't she raised her son Breck better. They were good, kind people. They didn't have a lot of the dysfunction commonly found in today's society. However. they didn't have God. They didn't have purpose. They didn't have the one they needed now! Marge quietly began to speak to the Heavenly Father she had neglected all her life. She knew she didn't deserve any goodness from him. But, she remembered. SHE REMEMBERED, and felt Him opening up the way to restoration. She didn't want a God just to meet this tragedy. But, she realized she wanted a God that would give her purpose. She wanted to be able to share Him with her children and grandchildren. As she quieted her heart, she felt the Heavenly Father saying that she should ask; ask specifically for what she wanted. Her heart began to pound. She didn't want to mess this up. What was the most important thing? Then she realized, God knew what was best. She would miss her granddaughter if her life was ended. But, if her soul was saved, it would be a short parting. And God wasn't saying she only could ask for one thing. She recalled asking God to let her win that bike when she was little and the disappointment when Marci had taken the lead and ended up being awarded the bike for her efforts. She realized now that she had asked for the wrong thing and for the wrong reason. She didn't want to be selfish any longer. Maybe that is where she could start. She would confess her own wrongs. She would repent of the life she had lived and ask God to bless her by allowing her to live a life for Him. Then she would ask for salvation for her family. Starting with Breck and Elizabeth. If anything happened to Elizabeth, Breck was going to need God. What was she thinking... Breck NEEDED GOD! No matter what circumstances came. Breck NEEDED GOD! Oh how her heart cried out to the one that could help! The hours on her knees felt like but a few minutes. Her soul felt refreshed and she knew everything was going to be alright. God was on the throne and she had an advocate; her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God. He had freed her from the life of selfishness and now she had real purpose! She prayed again that she would be useful! As she made her way quietly down the hospital hallway, Marge had a spring her step and a Bible in her hand. Today, she would sit and read to her granddaughter. She would introduce her to the most precious friend she had ever known. Even in her comatose state, she knew a mighty work could be done. She was asking God now. And now, she was asking for the right things!

Questions for Today: Does it require a tragedy to bring us to the recognition that we need God? What are you doing, today, to make sure that those you love know the Lord? Are you ASKING the right person the right questions?

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, Thank you for guiding us to you. Thank you for giving us words of wisdom. Please help us to acknowledge our need by recognizing we need to ask you, and help us to ask for right things! In Jesus' Name, AMEN



Do You Have Your Girdle On?

by Pastor Billy R. Douglas

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