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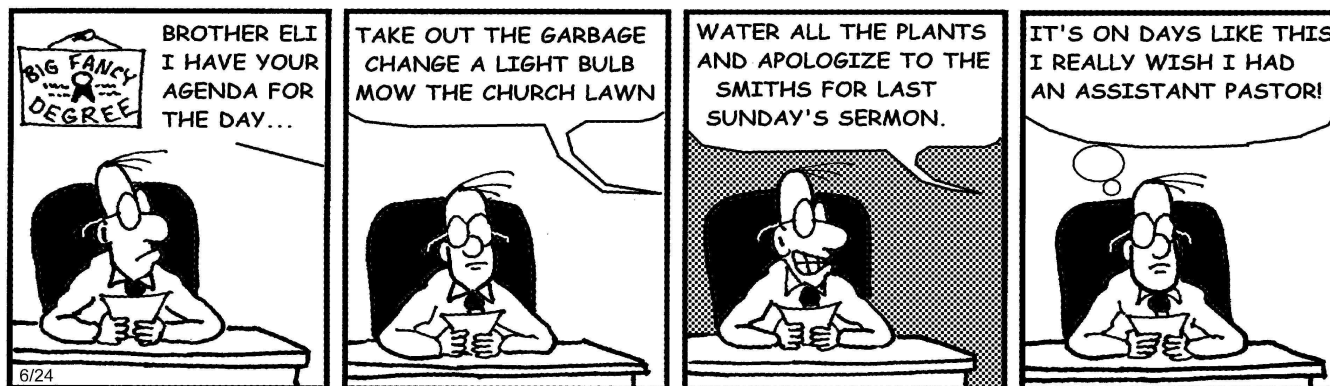
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The Word Of Life

One morning in the 1620s, in a little village church, a preacher named John Rogers was preaching on the subject of the Bible in the Christian's life. He allowed himself some pulpit dramatics. First, he acted the part of God telling the congregation: "Well, I have trusted you so long with my Bible; you have slighted it; it lies in such and such houses all covered with dust and cobwebs; you care not to listen to it. Do you use my Bible so? Then you shall have my Bible no longer." And he took the pulpit Bible away. Then he knelt down and impersonated the people crying to God: "Lord, whatever thou dost to us, take not thy Bible from us; kill our children, burn our houses; destroy our goods but spare us thy Bible." Then he acted God again: "Say you so? Well, I will try you a while longer; and here is my Bible for you" (replacing it); "I will see how you will use it, whether you will love it more, observe it more, practice it more, live more according to it." At this the whole congregation dissolved in tears. What had happened? Rogers, under God, had touched a nerve, reminding them of their need to pay close attention to the Bible because reverence for God meant reverence for Scripture and serving God meant obeying Scripture. Do we need to recapture some of the same attitude today? Surely disregarding the Bible is the greatest possible insult to its divine author.

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Philippians 2:16

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 1 John 1:1



Cousin Leroy

"Leroy!!," the boss said loudly, "I happen to know that the reason you didn't come to work yesterday was that you were out playing golf." "That's a rotten lie!" Leroy protested. "And I have the fish to prove it!"

The Lawyers Dog

A lawyer's dog is having a great time running around the neighborhood unleashed — it heads directly to the butcher shop and pilfers a roast. The butcher heads over to the lawyer's office and asks, "If a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?" The lawyer replies, "Absolutely," and the butcher informs him that he owes him \$18.50 because his unleashed dog just stole a roast from his shop. Speechless, the lawyer, goes on to write the butcher a check for the damages. A few days later, the butcher checks his mailbox and discovers an envelope from the lawyer. Inside the envelope is an invoice that read: "\$175 due for a consultation."

Crossing The Street

There's a man trying to cross the street. As he steps off the curb a car comes screaming around the corner and heads straight for him. The man walks faster, trying to hurry across the street, but the car changes lanes and is still coming at him. So the guy turns around to go back, but the car changes lanes again and is still coming at him. By now, the car is so close and the man so scared that he just freezes and stops in the middle of the road. The car gets real close, then swerves at the last possible moment and screeches to a halt right next him. The driver rolls down the window. The driver is a squirrel. The squirrel looks the man in the eye and says, "See, it's not as easy as it looks, is it?"

The Haircut

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply. "But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?" "Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

Wittnessing Door To Door

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and before they could say anything more, she slammed the door in their faces. To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it, and slammed it again with the same result - the door bounced back open. Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."

The Bills

The preacher got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay all of the church bills this month. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Trouble At The Airport

Husband to his wife "I think the lady at the airline counter just threatened me. She looked me dead in the eye and said, "'Window or aisle?" I laughed in her face and replied, "Window or you'll what?"



The Life Changing POWER of the GOSPEL

Pastor Billy R Douglas

Many years ago, when the Fiji Islands were first civilized, there was great interest in bringing commerce to this primitive society. This was a daunting prospect, considering that the natives had a particularly harrowing reputation for brutality. Yet seeking to take advantage of the opportunity, a young merchant visited the Islands in the hopes of getting in on the ground floor. It just so happened, as he visited the home of a certain chief, that he noticed a Bible prominently displayed, which he took to be evidence of missionary influence. This prompted the young man to comment, "What a shame that you have listened to the foolish nonsense of the missionaries." The chief, taken aback by this remark, responded saying, "Do you see the large white stone over there? That is a stone that just a few years ago we used to smash the heads of our victims." Then, pointing toward the center of the village, he asked, "Do you see that large oven over there? That is the oven where just a few years ago we used to bake the bodies of our victims before we feasted on them." The chief then leaned into the face of the young man and added, "Had we not listened to what you call the nonsense of the missionaries, I assure you that your head would have already been smashed on that rock and your body would already be baking in that oven."

What a powerful testimony of the life changing Gospel of the Bible! Sadly most of what we call the modern day church of today offers something far less than that. They preach a gospel that changes nothing other than the receivers church affiliation. One that leaves the people in the same condition in which they came. BUT that is not the Gospel we see in the Word of God. The Gospel that we see in the Bible changed the life of each and every one who received it by faith! The Gospel of the Bible changed the heart and life of the Apostle Paul...so much so that he went from being the number one enemy of the church to being the number one enemy of the devil! The Gospel of the Bible caused the disciples to forsake their nets, their careers, and even their lives and follow Jesus! In the words of the Apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17. The Gospel of the Bible caused Zacchaeus to give half of his goods to the poor and to pay back everyone that he had wronged FOUR TIMES as much as he had taken! The Gospel of the Bible caused the woman at the well to forsake her adulterous living, drop her water bucket and run back to town to proclaim the Gospel! Yes, the Gospel of the Bible changed everyone who received it!! Any Gospel that leaves the sinner in his sins, the broken hearted in their broken state, those who are bound in their chains of bondage IS NOT the GOSPEL of the Bible! Does it cause us to be perfect? Without fault or failings?? No! BUT there is absolutely no doubt (according to scripture) that it does not leave us the same!! I want to share with you the words of an old hymnal that was written in 1914 BUT the words are still true after all these years and they always will be!

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart; I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, Since Jesus came into my heart.

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray, Since Jesus came into my heart; And my sins which were many are all washed away, Since Jesus came into my heart.

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, Since Jesus came into my heart; And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, Since Jesus came into my heart.

There's a light in the valley of death now for me, Since Jesus came into my heart; And the gates of the City beyond I can see, Since Jesus came into my heart.

I shall go there to dwell in that City I know, Since Jesus came into my heart; And I'm happy, so happy as onward I go, Since Jesus came into my heart.

Since Jesus came into my heart, Since Jesus came into my heart; Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, Since Jesus came into my heart.

Have you experienced this life changing Gospel? If not, YOU CAN! The Bible tells us that whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD (Jesus) SHALL be saved! Not may be or might be but SHALL!! Receive the life changing message of the Cross today! Call upon Jesus today! Forsake all other false gospels that would demand anything other than faith in the finished work of Christ on Calvary's cross! Then and only then can you experience this LIFE CHANGING POWER of the GOSPEL! Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you, Pastor Billy R Douglas

**"THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE"**

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

John 8:31-32 - Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

What is truth? Truth is not a feeling. Truth is not an idea. The truth is found in the Bible. We need God, for ourselves, in our school, in our government, in our homes, and ESPECIALLY in our churches! The modern day church has a watered down version of truth. When we have the full truth from God's Word then we can be set free. The Bible says in Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. He wants us free from the bondages that has kept us. Freed From The Bondage Of Possessions. Matthew 6:19-21 - Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Don't be possessed by possessions! We should be worshipping the Almighty God, not the almighty dollar. Two choices you have... you can be a servant to God or be a slave to possessions! Freed From The Bondage Of Worry. Matthew 6:25-34 - Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. God has put us here for a purpose and so He won't let us die in want, so that we can be used to accomplished His will. The old song says it like this: He didn't lift us up to let us down, He didn't bring us this far to leave us! Romans 8:31-32 - What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Seek first -This is not just a statement, this is a promise! If we make God's business our business, He'll do the rest. Freedom From The Bondage Of Hate. Matthew 5:43-48 - Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. I will not let any person make me hate them. It's a choice!!! It actively seeks the well-being of an enemy. Turn the other cheek, do good to them that hate you—some would say that's being passive or non-resistance but it's not it's very active. Proverbs 25:21-22 - If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee. Coals of fire are not to harm them but to shame them!!! Freedom From The Bondage Of Sin. Romans 6:20-23 - For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are no longer slaves to sin, in other words sin does not have the hold it once did. We are truly free by what Christ did at the Cross! Freedom From The Bondage Of Darkness. John 3:19-21 - And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. It's time to walk in the truth of God's Word...if we do we can be truly set free but we have to make that choice. If we do then you'll be able to say with me, that old spiritual song: Free At Last, Free At Last, Thank God Almighty, I'm Free At Last!!!

Until next time, let your light shine for Jesus! Evangelist Mike Heltsley

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Remember Or Be A Memory

Pastor Steven Huston

Our founders, those men who expressed so eloquently, "We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor," would be rolling over in their graves right now if it were possible. They put their lives and their families on the line to preserve and to protect the freedoms they knew to be the God-given unalienable rights of all people. What have we done with their sacrifice, and the sacrifices of the many others through the years, who gave up so much to protect and to promote the freedoms that we enjoy, given to us from the Hand of God? From her founding and the development of a Constitutional Republican form of government, God has blessed America in so many innumerable ways; and in return, America has long been known as a nation that has attempted to pass those blessings on to others. We have done so imperfectly; yet we have shone the light of freedom, liberty, and self-governance as brightly as our imperfections would allow. As bad a wrap as the Left would force upon America, it is still the light that attracts many from around the world, leaving the darkness of their own country for a better way of life. That's not popular to say in today's culture; but the truth has been drawing fire and being censored for quite some time now. That's because "Truth is the first casualty of war;" and we are in the midst of war, a culture war and a Marxist revolution, both of which are closely tied together. Each of us is witnessing a plethora of things that we "never thought we'd see." Bernard Kerik's list highlights several from my own list, and probably yours. "I never thought I would see the day where the USA is pro Iran, anti-Israel, entertaining Marxism over the Constitution, promoting racism vs. stopping it, and taking care of illegals over US citizens. The US is in CRISIS!" That we are a nation in crisis no thinking or discerning person can doubt. Many intelligent people will have varying answers as to why America is in such dire straits. Simply put, when men stray from the Word of God and when a nation denies its history and walks away from its guiding laws, such a nation and its people will be in crisis. We could argue over which specific "sin" was the linchpin that eroded our foundation, causing us to fall far from where we once were; however, that would be an exercise in futility. From here, only repentance first and returning to our beautiful Constitution, secondly, will draw us out of the despairing depths of the miry clay that we find ourselves caught in. The Lord put safeguards in us through an admonition to "keep" His commands; that means much more than simply obeying them. It means to guard them, to protect them, to hedge about them. In other words, they are to be seen and kept as holy, not just in our actions but in our heart and mind as well. We need personal and national revival of holiness and putting God in His rightful place. Next, we need to remember that...We are a Constitutional Republic. Our founders knew that men and values may change; so they crafted the Constitution to be the highest civil authority, putting safeguards in place for the people's sake. Thomas Jefferson wisely said, "In questions of power then let no more be heard of confidence in man; but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution." The Constitution starts with the "Preamble." That in itself is a kind of safeguard; if what the majority of people or the government desires to do doesn't pass the preamble test, then it's not legal, it's unlawful. I encourage you to read it. Another safeguard would include enumerated powers; if the government wants to step into something outside its designated authority, it is illegal. Our founders blessed us with other safeguards as well, separation of powers and a checks and balances system to name a couple. Self-governance is meant to be the prime government in the United States, but we've largely given that up. Gary Benoit writes in The New American magazine, "Under the Constitution, the federal government may not impose any law it chooses. Demagogues may whine about the 'will of the majority,' but the Constitution created a government of law, not of men, a republic and not a democracy." Reader, we are a nation of law. That should be of great comfort to us. The Constitution limits the government to protecting our God-given rights; and it limits the people, even as a majority, from going through the government to violate those same rights. It's imperative that we get back to lawfulness, fully following the Constitution instead of allowing individuals to cherry-pick phrases that they twist and abuse for the furtherance of their own personal or group agendas. Mr. Benoit finished his article with this obvious, yet enlightening, comment. "If the founders were alive today, they would undoubtedly be horrified at the extent to which the Constitution is ignored, misinterpreted, and circumvented. But the problem is not the system itself, rather the perversion of the system. All that is necessary to restore good government is to abide by the Constitution—the very document that every member of Congress, every president, and every Supreme Court justice pledges to uphold." True repentance, which would result in a resolve to lawfulness from the heart, is what is needed today. Each step we take moves us along the path to freedom or enslavement, liberty or licentiousness, and holiness or hubris. Which path will we walk? The wisest man of all time states, "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour. (Proverbs 21:21)" Lord, guard our steps; strengthen our resolve to righteousness (lawfulness) and mercy, I pray.



GOD BLOTS OUT THE SUN

Laurence Arksey and Ralph Jacobs, missionaries in Portuguese East Africa, faced a long journey through the burning sun of the hot season. To one not acquainted with Portuguese East Africa's hot suns in this season of the year, this does not seem a serious undertaking. The fact is, however, that sunstroke is a grave danger on such a foot journey. Sunstroke in Africa is almost certain to mean a furlough, if not death. One of the Christian natives said, "Let's pray that God will protect you as you walk through the blazing sun." Consequently all of the Christians gathered with the missionaries, and beseeched God to protect His children on this necessary journey. Before the missionaries left they took all known precautions, such as wearing sun helmets and draping their backs with red flannel to protect their spines. During the morning as the sun rose, much to the joy of the missionaries, it was overshadowed by a small cloud. The rest of the sky was brilliant with light. The small cloud followed the sun throughout the entire day, and stood between the missionaries and the hot sky. Its shadow on the earth moved just as fast as they did, and no faster. At the end of the day, the missionaries felt that God had intervened in their behalf," relates a friend. "They felt as the early Israelites, that the 'cloud of the Lord was over them,' throughout their march."

Think Before You Act...Don't Be Deceived

Pastor Mike Vaughn

A little boy was walking down a path and he came across a rattlesnake. The rattlesnake was getting old. He asked, "Please little boy, can you take me to the top of the mountain? I hope to see the sunset one last time before I die." The little boy answered "No Mr. Rattlesnake. If I pick you up, you'll bite me, and I'll die." The rattlesnake said, "No, I promise. I won't bite you. Just please take me up to the mountain." The little boy thought about it and finally picked up that rattlesnake and took it close to his chest and carried it up to the top of the mountain. They sat there and watched the sunset together. It was so beautiful. Then after sunset the rattlesnake turned to the little boy and asked, "Can I go home now? I am tired, and I am old." The little boy picked up the rattlesnake and again took it to his chest and held it tightly and safely. He came all the way down the mountain holding the snake carefully and took it to his home to give him some food and a place to sleep. The next day the rattlesnake turned to the boy and asked, "Please little boy, will you take me back to my home now? It is time for me to leave this world, and I would like to be at my home now." The little boy felt he had been safe all this time and the snake had kept his word, so he would take it home as asked. He carefully picked up the snake, took it close to his chest, and carried him back to the woods, to his home to die. Just before he laid the rattlesnake down, the rattlesnake turned and bit him in the chest. The little boy cried out and threw the snake upon the ground. "Mr. Snake, why did you do that? Now I will surely die!" The rattlesnake looked up at him and grinned, "You knew what I was when you picked me up." [A Cherokee Legend]

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But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

James 1:14-16

**Sin will take you farther than you want to go
Keep you longer than you want to stay
And cost you more than you want to pay**

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23



REBUILD THE ALTAR

Joseph Larson

We usually apply "rebuilding the altar" to some corporate idea, perhaps on behalf of the church or the nation. But why don't you rebuild the altar for yourself? Build it and make it a place where God meets with you. Build it again and men who see your altar will kneel at it. They will follow you there. Your children, your brothers and sisters, they will follow you to the altar. There, God will meet with you and He will meet with those who come! The cross was for all, but the cross was for me!

"The cross upon which Jesus died Is a shelter in which we can hide
And its grace so free is sufficient for me And deep is its fountain as wide as the sea."

"There's room at the cross for you There's room at the cross for you
Though millions have come, there's still room for one Yes there's room at the cross for you."

"Though millions have found him a friend And have turned from the sins they have sinned
The Savior still waits to open the gates And welcome a sinner before it's too late."

"The hand of my Savior is strong And the love of my Savior is long
Through sunshine or rain, through loss or in gain,
The blood flows from Calvary to cleanse every stain."



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**Fellowship & Free Meal In The Outreach Center
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Reesie's Recipes



Bacon Appetizer Crescents

- 1 (8oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 8 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1/3 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 Tbsp milk
- 1 egg & 1 tsp water, beaten
- 2 (8oz) packages crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 375. When bacon is cool mix with cream cheese, parmesan, onion, parsley and milk at medium speed until well blended. After opening the crescent rolls cut each triangle in half. Spread 2 tablespoons of cream cheese mixture onto each triangle and roll up. Brush with egg that has been beaten with the water. Bake 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown.

Fried Green Beans

- 4 slices bacon
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- Dash of salt
- Dash of pepper

3 (14.5oz) cans French style green beans

Heat skillet to medium. Cut each slice of bacon into fourths. Place bacon in skillet. Let it cook about 10 to 15 minutes. Do not let bacon get crunchy. Drain the juice from the green beans. Pour green beans over the bacon. Add sugar and stir. Add salt and pepper. Let cook about 30 minutes.

Kentucky Butter Cake

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 3 cups self rising flour

Cream butter. Gradually add sugar, creaming well. Add eggs one at a time, beat well after each egg. Combine buttermilk and vanilla, add alternately with flour to creamed mixture starting and ending with flour. Blend well after each addition. Turn into greased 10" tube pan. Bake at 325 for 60 to 65 minutes or until cake springs back when touched in center.

Butter Sauce

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup butter
- 2 Tbsp vanilla

Combine sugar, water, butter and vanilla. Cook over low heat until sugar is completely dissolved. Do not boil. Prick hot cake all over with long pick. Pour hot sauce over cake, repeating until all the sauce is used. Cool 10 minutes, turn on to rack and cool completely.

Sweet Onion Casserole

- 2 large sweet onions
- 1 box jiffy cornbread mix
- 1 (8oz) sour cream
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Slice onions, then cut slices in half. Saute or microwave in a bit of olive oil until soft. Mix cornbread per box instructions. Place onions in a 8x12x3 inch baking dish. Top onions with cornbread mix. Spread with sour cream. Top with cheese. Bake at 350 for 30 to 35 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes.



A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: Matthew 13:18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

Additional passages for Today: Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:3-20; Luke 8:5-15

Thought for Today: The seed may come from the same package, but the condition of the soil makes a big difference. Is the soil of your heart prepared for the Word? You must be prepared if you want to be fruitful.

Story for Today: Jordan flopped down on the bus seat and began to regroup. He was on his way to no where quickly. The drug usage and late nights were already taking a toll on his body. He didn't care where this bus took him, as long as it was away from the house and all of his troubles. Maggie grabbed Cali's hand as the two entered the bus. They were having their first girls night out after arriving early for their sophomore year of college. The girls were excited and couldn't wait to see what the night held in store for them. They quickly took their seat as the bus pulled back into traffic. Matt thrust his briefcase into the closing bus doorway. He had run the last few steps to the bus stop and was grateful he had made it in time. Having his car in the shop was not his idea of a good day, but the noise that he heard it making needed to be checked out and fixed. He was grateful that the bus went so close to the building where he worked. Mostly though, he was glad to be headed home for a night out with his special lady. Noah quietly took his seat on the already crowded bus and counted himself lucky to have a seat to himself. He was done with work for the day and his book bag and work he was taking home took up a lot of space. He was looking forward to a fun filled weekend, but first he was off to the hospital to visit his grandmother. It wasn't long until the bus was entering the channel for the drawbridge. Soon it was obvious there was a problem. While the light was green, the drawbridge was rising and the bus was in a capricious position. The driver stopped the bus unsure what to do; to go forward was to drop over 180' into the ravine and there was no way to go backwards. The traffic saw to that. The bus continued to rise and he feared the bus was going to flip if the bridge rose any higher. That was when Isaiah stood up and with a booming voice begged God to fix the bus to the road. He walked his large frame to the front of the bus and turned to the panicking sea of faces. He shared the gospel with them as if their life depended on it; for it did! Jordan, Maggie and Cali, Matt and Noah along with all the others heard the message of God's love and the plan of redemption. They heard how Jesus was the only way to the Father and a restored relationship for eternity. As they waited for the maintenance crew to get the road fixed Isaiah shared many important truths from scripture and soon the ordeal ended as the maintenance crew fixed the problem and the road began to close once again. Jordan had never heard anything like he had just experienced and had no idea what it all meant. He just couldn't understand and soon the very message was gone never to be thought of again. Maggie and Cali heard and remembered the story from bible classes they had been in as children. They had prayed while Isaiah was talking and had committed their life to Christ. Sharing with everyone how God had saved them in that horrible almost fatal accident. However, it was not long before the kids that began mocking them started to quiet them down and before long they gave up because the walk was too difficult. Matt had quickly prayed having grown up in a Christian home. However, it wasn't long before the office parties and the late work nights to become a success took its toll and he too fell away not sharing the gospel even with his closest friends. Noah, however, became even more determined to serve the Lord. He endured the mocking gladly and the sacrifice of worldly pleasures became a joy as he reveled in the blessing of winning souls wherever he went. Noah praised God and pointed others to him as often as opportunity arose.

Questions for Today: All heard the same message and all responded. Which "SEED" best represents your life today? Will you be like one of the seeds that never produced or quit producing fruit or will you be like Noah and Isaiah, sowing the Word of God and letting others choose to respond.

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your Word and for sending workers into the fields! Please help us to recognize the importance of being fruitful for You. Give us all we need to be faithful to You. In Jesus' Name, AMEN.

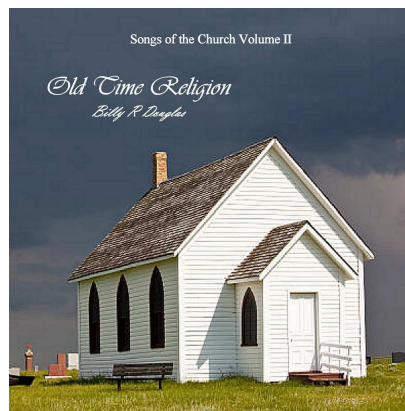


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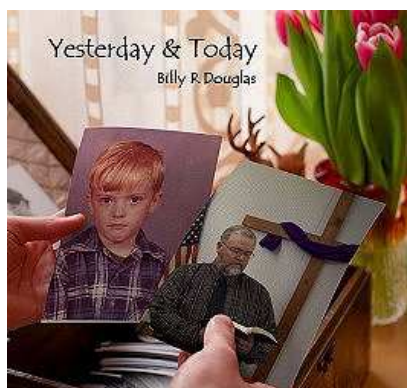
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"No one knows how hard it is for me...

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"I don't know how I'm gonna pay my bills...

But GOD IS FAITHFUL."

"Everything seems so crazy all around me...

But GOD IS FAITHFUL."

Be encouraged Child of God. Be at rest, have peace knowing your GOD IS FAITHFUL.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

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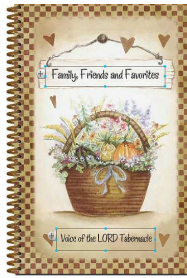
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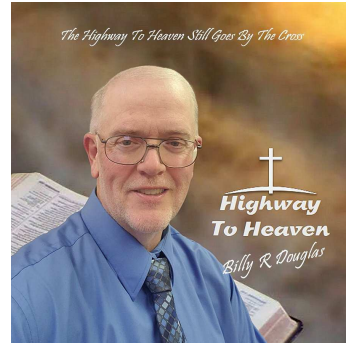
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