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"The Beauty of Restoration"

Pastor Loren Larson

For those of us who know and understand the message of the Cross, the mandate is clear. We are not to be those who hold the knowledge of these truths as badges of exaltation to the flesh. We are they who walk humbly, do justly, and love mercy. We are the ones who climb into the pit to help our brother and sister out of the mire that sin has created for them. We are not afraid to get our hands dirty or our clothes bloody. We are to travel to where they lie, broken and wounded by the deceiver, and release them from the bondages of hopelessness, of shame, of frustration, and doubt. We are to offer to the fallen the hand of consolation instead of bringing the crush of condemnation. We are chosen, we are commanded, we are critically positioned to bring them to the knowledge of the Cross. Exhorting them to depart from faith in any other means outside of the Cross we are to wait patiently for their eyes and heart to be focused upon the truths of what Jesus did for us. Then the manifestation of sin that abounded around them will be destroyed, their hope will be restored, their faith engrossed in the Cross, and their souls will be subdued by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. "Ye that are spiritual ... "Restore!"

Galatians 6:1 - Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12



Remembering...The Preacher

Pastor Lindel E. Hinton

August 19, 1926 - January 15, 2001

Our God had sent you to this place
To lead us in the way
That He would have us work and think
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whatever the need,
You went the extra mile -
Always ready and willing to share
A comforting thought and smile.

We're grateful that you were with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
To follow what we've heard

We're thankful for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.

We know you are in Heaven now

One day we'll meet you there

~author unknown~



Tell the world about Jesus

Jesus is the
WAY,
The TRUTH
And
The LIFE



Church of the Covered Dish BY THOM TAPP

POTLUCK DINNER



"I'm not sure Martha, but I don't think your casserole is done."



Cousin Leroy

Leroy bursts into the local flower shop. Leroy said (urgently): "I need two potted geraniums right away!" The Clerk responded: "Sorry, we don't have any potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?" Leroy replied (sadly): "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."

Signs That Your Internet Connection Is A Little Slow

Text on Web pages displays as Morse Code.

Graphics arrive via FedEx.

You believe a heavier string and a better can might improve your connection.

You post a message to your favorite blog and it displays a week later.

Your credit card expires while ordering online.

You're still in the middle of downloading that popular new game, "PacMan".

Everyone you talk to on Skype sounds like an alien from outer space who stutters.

You receive e-mails with stamps on them.

When you click the "Send" button, a little door opens on the side of your monitor and a pigeon flies out.

The Firehouse Quiz

Joey and his classmates had just finished a tour of the local fire hall. Before each student could leave, the fire chief quizzed him. The fire chief asked little Joey, "What do you do if your clothes catch on fire?"

Joey replied promptly, "I don't put them on."

The Repairman

A feisty 70 year old woman had to call a furnace repairman. After a quick inspection the man put some oil into the motor and handed her a \$70 bill for labor.

"Labor charges!" she exclaimed. "It took you five minutes." The repairman explained that his company had a minimum one-hour charge on every house call. "Well, I want my remaining 55 minutes of labor," the lady responded, and she handed him a rake. The repairman spent the next 55 minutes in her yard bagging leaves.

Allergies

A little girl was wearing one of those Medical Alert bracelets. Her new teacher asked her what the bracelet was for. She replied, "I'm allergic to nuts and eggs." The teacher asked, "Are you allergic to cats?"

The girl replied, "I don't know..... I don't eat cats."





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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

A Famine In The Land

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. Amos 8:11-13

A few nights ago the LORD ministered this word to my spirit throughout the night...no matter how many times I would wake up when I would drift off again this Word was rolling over and over in my soul. There is a desperate need in our nation today for the Word of God. We have never had more denominations, we have never had more preachers, we have never had more churches, we have never had more ministries YET we have never had LESS of the preaching of the Word of God! You might say preacher what do you mean? There are churches on every street corner...preachers on every channel of the television so how can you say there has never been less preaching of the Word of God? When I speak of the preaching of God's Word I am not talking about the psychology that is being taught in our churches...I am not talking about the word of faith, name it and claim it grab it and nab it have your best life now mess that is being spewed in the mega churches across this land! I am speaking of the true Word of God. Not thus saith man but thus saith God! Not the teachings from the latest best seller BUT the teaching from the all time BEST seller in the history of man...the Bible...the Word of God! In the passage of scripture above the leaders of Israel are about to get what they asked for. They had asked Amos not to preach or prophesy in their land anymore but to go some place else and preach. Why? Because they did not like his message...or rather they did not like God's message. The same can be said of this nation today and sadly of most of the church as we know it today. And because of Israel's rejection of the Word of God they would be carried away captive. Anytime the Word of God is rejected the consequences are dire!! As Brother Swaggart puts it in his commentary "What Israel wanted, Israel got; however, what she got did not turn out to be what she thought she wanted!" You might wonder what this has to do with us today...though years have come and gone sinful, rebellious man remains the same. The Apostle Paul would warn that in the last days we would see the rejection of God's Word... 2 Timothy 4:2-4 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth (THE WORD), and shall be turned unto fables." And we are seeing exactly that today in this nation! The Word of God has been expelled from our schools...expelled from our government...expelled from our public squares AND yes even expelled from our churches and we are seeing the results of this in our news headlines each and every day! We see Israel's fate when they rejected the Word of God and we are seeing the same thing in America. People with no moral compass because without the Word of God there is no moral compass! People without direction because without the Word of God there is no direction! A generation without conviction because without the Word of God there are no convictions! A generation that staggers around in the darkness because without the Word of God there is no light! This famine that is spoken of by Amos is one that is far worse than a famine of bread or a famine of water...it is one thing to die physically my friend BUT it is another thing to die spiritually and that is what happens where the Word of God is rejected! Mans greatest need today is not one of food...not one of water BUT his need for the Word of God! If we find ourselves more concerned about feeding people than we do preaching to them the Word of God we have missed the mark! Don't get me wrong there is nothing wrong with feeding people or handing our water or clothes BUT if we feed them...give them drink...clothe them yet we fail to tell them of Jesus what have we really accomplished? If the Word of God was followed there would be no killing of millions of babies in this nation because abortion is murder and God's Word condemns it. If the Word of God was followed same sex marriage would not be an issue because Gods Word condemns it. But because the Word of God has been rejected we see what we see today in this nation....people with no direction...people with no morals....people with no fear of God or respect for others! There is a clarion call going out today from the throne of God for this nation...for this world to turn back to Gods Word! The Holy Spirit is calling for the church to turn away from the fables and false doctrine that has bewitched her and to turn back to the Word of God! Oh LORD help us today to cling to...lean on...depend upon and trust in your Word and to take a stand for Truth in the midst of a perverse generation! Until next time, God bless you. Pastor Billy R. Douglas

Be sure and order your copy of our Featured Sermon on CD this month "A Famine in the Land"



“The Old Paths” part 01

By Evangelist Mike Heltsley

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

Introduction: The book of Jeremiah is a great book of the Bible. It has many great principles in it. The prophet Jeremiah is exhorting the nation of Judah to REPENT and RETURN to GOD! Our text verse is a powerful summary of the message of Jeremiah. Let me give you three thoughts in this section of scripture. 1. Judah had a PATTERN of REBELLION - Jeremiah 3:6-11 - The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. 9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord. 11 And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. 2. Jeremiah was PREACHING REPENTANCE! - Jeremiah 3:12 - Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. 3:22 - Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. 4:1 - If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. Glen Matthews, the West Virginia evangelist preached one time that there are three doctrines not preached much anymore. They are restitution, restoration and repentance. This was not so with Jeremiah. His book was full of preaching repentance. 3. Jehovah has PATHS of RIGHTEOUSNESS. - Jeremiah 6:16 - Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. As matter of introduction, I want to ask and answer a few questions. Why ask for the old paths? It is because the new paths are delusional and destructive. The new paths are man's miserable substitution for the grand old "highway" of God, which only captivate the unsuspecting into Doubting Castle, the habitation of Giant Despair. What are the old paths? They are the remembered paths that Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah and so many more have traveled. They believed God and accepted God's word as the lamp to their feet and the testimony of His Son as the sure foundation of their hope. The revealed will of God is the old unerring path that leads to peace and God's power. This is the light that is as trustworthy as the sun. The old path is sprinkled with the blood of atonement; the new path has rose water of men pleasing. Why we should walk in the old paths? In them we find the blood of Christ to justify. In them we find the Word of God to satisfy. We find the power of the Holy Spirit to sanctify. This verse of scripture is the Lord warning the people of God to return to Him. They had forsaken God for their idols and this parallels our time. We live in a time that many of the old time principles of God's Word have been minimized and forsaken all around us. We see churches that are going down the new paths in order to build larger and larger churches regardless of the cost. I. THE REQUIREMENT OF THE LORD FOR US TO GO THE OLD PATHS It is not a request. You can turn down a request. The Lord is not requiring them to go to just any path but the old path. It is a clear path as well as the correct path. During World War II, during the Battle of the Bulge, there was a group of German soldiers who dressed themselves in the uniforms of the Allies. These German soldiers used American military vehicles and went through the German countryside changing the road signs. When the American troops came to the various crossroads, they were often fooled and lead off in the wrong direction. This deception by the Germans almost gave them the victory in this very decisive battle from the Second World War. Just like those German soldiers caused confusion and death by changing a few signs, so many in our day are leading millions off into Hell because they are changing some of the road signs of the faith. I know that some of these folks need to be identified. Rick Warren is one of these men who is leading millions into hell with his teaching and preaching. Joel Osteen is another. When you refuse to call sin exactly what it is – sin, then you can never really lead someone to the Savior. The Bible plainly says that all are sinners. If you don't get them lost first, you will never get them saved. The old paths involve salvation through the blood of Christ. Hebrews 9:22 - And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.



United In Prayer
Pastor Steven Huston

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

The time for division is over! Although Donald J. Trump may not have been YOUR pick, he is now OUR president. Now we, as Americans and as Christians, have a duty to do. The time for division is over! There are many from the Left who would disagree with this statement as they continue to protest and cause havoc, leaving in their wake discontent, destruction, and a growing distrust. They are causing further and more solidified division. This might be expected from Hollywood or certain private sectors. But when those in our government continue to promote harmful division instead of healing unification and support, they should be held accountable for their actions and replaced at election time. Let us strive to put our differences behind us. The time for division is over. This has been a hotly contested election, even among conservatives and evangelical Christians. Both sides used the Bible to maintain their view, either in support of or in defense against the election of Donald J. Trump; godly men took opposing sides. Now, let us be unified by this same Bible; let us be unified in Jesus—in prayer. Ronald Reagan declared at his presidential inauguration, “It would be fitting ... I think, if on each Inauguration Day in future years it should be declared a day of prayer.” Let us be daily unified in fervent prayer for our president and our nation. Let us be united in prayer for all men (1 Tim. 2:1). As we recognize the great division and hatred which seems to define our nation at this time, let us pray fervently. We can neither afford to ignore this spirit of discontent and malice, grow accustomed to it, nor be apathetic in our prayers about it. We must appeal to the God of heaven—that He in His sovereignty—would move on the hearts and minds of all across this nation, to His praise and glory. Let us be united in prayer for President Donald Trump (1 Tim. 2:2). Men in power need prayer. Men in leadership need prayer. A man who is called upon to bring unification to such a divided nation as ours, while many surrounding him are pushing for and manipulating further division, is in desperate need of our fervent prayers. This president will be scrutinized by both sides, vilified by the media no matter what he does, and will find himself and his administration under spiritual attacks. He needs our united and fervent prayers. Let us be united in prayer, echoing, in part, the prayer of our 34th president, Dwight D. Eisenhower: “Almighty God, as we stand here ... beseeching that Thou will make full and complete our dedication ... Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby ... Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people regardless of station, race, or calling.” President Trump needs us to pray these sentiments over him and his administration as they strive to “relight” this “city on a hill.” May God grant to us His wisdom and strength, coming upon this incoming administration. Let us be united in prayer. This president, this administration, and our nation need our prayers each and every day. As President Trump performs the duties of his office, he needs the help and the prayers of every one of us. As his cabinet and those close to him give their influence, they need us to be daily in prayer on their behalf. If this nation does not become unified and continues on its course to destruction, we will be no more. We must fervently be praying for “all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” This is the will of God; this is why we pray for our president and our country. With this in mind, we wholly acknowledge that only through genuine prayer and repentance will we find the healing unification of this nation that we so desperately need and the blessings which we desire. We realize that these are gifts of God and are obtained by His gracious response to our desperate prayer and humbly seeking Him.

Pray for our nation. We would also cherish your prayers for our upcoming event on February 3, 2017 at the American Decency offices located at 203 E. Main St. in Fremont, Michigan. International speaker, Dr. Joel Beeke, will be bringing the message: “Needed: Genuine Prayer and Repentance” at 7:00 PM. The greatest danger to America is a lack of true repentance; hence, this is also our greatest need. If we ever hope to be the UNITED States of America again, we must become “one nation under God” again. It’s only there—under God—that we will find true peace, contentment, and blessing once more. We NEED revival; we NEED repentance. We NEED God!

Please pray for this event. Join us in prayer for this nation and join us on February 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

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REESIE'S RECIPES

Ultimate Chocolate Bundt Cake

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package chocolate cake mix
- 1 (5.9 ounce) package instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- Chocolate icing or powdered sugar, if desired

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, mix together the cake and pudding mixes, sour cream, oil, beaten eggs and water. Stir in the chocolate chips and pour batter into a well greased 12 cup bundt pan. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, or until top is springy to the touch and a wooden toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool cake thoroughly in pan at least an hour and a half before inverting onto a plate. If desired, drizzle with warm chocolate icing or dust the cake with powdered sugar.

Amish Onion Fritters

- 3/4 cup Gold Medal flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 2 small onions, finely chopped
- oil for frying

Mix together dry ingredients add milk and stir. Batter will be thick. Add onions and mix thoroughly. Heat 1/2 inch oil in skillet over medium high heat. Drop batter by tablespoons in hot oil, flatten slightly. Brown on both sides until nice and crisp. Drain on paper towels.

Stove Top Chicken Bake

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) STOVE TOP Stuffing Mix for Chicken
- 1-1/2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables (carrots, corn, green beans, peas), thawed, drained
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1/3 cup Sour Cream
- 1 cup shredded velveeta cheese

Heat oven to 400°F. Prepare stuffing as directed on package. Combine remaining ingredients in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; top with stuffing. Bake 30 min. or until chicken is done.

Prize Winning Meatloaf

- 1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 lb ground beef
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 onion chopped fine
- 1/4 tsp dry mustard
- 1/8 tsp ground sage
- 1/2 tsp McCormick ground thyme
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- 1 chopped green pepper
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 3/4 cup grated celery
- 3/4 cup grated carrot

Mix meat with egg, add onion and seasonings and bread crumbs, greens and carrots. Add half the can of soup and mix everything well. Turn into greased loaf pan or glass casserole dish 8.5 x 11 inches and pour remaining soup over the top, smoothing it evenly over all. Bake 350 for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until done.



Birth of the Song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

(By Thomas Andrew Dorsey)

Back in 1932.... I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie, and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's Southside. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go. Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie good-bye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66. However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music. The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED. People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out. I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was, "Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead." When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him any more or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died. From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially a friend, Professor Fry, who seemed to know what I needed. On the following Saturday evening he took me up to Malone's Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows. I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, one into my head-they just seemed to fall into place:

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

As the Lord gave me these words and melody, He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power. And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home.

When my way groweth drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall, Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thru the storm, thru the night,
Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the
rock that is higher than I. Psalms 61:2



Words of Wisdom

Pastor Lindel E. Hinton

Brother Hinton had a way of putting things into words that you would never forget...

On people getting mad about what you preach...

"If you throw a rock down a dark alley the dog you hit is gonna holler"

On evil thoughts...

"You cant stop a bird from landing on your head but you can keep him from building a nest there"

On Smoking Cigarettes...

"Fool on one end and fire on the other"

On being thankful...

"You don't have to look very far to find someone who has it worst than you do"

On going through trials...

"Don't throw away your ticket just because your going through a tunnel"

On sin... *"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."*

During testimony service when no one would testify... *"If your gonna kill me don't drag me to death"*

A few others...

Smile, show me your teeth or show me where they used to be.

Prayer changes things: the thing it changes most is the one doing the praying.

Can I preach? I knew you'd let me!

If you feel a bad spirit in here tonight, you must have brought it with you.

I'm not getting any favoritism.

Dead and dry as last years birds nest.

Lost as a ball in high weeds.

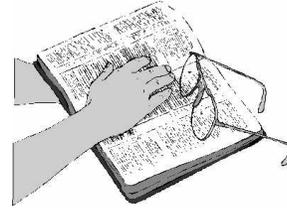
Some of you look like your mother in law just moved in with you

Their way of doing something may be better than your way of doing nothing

I know I am on the level because my bubble is in the middle.

I'm past 70 so I am living on borrowed time

I run things at my house...the vacuum cleaner, the dish washer...



Old Fashioned Preacher

As Recorded by Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs

Written by Jerry Organ and Gladys Stacey

My heart is longing now for the days of long ago
And an old country church where Mother used to go
The choir you could scarcely say was the best
you ever heard

But that old fashioned preacher would claim
God's holy word

That old fashioned preacher that taught us of the cross
How Jesus came down to save those who are lost
You could feel the Holy spirit and you knew that
God was there

When that old fashioned preacher would kneel
to lead in prayer

In fancy I can hear as if it were today

When He said the blood of Jesus would take
your sins away

There seemed to be a tear in almost every eye
When he told us how for love the Savior had to die

That old fashioned preacher that taught us of the cross
How Jesus came down to save those who are lost
You could feel the Holy spirit and you knew that
God was there

When that old fashioned preacher would kneel
to lead in prayer

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in
whom they have not believed? and how shall they be-
lieve in him of whom they have not heard? and how
shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they
preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beau-
tiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of
peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:13-15



A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: Proverbs 17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

Other Passages: Romans 1:29; 2 Corinthians 12:20; Proverbs 10:12 & 16:28; Psalm 32:1; 1 Peter 4:8;

Thought for Today: God sends a message of peace. The righteous will not be a whisperer!

Story for Today: Jennie didn't realize the trouble that she was walking into that beautiful winter night as she sat by the outdoor fireplace talking to Jackie. The sky was brightly lit with the stars and the flecks of sparks that sporadically climbed into the air from the burning wood. Although the animal sounds caused the night to seem almost peaceful, Jennie was feeling anything but peaceful as she listened to her friend talk about Erin. Erin was another mutual friend of theirs, and Jackie had just returned from spending a week vacationing with Erin and her family. Erin was going through a difficult time and had been making some bad choices. Jennie realized that even if the details were accurate, they were being taken out of context and put in a negative light. Jackie was really making things worse. And Jennie wished she had stayed at home studying her geometry or working on the rough draft of her essay on the current economic downfall the country was facing. Jackie was oblivious to the torment she was causing and continued on with her spiel hoping to enlighten Jennie and "be the better friend." Well, right now, Jennie didn't really want to be a friend to either of them. Erin may have done her wrong, but Jackie was the one causing her so much distress and pain. Jennie was so grateful that she had a Christian family that taught her the importance of reigning in her tongue. She recalled how one time she had spoken the truth, but it wasn't necessary to share the information. She was reprovved, and taught that those actions can cause pain. She was still learning and tonight the truth was becoming even more real to her. Didn't Jackie care at all about how these details would make her feel? Did she really think that Jennie wouldn't be hurt to know about the things she was hearing that Erin had done behind her back? Jennie had been silent long enough. This talk was not helping Erin, Jackie, or herself. Quickly, while Jackie paused to take a breath, Jennie began to speak. She asked Jackie to refrain from repeating anymore of the painful details. She told her she would love to hear about her vacation, but, disparaging words about Erin had to stop. She said that she would be praying for Erin and for Jackie. She tried to help Jackie see how her words were being so hurtful and they were not accomplishing the desires of her jealous heart. Jennie didn't desire for Jackie to lie to her or keep secrets. She truly desired her to pray and only say what God wanted her to say. She hoped she would be careful and have a right motive, and help strengthen her friendships.

Questions for Today: How was Jackie hurting Jennie? Did Jennie care about Jackie? Did Jackie care about Jennie? When someone wrongs another, what is a good way to respond? Is it always necessary to tell others the "bad" that someone is doing to them?

Song for Today: Whisper a prayer in the morning, Whisper a prayer at noon. Whisper a prayer in the evening 'twill keep your heart in tune.

Take some time today to pray: Heavenly Father, Thank you for showing us the way to righteousness. Please give us wisdom in our relationships. Please let us be a peacemaker rather than causing others pain and causing disunity within your body of believers. Please forgive us for putting our desires to be liked ahead of your plan for our life. In Jesus' Name, AMEN

"If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable." - John Newton



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I bought myself a pack of seeds,

To grace my garden fair,

And stuck them in my pocket.

For months they waited there.

And when the time had come to see

The flower's lovely face,

I thought it strange that only weeds

Were growing in their place.

How foolish then, oh Christian man,

God's Word, you have indeed.

You carry it or hide it

But do not plant the seed.

No fruit there grows in garden fair,

Unless the seed you sow.

For you the Word of God must plant,

Then God will make it grow.

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 1 Corinthians 3:6



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