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## Never Alone

(By Bertrude B. McClain)

He can calm the troubled waters  
When you walk in dark despair.  
There is hope when you feel helpless  
Knowing that the Lord is there...

Sharing in your sunshine moments  
Or in valleys deep and wide,  
He will never, ever leave you-  
He is always by your side.

There's no other friend so faithful  
Through the sunshine and the rain,  
Through the teardrops and the laughter,  
In your joy and in your pain.

We could never, ever thank Him  
For His love He gives so free,  
Never changing...never ending  
Throughout all eternity.

Oh, the wonder of all wonders  
As we live from day to day,  
Knowing that we have a Father  
Who is with us all the way.

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

*Hebrews 13:5*



## Growing in Faith

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17*

D.L. Moody spent many hours praying for faith. He once said, "If all the time I have spent praying for faith was put together, it would be months. I thought that someday faith was going to come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. Then one day I read in the 10th chapter of Romans, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." I now opened my Bible and began to read God's Word and faith has been growing ever since." Much of what believers describe as 'faith' has nothing to do with Biblical faith. Our faith must not be based on emotion, or want, and not on the latest Christian seminar. But it must be centered on God's Word, on Messiah, His death and resurrection, His salvation. The Living Word is the eternal, everlasting love of God which has been poured out upon our lives. Read, hear, apply and live the Word, and you will grow strong in faith.

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Church of the Covered Dish



Cousin Leroy

When Bubba asked Leroy for his advice regarding a problem he was having with his computer Leroy replied..."Take the mouse thingy and click on the whosit, then scroll down to the third thingamagig, highlight it and copy and paste to the whatchamacallit. It will take you to the gismo that you are looking for. Works for me every-time!" To which Bubba of course replied, "Will do!"

Hiccup Cure

A man goes into a drugstore and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for the hiccups. The pharmacist promptly reaches out and slaps the man's face, pops him on the forehead and yells BOO!! "What did you do that for?" the man asks. "Well, you don't have the hiccups anymore, do you?" The man says, "No, but my wife out in the car still does!!"

Merry Christmas from Grandma

A kindly 90-year-old grandmother found buying presents for family and friends a bit much one Christmas, so she wrote out checks for all of them to put in their Christmas cards. In each card she wrote, "Buy your own present" and then sent them off. After the Christmas festivities were over, she found the checks in her desk! Everyone had gotten a Christmas card from her with "Buy your own present" written inside, but without the checks!

You Might be a Pastor if....

- A church picnic is no picnic
- Instead of getting "ticked off," you get "grieved in your spirit."
- You've ever been tempted to take an offering at a family reunion
- You'd rather talk to people with every head bowed and every eye closed.
  - You've ever wanted to "lay hands" on a deacon's neck.
- Everybody stops talking when you enter the room.
- You've ever wanted to give the sound man some feedback of your own.
- You've ever stretched the truth at a funeral.
- You'd rather negotiate with terrorists than the church organist.
- You've ever suffered anxiety attack while playing Bible Trivia Pursuit.
- You get your second wind when you say "And in closing..."
- The ideas you bounce off board members really do bounce off the board members.
- You've seen more religion at a pool hall than you've seen at a Church Softball Game.
- Your Bible has more side notes than printed text.
- You've ever wanted to fire the church and form a congregation search committee.
- You jiggle all the toilet handles before you leave the church building.



## God IS

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:1-6*

God wants us to believe that He is...we have stand upon his word and have faith in him. So what is faith? Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Where there is faith we see... The invisible, Hear the inaudible, Feel the intangible, Expect the impossible and Hope the imperishable. God wants us to possess faith. We need to build our faith and strengthen it through practice. A lot of us say I've got faith. I've got faith in this. I've got faith in that. I've got faith in Jesus. Well where is the practice of it? You've been granted a measure of faith and when a circumstance or situation arises or a storm is on your horizon what do you do? You practice that faith, and if you don't practice that faith you won't be able to stand on that firm foundation because your faith will be weak. We've got to practice it. We need to build our faith and strengthen it through practicing our faith and by getting in a place where faith is preached, where faith is. How do you use or practice your faith? Do you use it like a spare tire- used only in case of emergency! Do you use your faith like a wheel barrow- must be PUSHED! Do you use it like a greyhound bus- Ridden only when it goes your way! Or perhaps you use your faith like BREAL CREAM- a little dab will do you! Whatever, kind of faith you have, it is of no VALUE unless you are using it to PLEASE God. Because, Faith without works is DEAD! James 2:26 - For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. Our faith should be a practicing faith. It involves doing something on our part. Luke 6:46 - And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? You have to practice your faith. A doctor practices medicine, an attorney practices law, a Christian must practice faith. The word practice means: to live out, to perform, to apply and rehearse and to act upon. Those are all action words. Look at Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. See God wants us to believe him. When we go to Him, we have to believe He is our everything...our healer, our deliverer, our provider, our protector and so on. Then at the end of that verse, he gives us a powerful promise that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. WOW! Thank you Lord. It's that simple. ONLY BELIEVE! Here's a few ways we can use or practice our faith:1. A WORSHIPPING FAITH Hebrews 11:4 - By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. it wasn't enough for Abel to say he believed in God. He heard the voice of God and he used the faith that he had in God. He practiced his faith. He put into action what he believed. Worship! That is what the Father is seeking. Abel made a sacrifice that was acceptable or pleasing unto God. Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. The father is still seeking for worshippers. 86% of Americans call themselves Christians. How many are putting their faith in God into action and worshipping, truly worshipping God? Remember, faith without WORKS is DEAD. Does that describe the church world today? All over America at this very moment denominations are holding services and millions of people are attending these services that are called WORSHIP services. Yet, the majority of them are dead. WHY? Because faith without works (a worshipping faith) is dead. I am not calling them dead. It is God's word. We worship through our sacrifice. It is easy to come in here and lift your hands, run, and dance and shout when everything is going great with you and yours. However, it is a little more difficult to give God your best when the bank account is low, the kids are sick ,your fighting with your wife and lost your job this week, isn't it? But Abel gave his best lamb. The one without spot or blemish. IT didn't matter to him what he had left. He put into action the faith he had in God and it pleased God. Do you have a faith in a God that is worthy of your praise? Is it all you do is talk about that faith? Well, how about start today by living out that faith you have in an all powerful, mighty God by WORSHIP-PING HIM. Practice your faith everyday by worshipping God. 2. A WALKING FAITH Hebrews 11:5 - By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Genesis 5:24 - And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. Are you just talking the talk or are you walking the walk? Enoch pleased God in his walk. That means he had faith as he walked his everyday walk with God. His actions pleased God. And then one day as he was walking his walk of faith God took him. Walking has to do with the way one lives his/her life. This is a life that is always rehearsing its faith. No matter what time of day or night. Whether there is sunshine or rain, comfort or pain. This WALKING FAITH has the power to form character and does not fear death. When people here you talk about your faith, have you been putting into action and practicing it in such a way that your talk matches up with your walk? James 1:22 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. You definitely are not fooling God or Satan, and you probably aren't fooling others, especially your spouse and kids. Therefore, if you are talking the talk of faith, yet, you are not practicing your faith what does it profit you? Nothing, because talk is cheap and faith without living it (or walking it) is dead. James 2:14-17 - What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. I challenge you to start living out your faith today by walking day by day in the faith of our Lord. As much as you tell people you are Christian let them see it. ARE YOU WILLING TO OBEY AND BELIEVE GOD IS? The faith that pleases God is the faith that is lived out and put into action; it is the faith that is used in obedience to God's Word.



## REESIE'S RECIPES



### Hot Chocolate Mix

- 1 lb. box powdered milk
- 2 lb. box instant cocoa mix
- 6 oz. jar non-dairy creamer
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar

Mix well and store in a dry place. For 1 cup hot chocolate mix 1/4 cup of mixture with 1 cup boiling water.

### Butterscotch No Bakes

- 1 pkg. butterscotch chips
- 2 Tbsp. peanut butter
- 3 cups corn flakes

Melt butterscotch chips and peanut butter. Stir in corn flakes and drop by teaspoon on wax paper.

### Taco Casserole

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 (15oz) can tomato sauce
- 1 pck. Taco seasoning
- 2 1/2 cups corn chips
- 1 (15oz.) can refried beans
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Brown meat, drain. Add seasoning and half of tomato sauce. Line bottom of pan with 2 cups of chips. Spoon half of meat over chips. Combine remaining tomato sauce and beans and spoon half over meat. Cover with half the cheese. Repeat layers again: meat, beans and cheese. Bake at 375 for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with crushed chips and cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer.

### Corn Fritters

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 1/2 cups corn meal mix
- 1 1/4 cups drained whole kernel corn

Beat egg slightly mix with milk and remaining ingredients. Stir until blended. Drop dough from a spoon into deep hot cooking oil.

### Spaghetti Pie

- 6 oz. spaghetti
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/3 cup parmesan cheese
- 2 well beaten eggs
- 1 lb ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 8 oz. can tomatoes
- 1 (6oz.) can tomato paste
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese

Cook spaghetti and drain. Stir butter into hot spaghetti. Stir in parmesan cheese and eggs. Form mixture into crust in 10" buttered pie plate. Brown ground beef with onion and pepper until tender. Drain, stir in tomatoes and remaining ingredients except cottage cheese and mozzarella cheese. Mix together cottage cheese and mozzarella cheese and spread over spaghetti crust. Fill the rest of the pie with tomato and meat mixture. Chill for 24 hours. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Uncover and sprinkle with 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese and bake 5 minutes longer.





## "Beneath The Rock Because of the HARD PLACES"

*"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."  
Psalm 27:14*

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1*

This is one of my favorite Passages of all times, and during these times when the World is changing so rapidly - looking as though we are swiftly coming to an end as we have known it... it's just great to know that: "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this - (or as the Hebrew puts it) "even then" will I be confident." Psa 27:3 (KJV) Our passage of scripture here - our song of David puts things in perspective when he says... "There is one thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple." David was on the run as the story goes Saul would have killed him had he caught up with him. One would think that David was wanting the affluence of worldly riches and honors; to be returned to Saul's court and to have the luxuries of life as he once had them... but what David was speaking about here was the wealth of Saul's courts but he wanted to return to the Temple where he had the opportunity of attending "continually" in the public worship of God. Read it again..."There is one thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple." That is something people in our day and age have rejected and excused themselves from as wearisome and a detriment to their daily walk. They have enjoyed running in the wilderness and seeking the pleasures of man rather than the pleasures of God, and when they're fresh out of reasons to stay away... old Satan gives them one more. Oh where would it take us and how would it change the WORLD if the remnant that is left would say along with David... "There is one thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock." Psa 27:4,5 HE SHALL SET ME UPON A ROCK!!! "In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock." (Vs. 5) Oh I would guess that you and I both could write a lengthy list of the things we worry about: the things we are afraid of - yet we turn down the rock because the preacher asks for money, or we urn down the rock because the preacher dresses funny; or we turn down THE ROCK because someone look weirdly at us when we walked in the sanctuary.... Well, LA-DE-DA.... did you think they might be there seeking that SAME ROCK CHRIST JESUS AND THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY YOU LOOKED AT THEM? Oh David says..."I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psa 27:13 (KJV) In other words .... (Oh I'm so wanting you to hear this....) David is saying: OH MY GOD - What, what would have become of me had I not believed and had known of THAT ROCK AND EXPERIENCE THE GOODNESS OF THAT ROCK BEFORE - WHEN I WAS BACK IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING!! This is not a QUESTION David is asking but a declaration of his remembrance of the STRENGTH and the FELLOWSHIP and the CONFIDENCE that he had in that ROCK. And David follows up with my call to worship for today... Read it with me aloud there in the 14th verse of Psalm 27... and make this your ROCK for today... when the things of life infringe upon you as they most certainly will..."Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." Wait for the Lord; place your hope in the Lord and expect the Lord to come to you! You may have to be BRAVE (of good courage) and establish yourself in the strength of HIS WORDS ... (Matthew 28:18-20); let your heart be stout and enduring the trials - wait for and hope for and expect the Lord."

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### "Who Moved"

A Pastor once told a story about a newlywed couple. When they rode together in the car, the wife would sit so close to her husband that it looked like there was a two-headed driver in the seat. Now, twenty five years later, when they go out in the car, the wife sits way over on the other side. One day she looked over longingly at her husband and said with a sigh, "Remember the days when we used to sit so close to each other?" The husband looked over at her and quietly said, "Well, Honey, I wasn't the one who moved." That's how it is with God. If you're feeling far away from Him, remember - He isn't the one who has moved!

*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...James 4:8*



## What Can I Give Out Of It??

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,  
Philippians 2:7

With the beginning of a new year many will decide that this year will be different...that they will do things different. With that said comes the traditional "New Years Resolutions" to which for the most part though different in many ways they almost always have a particular theme that includes the words "I My Me or Mine". What are the most common ones that come to mind? I want to lose weight, I want to quit smoking, drinking etc., I want to make more money and the list goes on. All centered around self. Even the more Spiritual ones that we hear have the same kind of tone more times than not. Yet how many times have you heard people resolved to...make a difference in the lives of others...to minister to more people than they did the year before, to be a greater witness...to put others needs before their own? That's hard to find in the world and not much easier to find in the modern day church that like the world has become more and more self centered rather than "ministry minded". I want to look for just a moment at a passage of scripture that is all too familiar to us...we have heard countless sermons on this story that we find in 2 Kings 2:9 *And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.* Here we see the prophet Elijah about to be taken into Heaven and he turns to Elisha and asks "what shall I do for thee"? And of course here is the part that sounds so familiar...Elisha could have asked for anything...this was one of the most powerful prophets ever and he is asking him, What do you want me to do for you? Ask and it will be done!! And Elisha doesn't ask for money...fame or worldly possessions...no he ask for a "double portion of the "Spirit". That's the part that we know very well...but let's ask another question...one that maybe you haven't heard asked before. We know what he asked for...BUT why did he ask for it?? He certainly could not have asked for this because he had seen the wealth that it brought Elijah because Elijah was not wealthy. It certainly wasn't for popularity or fame because although Elijah was well known as the prophet of God he had also been on Jezebels hit list and was hated by many of the rulers of that day. No it wasn't for fame or wealth that he asked for this thing. What was his reason then? If his reasoning wasn't "What can I get out of it?" then what could it possibly be? All we have to do to find this out is to read what happens in the life of Elisha once he received what he asked for. We see Elisha taking up where Elijah left off...ministering to the needs of others. He heals the waters of Jericho when they are in the grips of a terrible famine...he helps the widow of the Prophet Obadiah who is about to lose her sons to a debtors prison with the "miracle of the oil". Later he would ask a Shunemite woman who had been barren her whole life what she would have him to do for her because of her kindness toward him and from that she would bear a son. A son who later he would raise from the dead after the boy had become ill and passed away. These are only a few examples but do you see a pattern here in the life of Elisha? He used the very gift that he asked for...not for the benefit of himself BUT for the benefit of others. To minister to others...to care for others...to be God's hand extended to those in need. You see Elisha's reason for asking for what he did wasn't "What can I get out of it". NO his reason for asking was "What can I give out of it"! That should be our prayer today...our resolve...LORD I want more of you...so I can share more of you with others! I want to be a greater light for you...not so that I can hide that light under a bushel but so that you can shine through me and dispel the darkness in the lives of those that sit in darkness! More of your love so I can love more...more of your mercy so I can be more merciful! LORD I want the gifts of the Spirit not because of what I can get out of it...BUT for what I can give out of it! Not so much what can God do for me BUT what can I do for God? Not what can others do for me BUT what can I do for others?? In a world that has become so self absorbed that more times than not it's all about "I MY ME MINE" isn't it time that instead of having that "mindset" we take on the mind of Christ? And like Him we become a servant to those in need? Isn't it time that we look beyond ourselves and see those that are hurting...lost and dying? After all isn't THAT what real ministry is anyway? Lord help us to seek you not for just what we can get out of it BUT for what we can GIVE out of it!

Until next time May the LORD bless and keep you is my prayer...Pastor Billy R. Douglas



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## Forgive Me When I Whine

Today upon a bus, I saw A lovely maid with golden hair; I envied her she seemed so gay -And oh, I wished I were so fair. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle, She had one foot and wore a crutch, But as she passed, a smile. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two feet - the world is mine. And when I stopped to buy some sweets, The lad who served me had such charm; He seemed to radiate good cheer, His manner was so kind and warm. I said, "It's nice to deal with you, Such courtesy I seldom find." He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!" And I saw that he was blind. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two eyes - the world is mine. Then, when walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the others play; It seemed he knew not what to do, I stopped a moment, then I said: "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, And then I knew; He could not hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two ears - the world is mine. With feet to take me where I'd go, With eyes to see the sunset's glow, With ears to hear what I should know: I'm blessed indeed, The world is mine; Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

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