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*Now the Lord is that Spirit: and  
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there  
is liberty. 2 Corinthians 3:17*

As we grow older sometimes we wonder, what we can do for the Lord. Sometimes we are house-bound and we cant make it to church. I turned 78 this year, and I thought about Psalm 92:14. { They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing } So if you are getting older don't worry God will give you things to do.

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## MY VISIT TO AN OLD SAINT'S HOME

I recall, many years ago, going back to my home in the mountains, and a special visit to Brother and Sister Lankford's simple home. As we sat down to talk, she took my hands in hers and her kind, gentle eyes and her soft voice said, "Honey, I had a dream last night about heaven and oh I wish you could have been there with me. Honey, the floor of heaven sparkled like glass, and standing way over there was millions of saints, everyone dressed in pure white, and over each of their heads was shimmering light." Then she added, "And Willie (Brother Lankford) dreamed of heaven too. He went to the top step and sat down, and watched as all of his loved ones who had gone on before passed by one-by-one." HEAVEN – I'm going over there one of these days to be with Jesus and all of the old saints that I have known in this life and my loved ones also—BLESSED, ETERNAL PEACE. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:28: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." I've heard this remark by those who say they are born again that "there are those who are too heavenly minded to be any earthly good." Well, I disagree. If you are truly born again you want what Jesus wants, "whosoever will let him come." Your heart will be burdened for the lost. Jesus said it is not His wish that any perish, and as His children we must have His heart. I remember a few days before my Dad was called to his heavenly home, I sat on the front porch with him and sang a song he requested: The burdens of life may be many; the frowns of this world may be cold, But to me it will matter but little when I walk up the streets of gold, When I walk up the streets of gold, oh how my heart will rejoice in that morning When I walk up the streets of gold. And maybe you will sing this song with me: How Beautiful Heaven Must Be I dream of a place that's called heaven, it's made for the pure and the free, These truths in God's Word He has given, how beautiful heaven must be. How beautiful heaven must be, sweet home of the happy and free, Fair haven of rest for the weary, how beautiful heaven must be. In heaven no drooping or pining, no wishing for elsewhere to be, God's light is forever there shining, how beautiful heaven must be. Only the young people who grew up around the old church will remember these songs. Strobe lights and rap music don't sing about that eternal home, "heaven." Where have all the hymn books gone? To close my visit at Brother and Sister Lankford's home, we will eat dinner (city folks call it lunch), then we all get down and pray. You never say goodbye until everyone prays. The Lord bless you; let us pray for one another. May the Lord bless you is my prayer!

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### Cousin Leroy

One weekend while cutting some fire wood Leroy tripped over a log and fell and hit his head. Worried that he might have a concussion his wife took him to the hospital where they decided to keep him over night. The nurse was instructed to check on him all night. Every hour on the hour, she'd gently shake him and ask, "What's your name?" Soon, he began moaning in protest each time she entered the room. When she went in at 5 A.M., she found something white on his forehead. Leaning close, she saw a pencil scrawled message taped to his forehead. It read, "My name is LEROY."

#### MISSING

A woman reported the disappearance of her husband to the police. The officer in charge looked at the photograph she handed him, questioned her, and then asked if she wished to give her husband any message if they found him. "Yes," she replied readily. "Tell him, Mother didn't come after all."



#### "Worry"

*Worry is like a rocking chair...*

*It gives you something to do, But doesn't get you anywhere!*

*submitted by Bro. Charles McLaughlin of Sacramento, KY*

#### Running Bear

Two men are being chased by a bear which is rapidly gaining on them. The first man stops to put on some running shoes. "I don't know why you're bothering," screams the second "we've got no chance of outrunning a grizzly!" "I don't need to outrun him," returns the first, "all I've got to do is outrun you!"

#### Will You Marry Me...Who? Me?

Two elderly people living in a Florida mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years. One evening there was a community supper in the big activity center. These two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered up his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered. "Yes. Yes, I will." The meal ended and with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. Next morning, he was troubled. Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'? He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained to her that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he then inquired of her, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?" He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart." Then she continued, "And I am so glad that you called, because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

*If you have a joke you would like to share with our readers please feel free to send it in for consideration!*



### **“Forget Not All His Benefits”**

*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:3Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5*

Certain times of the year, we celebrate different things such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc... Sometimes we have to be sure we do not forget anyone; it is easy at times to overlook some things especially with the busy lifestyles each of us has. There are even times when we forget about the great blessings that God has poured upon us as well. Some say fish have a six second memory. So, when one fish gets caught on a hook, only six seconds later, all his fish friends are ready to get hooked again. People are like that. They see things that are bad, but keep doing the same things over and over. Because of our bad memory the scripture tells us to “Forget not all his benefits.” David was thinking of the GOODNESS OF GOD when he wrote this Psalm. Let us look at his reaction: 1. PRAISE Psalm 103:1 - Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Praise should be part of our everyday life. “We sometimes Praise on Sunday - That’s good but it should be every day. “We sometimes Praise on Thanksgiving - That’s good but it should be every day. “We sometimes Praise when things are going good - That’s good but it should be every day. David said BLESS THE LORD (WITH MY EMOTIONS) and EVERYTHING THAT IS INSIDE OF ME. Why was he getting so EXCITED? PRAISE PRODUCES BENEFITS. II. SALVATION (Prime Benefit) Psalm 103:3a - Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Remember the Fish that has a short memory? To live free from the GUILT of SIN, past FAILURES, to know HIS MERCY IS RENEWED EVERY TIME THE SUN COMES UP is worthy of all Praise. Lamentations 3:22-23 - It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. This is not a just a “Change of your mind” 2nd Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. You are no longer a SLAVE TO SATAN. If you have not asked for FORGIVENESS, you can do that TODAY. Luke 19:10 - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Salvation is a PRIME BENEFIT we need to remember. LOOK UP, GET UP, AND START ACTING LIKE A CHILD OF THE KING. 1st Peter 2:24 - Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. THAT IS SALVATION by whose stripes ye were healed. This is the next benefit III. HEALING Psalm 103:3b - who healeth all thy diseases; How many? ALLOF THEM! A GREAT BENEFIT we have wasted is HEALING. Your HEALING was purchased on the WHIPPING POST before SALVATION was purchased on the CROSS. TO SAY HEALING IS NOT FOR TODAY IS TO SAY SALVATION IS NOT FOR TODAY. James 5:14-15 - Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. We have learned how to call upon the Doctors, lean upon our Prescriptions. Thank God for Doctors- they should be our last resource but they have become our first Choice. If you are sick HEALING IS A BENEFIT for you. DON’T WASTE THAT PRECIOUS RESOURCE. IV. POWER & PROTECTION Psalm 103:4a - Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; The Devil would like to destroy you with Cancer, Aids and Depression. John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. We don’t have a problem remembering the bad news. Turn on the TV and you’ll see. Heroes caught in scandal, Disease running rampant, danger going shopping, danger driving down the street is just some of the destruction Satan has planned for you. John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. I know in this hurry up world it is hard to not have or feel conflict. PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT BUT HOW YOU HANDLE IT. Do you remember the song “Don’t Worry be Happy”? That is the theme of the Beatitudes. Matthew 6:25-32 - 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? 28And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29And 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? 31Therefore 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. This is the KEY to ABUNDANT LIVING. V. Prince and not a Pauper Psalm 103:4b - who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; God wants you to reign in this life. We have been kicked around long enough that we need to start giving it back to the devil. Luke 10:19 - Behold, I give unto you power (Delegated Authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (authority) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. I think the Church needs to begin to take back the Authority that we have been given. Romans 8:17 - And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. We are Heirs and Joint-Heirs with Jesus Christ and we need to remind ourselves and the Devil that Satan is A DEFEATED FOE. The Lord has CROWNED us and we let circumstances get the best of us. Romans 8:37 - Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES we are “More than victorious”, “More than a Conqueror”. Will we have fights? YES, Will we be DEFEATED? NO! You cannot be a conqueror or victorious without a fight. That is why we have been given AUTHORITY over the AUTHORITY of the Devil. The Scripture says NOTHING-NOTHING- NOTHING by ANY MEANS shall hurt you. There is a Danger of forgetting the Benefits Psalm 78:41-42 - Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. This Psalm is about Israel forgetting the Benefits of serving God. Moses led the Children of Israel to the Promise Land. A group went in and looked at the land and the circumstances. 10 said No Way Jose. 2 said No Problem. 10 forgot that God said over and over “I have given you the land.” They said maybe later. They did not enter because they “Limited God” Joshua and Caleb (The two that said “we can well take the land”) were the only ones that made it into the Promise Land. VI. Perpetual Strength Psalm 103:5b - so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. An Eagle renews its life by breaking away the buildup on its beak that keeps it from eating and growing stronger. As an eagle grows older, its beak begins to grow and a build up of scar tissue from cracks and scratches forms. This buildup begins to limit the ability of the eagle to open its beak wide enough to eat properly. The eagle finds a rock or hard surface and begins to beat the end of its beak until it finally breaks away the buildup. Then the beak grows back in its correct proportions and the eagle is able to eat again. Its strength and vigor returns and it becomes like a young eagle again. Some eagles have lived to be well over 100 years old. Once we have gone through the suffering, breaking away of every little weight and fetter, then we are able to enjoy the good things of God more fully. God has given us great benefits of serving Him. We should have an attitude of Gratitude. God WILL renew your strength even through difficult times! Just remember this “forget not all his benefits.”

Until next time, let your light shine for Jesus! Evangelist Mike Heltsley - Preaching The Truth Ministries

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*And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. 1 Kings 20:23*

### The God of the Valley

In this powerful passage of scripture we see the enemies of the people of God claiming that the God that Israel served was ONLY God on the mountain AND NOT the God of the Valley. A few verses later we find Gods response...1 Kings 20:28 *And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.* And ye SHALL KNOW that I am the LORD...not just of the hills or the mountains BUT of the VALLEY as well! You see this enemy believed that if they could just take the battle to the valley then they would defeat Gods people. The enemy that we face thinks the same thing today...not because he doesn't think that God is God in the valley because even though he doesn't want you to know it...the fact is that he has lost more battles in the valley than in any other place. He knows that God is God in the valley...BUT he knows that most Christians don't act like *they* think that God is God in the valley. Oh we sing the praises when things are going good...the mountain top song is easy to come by...but in the valley, many times that's a different story. For it's in the valley that he (the enemy) has heard us moan, groan, complain and even contemplate GIVING UP! The sad fact is that many not only contemplated giving up in the valley...BUT they did give up in the valley. What we need to realize is that circumstances change BUT God doesn't! You might say "Oh, preacher we know all of this...we have heard all this before" And my response to you would be..."Well apparently **we need to hear it again** because we sure don't act like we know it!" One of the problems is with much of what is being preached from our pulpits...the message that we hear is that *Gods best for you is to never have a problem...never have a trial...* in other words NEVER go through the valley but to live on the mountain top! And the madness doesn't stop there...they will go on to say that *if you are having problems...going through trials then you must be out of Gods will and living below your privilege in God.* Well as a dear preacher friend of mine said recently there is a Greek word for that kind of teaching..."BOLOGNA"!! Nothing could be further from the truth. For it is in the valley where true victory is wrought...it is in the valley where we hear the Word of the LORD and appreciate it at an entirely different level. David said it is in the valley where he restores our soul and sits a table before us to feed upon right in the presence of our enemy!! More than likely it was in the valley where David killed the bear and the lion as he protected his sheep. We know for a fact it was in the valley that he defeated Goliath...this was a man that was after Gods own heart. I truly believe it was in the valley where he first got a glimpse of the very heart of God. I know that life is not always a bed of roses...there are trials...battles and giants to face. Many times we have found ourselves in tears asking "Why"....many times we have said "I don't understand". It is then when we need to take hold of the promises of God like never before and say...I don't understand it BUT...I KNOW that I KNOW that Gods word is TRUTH and HE promised me that **ALL THINGS** work together for **my good (Romans 8:28)** AND that it is the WILL OF GOD that I give thanks in ALL THINGS (1 Thesalonians 5:18). So...in spite of the trial...in spite of the battle...in spite of the enemy...*in spite of my doubt and confusion* I WILL BLESS THE LORD OF MY SOUL AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME!! I will stand on HIS WORD and will proclaim that no matter the circumstance...no matter how things look...no matter what is going on in my life...the God that I serve IS the God of the mountain AND the God of the valley...besides him there is NO OTHER! And through the MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS victory is mine!!

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

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## REESIE'S RECIPES



### Double Banana Bread

*submitted by Sis. Phyllis Dickenson*

#### Bread

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 cup mashed very ripe bananas (2 medium)
- 2 cups Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup dried banana chips, chopped
- 2 cups Oatmeal Crisp® Almond cereal, slightly crushed

#### Topping

- 1/2 cup Oatmeal Crisp® Almond cereal, crushed
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons canola or vegetable oil
- Reserved 2 tablespoons banana chips

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom only of 9x5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat 3/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup oil with electric mixer on low speed until well mixed. Beat in buttermilk, vanilla and egg just until blended; beat in bananas. With spoon, stir in flour, baking soda and salt just until blended. Set aside 2 tablespoons chopped banana chips for topping. Stir remaining banana chips and 2 cups cereal into flour mixture. Spoon into pan; spread evenly. In small bowl, mix topping ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter in pan; pat lightly onto batter.. Bake 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan to cooling rack. Cool completely,

### It Could Be A Snickers Bar

- 12 oz. soft ice cream
- 1 cup Cool Whip
- 1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 pkg. butterscotch pudding, dry
- 3 oz. Grape Nuts cereal

Mix first four ingredients with mixer. Stir in cereal. Pour into 8 inch square pan. Cover and freeze.

### Sweet & Sour Meatballs

#### Meatballs

- 1/2 cup dried breadcrumbs
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 (12oz) package sausage
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce

#### Sauce

- 1 (20-ounce) can pineapple chunks in juice, drained, reserve juice
- 2 tablespoons Butter
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 medium green and/or red bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces

Heat oven to 350. Stir together all meatball ingredients in large bowl. Shape mixture into 1 inch balls. Place meatballs onto ungreased 15x10x1 pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until browned. Combine reserved pineapple juice, butter, brown sugar, cornstarch, vinegar, soy sauce and ginger in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thickened and bubbly (4 to 6 minutes). Boil, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Place sauce, pineapple chunks, bell peppers and meatballs into 2-quart casserole; stir gently to coat. Cover; bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until meatballs are heated through. Keep warm in slow cooker.

### Pork Chop Potato Bake

- 4 lean pork chops
- 2 Tbsp all purpose flour
- salt and pepper
- 4 Tbsp of oil
- 4 cups thinly sliced potatoes
- 2 medium onions sliced
- 1 cup cream of celery soup
- 1/2 cup water

Dredge chops in flour: salt and pepper. Brown both sides in hot oil. Set aside. In a 3 quart baking dish with lid, layer potatoes and onions. Mix soup and water, pour over potato mixture. Place pork chops over soup mixture and bake at 350 for 50 minutes.



### "A CHARGE TO KEEP"

*"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV)*

Paul is not making a request; he is not making a challenge or a suggestion. For all who are in the work of the Lord - we are CHARGED not just by Paul - but before God to, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." You may feel it a labor or a strain in your relationship to take a stand and to be a Christian in your sphere of influence; but if you have been saved by the Blood and are under the influence of God the Holy Spirit, you have a charge to keep! It was the Great Charles Wesley one of the great evangelicals of our history; a man who wrote over 6,000 hymns in his lifetime - helping to shape the course of Christianity today, who penned the words:

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill, O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!*

*Arm me with watchful care as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give! Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee rely, O let me not my trust betray, but press to realms on high.*

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."* We all have the time to tell jokes or to watch slides or videos when people are lost and dying. If you want to get across a point - Preach The WORD! If you want to move someone to repentance - Preach The WORD! If you want to change the world - start in your own city by Preaching the WORD! I am long spent on those who hear something that jerks at the heart and brings tears to their eyes and yet does not move them to change; nor to repent. You and I are Christ's Ambassadors to all the WORLD. Never has that been more real than it is today because we are no longer encompassed by boundaries and distances. We are a GLOBAL Society and every grandma and grandpa; every boy and girl; every man and woman who has a heart that burns for GOD can speak to the WORLD right from their living rooms or bedrooms... VIA the Internet. Preaching the WORD means that we are ready at all times. Our mind and are spirit is loaded with it and we have pondered on it; dissected it; prayed about it and hidden it in our hearts so that when the time came that someone was in the desperate need of finding Jesus - we would be ready to show them the way. When someone was in need of a promise or a truth that would carry them from this world to the next - we would have one. When someone needed to know that in this calloused beat up angry world that someone cares... we can show them that Jesus does. The WORD is like reading a Hallmark card: because it expresses the very heart of God toward every man, woman, boy and girl - that He loved them so very much that He cared to send His very best. The WORD of God is filled not just with promises, but it is filled with the very mind of God Himself, and is the only TRUE basis for reproof; rebuke; or to exhort any brother or sister in Christ with all longsuffering and doctrine." Is there a restlessness in your spirit? Do you sense the evil of the WORLD delivering one telling blow after another? You have: *a CHARGE TO KEEP; a God to glorify. a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.* Pastor Wayne Clabaugh, I

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### While He Was Yet Speaking

Sister Nancy Willis

*While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: Job 1:16-18*

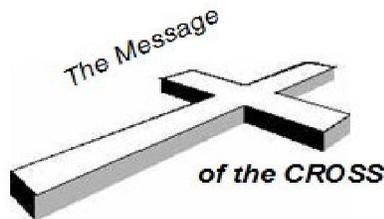
The phrase, "while he was yet speaking, " indicates that all the events took place one right after the other. This afforded Job no opportunity to prepare himself or regain his composure, making each one harder to bear. Have you ever noticed how people are going through many things at once? Well, don't think it is strange. Job went through this. When he was going through problems, and a messenger came and told he him of what happened. The bible says while he was yet speaking, another came, then another, then another, and another. So we are no different. He will restore. Just hold on, he will come through.

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### **PASS THE BURNED BISCUITS**

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite! When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!" Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each other's differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that's my prayer for you today...That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! [author unknown]



*in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John. 1:1).*

In this First Chapter of the Gospel of St. John, we are given a compendium of the entirety of the Word of God. The first Verse tells us that Jesus, as the Living Word, is the same as the Written Word. This means that the entirety of the Bible, in some way, is the story of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, and unequivocally so. Then the Scripture says, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the*

*Only Begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth” (John. 1:14).* We are told here that “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,” which means that He came to this world for a specific purpose. To do what He had to do, God would have to become Man, hence the Incarnation. The Creator would become a creature. Unthinkable! But yet it happened. The Scripture then said, *“The next day John (John the Baptist) sees Jesus coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world” (John. 1:29).* Why did John refer to Christ as “the Lamb of God”? Why not “the Lion of the Tribe of Judah”? The Holy Spirit had John to refer to Jesus as “the Lamb of God” for a specific purpose and reason. He would be what all the millions of lambs had represented since the dawn of time, the Perfect Sacrifice. That is the reason He came! The destination of the Son of God was the Cross, ever the Cross! Concerning this, the Prophet Isaiah said, “I gave My back to the smiters, and My cheeks to them who plucked off the hair: I hid not My face from shame and spitting. “For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed” (Isa. 50:6–7). Calvary was ever before Him because His mission was to liberate the fallen sons of Adam's lost race. And that He did!

Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart - [www.jsm.org](http://www.jsm.org)

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If you would like to send in a card letting them know how much you appreciate them I know it would be a blessing to them. Also when sending the card if you would prayerfully consider sending a love gift to the Ministry in honor of their 25th anniversary that would be much appreciated as well.



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**A chaplain** was speaking to a soldier on a cot in a hospital. "You have lost an arm in the great cause," he said. "No," said the soldier with a smile. "I didn't lose it--I gave it." In that same way, Jesus did not lose His life. He gave it...

*Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. John 10:17-18*



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