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I COUNT MY SOUL BLESSED

Many of the things the Lord did in the early years of the great outpouring of the Holy Ghost were passed down to the children. There were two preachers led by the Spirit who rode horseback through the rugged mountains carrying the gospel (there were no roads but the dry creek beds), being led to those who had never heard the good news. Being late in the evening, they saw a light in the window of a mountain cabin, and they asked the family if they could spend the night. When they bowed their heads to pray over the simple meal, the family was almost afraid thinking, "Was this the Lord visiting us?" The dad of the family was lying in the bed and coughing up blood from tuberculosis. His little teenage daughter was blind. After supper, the preachers went up in the 'holler' and prayed all night. When they came back down in the early morning, the little blind girl was carrying in wood for the cook stove totally healed! Her daddy was healed and received salvation and became one of the pioneers of Pentecost. You may say, "Oh we heard things like this before." If you have, how fortunate you are! For there are millions in America's churches who have never seen or felt the real presence and power of the Lord. I count my soul blessed to have known the dear saints who loved us and prayed for the lost families as if they were their own. They were like great trees whose roots went deep into that spiritual world, and we were sheltered under the great branches of prayer. ... where the sabbath was truly an holy day, where the family Bible was the infallible Word of God and Jesus was all in all, where revival would go on for weeks, sometimes until after midnight, where the altars were filled with sinners crying out to the Lord, their sins were washed away in the blood of Jesus, where the saved multitudes, hand in hand, waded out into the clear mountain water to be baptized as friends and neighbors watched from the creek side. Oh what a wonderful sabbath day! "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:5-7 Praise the Lord for true men of God who are on the battlefield in our nations, standing strong, proclaiming the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ! "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord," Isaiah 54:17 Until He Comes, Sister Betty Jean Robinson

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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH



Cousin Leroy

Leroy and the misses were ready for bed. She was standing in front of a full-length mirror taking a hard look at herself. "You know, Pa" she said, "I look in the mirror and I see an old woman. My face is all wrinkled, my belly looks like a water balloon, my rear is hanging out a mile. I've got fat legs and my arms are all flabby." She turned to Leroy and said, "Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself." Ole Leroy thinks about it for a bit, scratches his head, takes a long look at her and then said in a soft voice, "Well Ma...you can thank the good LORD that there's nothing wrong with your eyesight."

Hello? Hello??

The scene: Alexander Graham Bell's laboratory. An exciting new discovery is about to take place. Mr. Bell and his assistant, a man named Watson, have been hard at work on Bell's new invention to transmit sound over wires. As Mr. Watson toiled away in the room with the receiver, he suddenly hears ... ring, ring, ring then.... "Good evening, sir. Are you paying too much for your long distance service?"

The Patient

Nurse: Doctor, doctor! The man you've just treated collapsed on the front step! What should I do?

Doctor: Turn him around so it looks like he was just arriving!

You Know It's Going To Be a Bad Day When...

- You see a "60 Minutes" news team in your office.
- You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
- Your twin sister forgot your birthday.
- Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a rough looking motorcycle gang on the freeway.
- Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.
- Your income tax check bounces.
- You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

The Box of Chocolates

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a white bag on the seat next to Sally. "What's in the bag?" asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the bag and, smiling, said, "It's a box of chocolates. I got it for my husband." The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: "Good trade."



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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R. Douglas

The Old Country Preacher

The old preacher had been invited to the convention pretty much just as a courtesy...he did not fit in with any of the other speakers...he did not dress as cool, hip or even as nice. One by one each Pastor stood and told of their programs, clubs, drama teams, dance teams...their "new music" and "new message" right down to their "new version" of the Bible that had drawn the crowds in by the thousands. They spoke of their latest best selling "You Can Do It" book as well as ways to make everyone feel comfortable regardless of what they believed...and above all be sure and not offend anyone. With each speaker came a roar of applause from the audience. Then finally it was time for the old preacher to take the stand. As he made his way to the platform you could see the enthusiasm leave the face of most that were there...even some that whispered among themselves. As he stood there and laid his outdated old fashion worn out King James Version Bible on the podium he began to speak. "First let me say what a blessing it is to be here today. I don't have any church programs to exalt... no new book or NEW version of the Bible. And although you will find no dance or drama team at our church...no contemporary music...no strobe lights. What you will find is something...**SOMEONE** far more important than that...you will find Jesus. You see my friends as much as I love these brothers that have spoken before me here today... I fear that Jesus...the REAL Jesus would not be allowed to be part of their church. Why? Because he never changed his message no matter who he was speaking to. He never conformed to the world to win the world. And though he preached about Heaven, love, joy and peace he still preached on sin and yes even warned of hell. You see I still believe that HE is the Only way the Only truth and the Only life...and that the answer is not found in a new gospel, a new version or new programs...I believe that the answer is still found in Jesus Christ. Finally...it is true that I only have fifteen church members and to that you may laugh and ridicule. BUT my friends...I would rather preach the truth and take fifteen with me to Heaven...than to compromise and take a multitude with me to hell." And with that, the old country preacher closed his worn out Bible and stepped down from the platform. Needless to say the he was never asked to come back to the convention. Stand for the truth church even if it makes you the odd man out! Stand for the truth church even if you have to stand alone!!! Until next time may the Lord bless and keep you...Pastor Billy R. Douglas

Step Out Of The Boat

Brother Tommy Willis

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20

And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29

What if Peter had not gotten out of the boat? First his fishing boat, then the boat when Jesus called him to walk on water. He could have still ended up saved. But he would not have had that deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He could have been preached to and received Him as others but he would have missed that personal, indisputable knowledge of the true Power and Love of Jesus. He could have still believe it was possible for Jesus to walk on water, but he would not have Known to his absolute core what he himself could do through Faith in Jesus. He could have believed Jesus would save him when he turned his eyes from Him and began to sink. But he would not know that he knows that he knows that not only are all things possible through faith in Jesus, but that if he stumbles, if he loses sight, if he has a moment of doubt Jesus will reach out and save him and set him right. He could have heard the Gospel, and believed, and been saved. But without that personal relationship, without following when Jesus called him, he would not have reached so many others and spread the Message of Jesus Christ. He would not have felt it so sincerely and so deeply that he would suffer death to spread The Gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world. His salvation could have still been secure. But what about the millions who have found Christ in part to Peter's obedience to Him? If he had stayed in the boat, what about those souls?



“Spiritual Dryness”

By: Evangelist Mike Heltsley

Scriptural Text: Jeremiah 2:13 - For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Have you ever been on a long car journey, when you realize that the fuel gauge is running low and you don't know where the next Gas Station is? That's so true with our spiritual lives...It's Time to Check the Tank * Do I have enough of the right fuel in my tanks—physically, emotionally and spiritually—to go the distance for all God has for me each and every day? * If I am depleted in any area, what will it take for me to be replenished? * What is the first step? The first and most important check we need to do is, 'Am I vitally connected to God?' God wants to be the very Source of our life. At a crucial time in Jerusalem's history, God spoke to His people through the Prophet Jeremiah, saying: Jeremiah 2:13 - For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. To put it simply, God was saying, "My people have made the wrong resource choice." The Gihon Spring was the only permanent source of water to the city of Jerusalem—the people's very means of life. So the picture of turning away from the living spring and looking for other sources of water was a relevant one to them. When God gets Shifted Off-Center Reading in Jeremiah and elsewhere, you discover what God meant by Judah's 'broken cisterns.' He was referring to two main things – * Judah still had God's temple, and they still made a show of worshipping Him, but they worshipped idols as well. * Instead of looking to God when they needed deliverance, they looked to other nations for help – nations that worshipped other 'gods' and gave glory to those 'gods.' What had happened? The people of Jerusalem still had God in their lives, but God was no longer their chief source. He was kind of like an add-on. Sometimes we can be like that, even without realizing it. We still have God in our lives, we may even be serving Him, but we have shifted Him off-center. And when God is not at the center, we are spiritually dry, empty and don't work properly. And yet, our Father is so full of grace and mercy. Today, if you feel spiritually dry, and if you recognize that somehow you have shifted God away from the center of your attention and your life, He comes to you saying, "I am the source of life – and if you make me the Source of your life, I will be as a spring of living water to you." All the Resources of Heaven The concept of God being like a spring of living water to us is a powerful one. Here is an amazing fact: At any one time, most of the world's fresh water is not on the surface of the ground, in places we can see like rivers and lakes. Instead, most of our fresh water lies deep underneath the ground. We call this hidden water, 'groundwater.' And groundwater travels beneath the earth through special gravels and soils. When one of these 'aquifers' meets the surface, a spring bubbles up. So when God says, "I am the spring of living water," He is using a powerful illustration to say, "In Me all the unseen resources of heaven are there to back you up." As you enter this New Year, God offers all of Himself to you, to be your Source, your Provider. He offers you all of His fullness, all of His grace. He gives you access as His son and daughter into His very Presence. He makes available to you through prayer, all of the resources of heaven His Holy Spirit resides within you, an immeasurable, Heavenly source of life, waiting to be tapped into and released. Today is an opportunity to refocus your life. To turn away from every distraction, every dependency that is not of God. And put Jesus at the very center of your life once again. 7 Signs of Spiritual Dryness Ephesians 5:18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Why is spiritual dryness so common, when as Christians, our life, our witness and our service to others should be empowered by the life of the Holy Spirit within us? This is what Jesus referred to when He said in John 7:38 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. However we do not always maintain that vital connection to God perfectly. And therefore all of us experience seasons where we feel spiritually dry. The great evangelist D L Moody understood this. When asked why he placed so much emphasis upon being filled with the Holy Spirit, he wisely said, 'Because I leak.' Spiritual Dryness Spiritual dryness, or depletion, is not a problem in itself. In fact, the awareness of our spiritual dryness is a gift from God. It is His invitation to come and partake of His life and His Spirit. Signs of Spiritual Dryness Psalm 63:1 - O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; Here are some signs that we are becoming spiritually depleted. If you can relate to these, you need to reconnect with God and receive a fresh infilling of His Spirit: 1. Giving While Empty or Wary A sign of spiritual dryness is that we are no longer giving to others out of a sense of fullness. We feel empty or wary—our inner tank is running dry. Spiritual dryness if left undetected can turn into burnout, if we continue to give out in Christian service whilst not being replenished. If left untended, spiritual dryness can impact our emotional, mental, and even physical state. 2. Serving out of Duty When we are spiritually dry there is a subtle shift in our motivation to serve God, whether in the church or elsewhere. We are no longer motivated by passion. We feel an inner reluctance, or resistance to serve, but continue to do so because we feel we have no choice. Our motivation to continue serving may be that others are relying on us, or we want to honour a commitment, or even feel a duty towards God or towards His calling upon our lives. 3. Our Faith is no Longer Contagious According to David in Psalm 51:12-13 - Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. When we are spiritually dry, it affects our relationship with those who do not know Jesus. We are not bubbling over; we have lost our joy. People are not seeing something in us that causes them to thirst for God, and we lack motivation to share with them, feeling we have nothing to offer. 4. God Feels Distant When we are spiritually dry, there can be a gradual distancing from God. Either we are not encountering Him regularly, or we are not hearing from Him, or we are hearing Him speak to us intermittently. God is, in fact, continually speaking to us. However sometimes we neglect to tune in. Psalm 139:17-18 - How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. 5. Our Spiritual Life is in a Rut We lack the excitement we once had in our relationship with God. Our devotional life—connection to God through the Bible and prayer—has either been reduced to a rote exercise, is occasional, or has ceased to exist at all. We love God, but have lost a sense of being 'in love' with Him. Our relationship with God has lost its freshness. 6. A Contributing Event The state of spiritual dryness does not always creep up on us slowly. Trials or sudden trauma can result in us being depleted spiritually, as well as in other ways. 7. Negative Thinking Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. When we are spiritually dry the atmosphere of heaven—righteousness, peace and joy—seems to evade us. Instead, we find it easier to give way to negative thinking. We falter in our ability to resist and 'cast down' destructive thoughts and emotions. There is an Answer to Spiritual Dryness The good news is that when we are spiritually dry, God has already initiated and provided the answer to our need. JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED!!! THE FINISHED WORK OF THE CROSS!!!



How To Read The Bible part 02

Pastor Steve Huston

Deuteronomy 5:1 "And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them."

We must approach the Word of God in a four-fold manner. To hear it, to learn it, to keep it, and to do it. Should one part be missing and we can fall into error, despising, legalism or ignorance. Part of why the American church today looks as it does is because we, like Israel of old, have neglected to teach and encourage all four parts. If we don't hear the Word of God, we fall into ignorance. This is so obvious that it would seem unnecessary to say; but there are many churches that do NOT teach or even read the Bible. The pulpit resembles a dry and barren land with shrubs of men's ideas and how to feel good now rather than the fountains of living water filling a deep fresh reservoir for the people to plunge in. They walk away with empty and cracked cups rather than large and overflowing ones. It would seem that these pulpits would resemble God's warning to the land of Israel in Amos 8:11 "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:" Next, Moses called Israel to learn the Word of God; it would behoove us to do likewise lest we fall into error. How many times did Jesus ask the teachers of the Law if they even knew the Law? As our Lord said to them, He might well say to many today, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." We aren't called to just know the words of God's commands; we must understand the spirit of the Law as well. By this I mean, for example, Jesus broadened things out, explaining that to look upon a woman to lust after her is as much breaking the law as doing the actual act. We must learn what God really means. Let's apply this to 1 John 2:15-17; "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Work it out; ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you and teach you. Pray for the Lord to open your eyes and be willing to apply these verses to your life. If we do not learn, how can we obey? If we do not obey, how can we expect God's blessing to be upon our life, our family, and our church? If we do not learn, how can we teach our children and others within our sphere of influence how to walk in holiness and faithfulness? This brings us to the last two words: We are to "keep" and to "do" them. The word "keep" is an amazing and a deep word. Too often we look at it as just another word which means "to obey" or "to do." But that isn't the case; and if we don't "keep" the Lord's statutes, there's a real possibility of despising the Word of God. This is how Satan works; he gets us to doubt the truth of God's Word, then he denies God's Word, getting us to despise and disobey it. The word "keep" means to guard and protect (to hedge around). Even as God took Adam and "put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it," so we are called to "keep" the statutes and judgments of God. We are to protect them in our mind and in our society. We are to guard against anything that would detract from them or diminish our holy zeal for them. To guard against evil and to protect God's Word in our heart will flame the zeal of fervent love for it and will help to guard against a cold legalism within our heart. Why has the church left off from obedience to God's statutes, commandments, judgements, etc.? Because we have not "kept"—protected—the Word of God in our hearts and minds, in our families, and in our churches. It's because of this that our society is where it is today, our churches and families are broken, and religion is too often a cold formality or fervent followers of false doctrine, instead of the body of Christ. It's because of this that "holiness" is looked upon as just another church word instead of recognized as THE character of God—who/what He IS. It's because of this that holiness of heart and life is a nice catch phrase but so few desire to follow after holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. It's because of this lack of "keeping" that hardly anyone delights in the Law of the Lord, like David; instead they gratefully claim to be free from the law as if there were no reason to hear it, "protect" it, love it, learn it, or live it. Again, I am not talking about earning salvation by our obedience; but rather, obeying because we love Him. I could go on all day with this point; so I had better move along. Finally, Moses calls God's people to "do," to walk obediently, in God's Word. Jesus reiterated the importance of doing His Words in Matthew 7:24, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:" James warns against hearing only in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." When we really love God, we want to hear His Words, to learn what they mean, to guard them—protecting them from mishandling, misuse and abuse, and making God out to be what He is not—and finally, to do them gladly. There is a huge disconnect among Christians today. Perhaps there's so little "doing" because there's not much hearing, learning, or keeping. Press on in the Word! Hear it; learn it; keep it; and do it!

Pastor Steven Huston 103 N. Division Ave. Fremont, Michigan 49412



Broccoli Velveeta Soup

- 1 Cup Carrots chopped
- 1 Cup Celery chopped
- 2 Cups Broccoli chopped
- 6-8 Cups Chicken Broth
- 1 16 oz brick of Velveeta Cheese
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 C Flour
- pepper to taste

Boil veggies in chicken broth until tender about 10-20 minutes. Add butter and flour. Add Velveeta cubed mix together until smooth. May add more chicken broth for desired consistency. Soup will thicken as it cools.

Stuffed Chicken Breast

- 1 boneless skinless chicken breast
- 2 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon green onion, Chopped
- 2 pieces bacon, Partially Cooked

Pound out Chicken breast so it is about 1/4" thick. Mix together cream cheese and green onions and spread cheese mixture over 1 side of chicken breast. Roll Chicken breast up to conceal cream cheese. Wrap partially cooked bacon around chicken breast and secure with toothpick. Place on baking sheet and back for about 30 minutes at 375. Broil for about 5 minute to crisp bacon.

Banana Bundt Cake

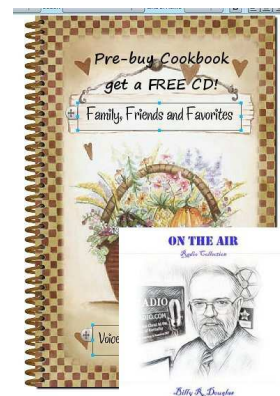
Cake

- 1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant banana pudding mix
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup club soda
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Icing

- 1 cup cold heavy whipping cream
- 3/4 cup cold 2% milk
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant banana pudding mix
- 2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, soda and oil; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Stir in walnuts. Pour into a greased and floured 10-in. fluted tube pan. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely. In a large bowl, beat the cream, milk, pudding mix and confectioners' sugar on high until stiff peaks form. Frost cake. Sprinkle with walnuts. Refrigerate until serving



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**Bread Crumbs****"Preach the Word"**

Loren Larson

II Timothy 4:1-2 -- "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."

These are Paul's final words of encouragement and direction to a young pastor just before facing his executioners. This was his solemn charge to Timothy: Preach the Word! DIVINE CHARGE IS VALID The divine charge given to Timothy is valid today. We need to preach the Word. We live in a time where there is a famine of God's Word. Not a famine of Bibles. A recent survey said that 88 percent of Americans say they own a Bible. It's a famine of reading God's Word. It's a famine of believing God's Word. It's a famine of preaching God's Word. WHY THE WORD? What is coming out of most pulpits today is clearly not the preaching of the Word. In fact, most goes contrary to God's Word and the people can't even discern it! Or is it that they don't want to discern the truth? "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" (2 Tim. 4:3). It was true then and it's true today. BECAUSE IT IS HIS WORD We preach the Word of God because it is His Word and not man's opinion. We're not short on opinions about God: how to please Him, how to receive from Him, or how to get to heaven. However, our opinions really don't matter. God declares in His Word who He is, what is acceptable, and what is not. When we preach the Word, we preach God's revelation to mankind and not mankind's revelation to mankind. HIS BOOK OF PROMISES God is not bound by man's promises even if they are uttered in His name. He is bound only by His promises as recorded in His holy Scriptures. "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa 55:11). As we preach God's Word, we offer hope to the hurting. Man offers a humanistic hope that brings disappointment to those who place their faith in it. God's promises cover every aspect of mankind's life. WE PREACH THE WORD "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instructions in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17). It's sad that this strong argument in favor of preaching God's Word is the very reason many don't want to hear the preaching of God's Word. They would rather live without being taught doctrine. They don't want to be reproved, corrected, or instructed in the ways of righteousness. When Jesus' words offended the multitudes, He turned to the disciples and asked if they too would leave Him. "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

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"Walking in Faith and Victory"

Pastor Don Ragsdale

Joshua 1:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

Moses represented Christ, not as the Law giver but the Law keeper, however under Law, (Moses) the Law was our school master to point us to Christ, as described with Joshua, every place the sole of your foot shall tread, I have given unto you. Romans 8:3 tells us, For what the law (represented by Moses) could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: (regretted in Joshua) Moses (Law) could never enter into the Promises of God, therefore he never entered the Promise Land, and likewise those who follow such will continue to wander around in the wilderness of Sin, but those who Follow the steps of Joshua, (Grace) understand that God gives us exceedingly great and precious promises not on the basis of Law but Grace, as stated in verse 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I GIVEN unto you, as I said unto Moses. God only gives to us on the basis of Faith and Grace, Eph.2:8-9 and all that He requires of us is to walk in light of what He has said, Rom. 6:17. No matter what we face, the world, the flesh or the devil, faith in Christ Jesus finished work provides all the Promises of God to be our inheritance, 2 Cor.1:20 yet without Faith they are impossible to receive, Heb.11:6. Hebrews 4:11 says, Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Biblical faith is always based upon a Promise which leads us to Obedience whereby the Possession of the Promise is fulfilled.

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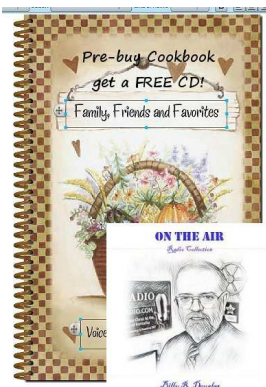
You Will Face Problems, But There's GOOD News!

George Whitten

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

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A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: Ephesians 5:1-2 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Additional passages for Today: Ephesians 4:21-5:17

Thought for Today: Only those that are following God, walking in love, being that offering and sacrifice, will be the sweet smelling savour. Those who are His children will be a sweet smelling savour!

Story for Today: The 4-H fair was fast approaching and Mel was working feverishly to finish the details on her final exhibit. Being 13 had its advantages. She wasn't considered one of the little ones and she had much more freedom. It also had its drawbacks, such as the extra responsibility and higher expectations. Mel had always been a hard worker. She loved animals and was always willing to pitch in wherever she was needed. Ali was her little sister and at 8 years old could sometimes drive her crazy. Mel and Ali both loved to ride horse, care for the goats and sheep and even take care of the chickens. Ali wasn't always as responsible as she could have been. Mel would help out by feeding the animals when she saw that Ali had gotten distracted and had neglected her duty. Mel and Ali lived in a little country farm house with a back porch and tool shed off to one side. The barn where they kept their animals wasn't too far from the house, just far enough that the girls had a nice little walk to and from doing their chores. As the busy time for fair approached, Mel was getting more frustrated with Ali. Ali was always running off with friends and leaving Mel to do all the chores. Ali was in basketball and their Mom asked Mel to cover for Ali on game nights. Mel was glad to help but was not impressed when night after night, game or not, Ali was missing. Two days before the animals were to be loaded up to go to the fair grounds, Ali had a big sleep over with all her girl friends. Mel had just finished doing all the chores by herself and was headed inside to try to finish the seashell art project that was due yesterday when Ali and her herd of girl friends showed up at the barn. Mel listened as Ali told all about how she had to feed and water and do different routines with the animals to have them all ready for show. Mel shook her head as she thought about how she had been the one doing everything Ali was describing to her friends. The frustration and resentment doubled when Ali won blue ribbon after blue ribbon and Mel was told she had missed the deadline and would have to wait until next year. Mel's Mom and Dad didn't help matters when they dropped Mel off at home to do chores and took Ali out to celebrate her "great accomplishments and hard work." Mel decided then and there that she had had enough. She did her chores and went in the house to do what she wanted. Ali could do her own from now on. That night the bleating and other noises of the barn felt like the loud roar of a lion instead of the distant whisper it actually was in the house. The next morning as Mel and Ali headed out to the barn, Mel squelched the guilt and grew even more determined as Ali ran off with the neighbor girl laughing that she'd do double the work tomorrow, a promise that she never kept. The next couple of days was a struggle for Mel. She hated to see the suffering of the starving, forgotten pets. She was about to give in when she heard the sound of her Dad's truck stopping in front of the barn door. The red heat crept up her face as she quickly ran to fill the water buckets and began pouring feed. Mr. Rivers stopped shortly after entering the barn and looked around assessing the situation and understanding immediately what was going on. "Where is Ali," he questioned. "I don't know," was the quick reply. Nothing more was said as Mr. Rivers grabbed a bucket and began working alongside Mel. Tears of guilt flowed down the young girls face as she realized the horror of what she had done. Some of the goats were so dehydrated they couldn't hardly stand. Mr. Rivers left Mel there taking care of the sick while he went for the vet. IV's and supplements were the doctors orders and a bill for more than Mel could hope to make in a year were the results. Mel was heart broken. She was sorry. She realized that she had allowed her anger with her sister and parents to control her actions and that she had done things that she knew was wrong. She hadn't shown the love of God. She had allowed hatred to enter her heart in place of the love of God.

Questions for Today: When others seemingly prosper while doing wrong, how should we handle the situation? Do we trust God and continue to do good? Or do we try to take matters in our own hands and risk the wrath of God coming to us rather than the vengeance that awaits those that have seemingly prospered at our expense?



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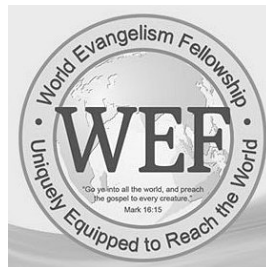
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