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Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise? Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times. Psalms 106:1-3

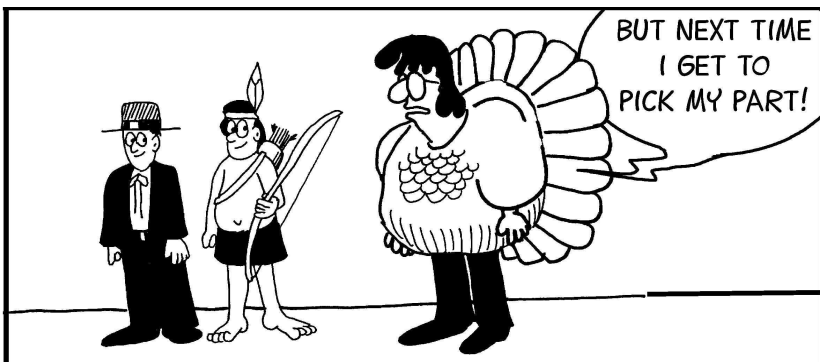
Our God Walks With Us

Sister Nancy Douglas Willis

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Exodus 33:13-14 If I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee...and he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest;

Moses was embarking on a new journey through the wilderness headed for their promise land. He would receive the ten commandments in the morning and they would leave Sinai for the promise land. God would make a new covenant with his people and lead them as a cloud and a fire. He would feed them, give them water and clothe them until they reached their inheritance. Then he would go before them in battle to defeat their every enemy. To make this journey, Moses needed God's direction and God's presence. He said, 'My presence shall go with you'. What a promise! Moses said, "if thy presence go not with me, carry us not hence"... In other words I'm not going without you. Is that not the cry of your heart? I need you Lord to go with me and direct me and if you won't go with me...don't send me. Exodus 33:16 "For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated. I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth." We have no idea what we will face tomorrow or in the days ahead. BUT As long as we know his presence goes with us...we have rest. We trust His promises to us. We have found grace in His sight. He is walking with us. He has made us to be separate from all nations of the earth...**our God walks with us.**



Cousin Leroy

A Swiss guy was driving through the little country town, and pulled up at the corner diner where Leroy and Bubba were playing checkers outside at a table.. "Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asked. Leroy and Bubba just stared at him. "Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tried. The two continued to stare. "Parlare Italiano?" Other than a glance at each other, there was still no response. "Hablan ustedes Espanol?" Still nothing. The Swiss guy gave up and drove off, extremely disgusted. When he was gone, Leroy turned to Bubba and said, "Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language." "Why?" Bubba replied. "That guy knew four of em, and it didn't do him no good."

G.W.'s Dollar

A tour guide was showing a tourist around Washington, D.C. The guide pointed out the place where George Washington supposedly threw a dollar across the Potomac River. "That's impossible," said the tourist. "No one could throw a coin that far!" "You have to remember," answered the guide. "A dollar went a lot farther in those days."

Help At The Post Office

A man writing at the post office desk was approached by an older fellow with a postcard in his hand. The old man said, "Sir, I'm sorry to bother you but could you address this postcard for me? My arthritis is acting up today and I can't even hold a pen." "Certainly sir," said the younger man, "I'd be glad to." He wrote out the address and also agreed to write a short message and sign the card for the man. Finally, the younger man asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do for you?" The old fellow thought about it for a moment and said, "Yes, at the end could you just add, 'P.S., please excuse the sloppy hand-writing.'?"

The Lost Purse

A lady lost her handbag. It was found by an honest little boy who returned it to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills." The boy quickly replied, "Yes. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

Pre-school

The pre-school teacher was discussing family during carpet time, and a 4-yr-old boy asked, "Miss Laura, do you have a Grandpa?" She replied, "I used to have 2 Grandpas, but they went to Heaven to be with Jesus." He thought for a moment, shook his head sadly, and said, "My Grandpa didn't go to Heaven." There was a long pause, the teacher gasped and swallowed hard as she tried to figure out how to respond. Then the little boy spoke up and said "He went to Iowa!"

Pastors

A pastor was leaving his area and was saying farewell to his congregation at the Church doors for the last time. He shook the hand of an elderly lady as she walked out. She said "Your successor won't be as good as you." "Nonsense," said the pastor, in a flattered tone. "No, really, I'm serious" said the old lady, "I've been here under five different ministers and each new one has been worse than the last."

The Wedding Dress

When Andrea got married, she asked to wear her mother's wedding dress. The day she tried it on for the first time her Mother was sitting in the living room as Andrea descended the stairs. The gown was a perfect fit on her petite frame. Mother's eyes welled with tears. And she began to cry. "You're not losing a daughter," Andrea reminded her in time-honored fashion. "You're gaining a son." "Oh, forget about that!" she said with a sob. "I used to fit into that dress!"



The Empty Chair

Pastor Billy R Douglas

I wrote this article a few years ago and we have heard from so many people that have been touched by it that I felt lead to share it again this year. I pray that it will be a blessing to you.

And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

2 Samuel 12:22-23

The words of King David no doubt strike a chord in the heart of each one of us. He was mourning the death of his child. He had wept, fasted, prayed to God...but the child died anyway. Yet during this hard time in his life David found a truth to hold on to...a peace that can only come from the Lord. As we gather with our family and friends for Christmas there will be an empty chair or chairs around the table that serve to remind us of loved ones who have went home to be with the Lord. As I thought on this the Holy Spirit brought something to mind that was a comfort to me and I pray that it in some way will comfort you as well. Just as there are empty chairs around our table as we gather, there are empty chairs around that great table in Heaven...those chairs await you and me. And just as King David said...we cannot bring our loved ones back to us but we can most assuredly go to them! If we keep our faith and our trust in Jesus Christ we can have the comfort of knowing that one day in the portals of Heaven we will once again gather around the table with our loved ones. I want to share a poem that I found recently. I am not sure who wrote it but I knew as soon as I read it that the Lord wanted me to share it with you...

Time cannot heal the emptiness

Or fill the empty chair

The one that's in the family room

I see it empty there

Or the chair that's at the table

Where together we would dine

Although I sit there still

The only hands that pray are mine

Still I give thanks to God each day

I pray this prayer comes true

You save an empty chair for me

When I come home to you

I know that the holidays are hard and bring much grief to so many. I have even heard people say that they "hate the holidays" because of the pain of missing loved ones who have passed on. Trust me when I tell you that those who have gone home to be with the Lord would not want us grieving ourselves to death because of their passing. They are happy with the Lord...happier than they ever were in this old world. And they would want us to be happy as well. Take comfort in the fact today that even though they cannot come to be with us in this world and once again fill their empty chair, we will one day take our place at that great marriage supper in Heaven and fill the empty chair that awaits us there.

Not long after writing this article I preached a sermon at VOTL by the same name "The Empty Chair". If you or someone that you know would like to have a copy on CD we will send it to you free of charge by simply writing us and letting us know. Until next time may the LORD Bless and keep you is our prayer. Pastor Billy R Douglas



Does God Care About Me? conclusion

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Psalm 139:1-6

Key: We are created in God's Image: Intelligence, Emotions and a Will. Ever wonder why? Because God wants us to be able to commune with Him! Didn't create animals in His image... He created us! That should tell you something! III. God Has Made A Relationship With Man Possible God is love and that love is what moved Him to make an atonement for man's sin! According to an old legend, a man became lost in his travels and wandered into a bed of quicksand. Confucius saw the man's predicament and said, "It is evident that men should stay out of places such as this." Next, Buddha observed the situation and said, "Let that man's plight be a lesson to the rest of the world." Then Muhammad came by and said to the sinking man, "Alas, it is the will of God." Finally, Jesus appeared and said to the man, "Take my hand, brother, and I will save you." God Became A Man and Dwelt Among Men 1st Timothy 3:16 - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. John 1:14 - 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. Christ Was The Lamb Of God Sent To Take Away Sins. John 1:29 - The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Christ Tasted Death For Every Man Hebrews 2:9 - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Christ's Sacrifice Proved God's Love For Man Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 1st John 4:9-10 - In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Christ Shed His Blood As Payment For Our Sin Debt. Ephesians 1:7 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Revelation 1:5 - And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, Christ is Risen From The Dead 1st Corinthians 15:3-4 - For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: God Knows Us God Knows Us And Still Wants A Relationship With Us. God Has Made A Relationship With Man Possible Based Upon All Of These Things, He Extends To Us Two Invitations: 1. Come To Me For Salvation Matthew 11:28-30 - Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. 2. Come To Me For Help In Time Of Need Hebrews 4:14-16 - Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. What Will You Do In Response To The Fact That God Cares About You?

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We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:5



Bear One Another's Burdens

Pastor Steven Huston

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

"Let brotherly love continue." Hebrews 13:1

There's a beautiful legend that exemplifies sharing one another's burdens in brotherly love.

Two brothers had adjoining fields. On the evening after the grain had been cut and shocked, the elder brother said to his wife, "My younger brother is unable to bear the burden and heat of the day. I will arise, take of my shocks, and place them with his, without his knowledge." The younger brother, being actuated by the same benevolent motives, said within himself, "My elder brother has a family, and I have none. I will arise, take of my shocks and place them with his."

Can you imagine their mutual astonishment when, on the following day, they found their respective shocks undiminished? This transpired for several nights, when each resolved in his own mind to stand guard and solve the mystery. They did so; and on the following night they met each other half way between their respective shocks with their arms full. On the spot where they met, ground hallowed by such brotherly love and care, tradition says the Temple was built. Might this mind be in us, that we have such brotherly love for one another that we choose to not only feel for those who are burdened, but that we would act in compassion bearing one another's burdens. Keep in mind that the law of Christ IS the law of love—love for God with all that we are and love for our neighbor as ourselves. Of course we should pray for those burdens, sometimes unbeknownst to us, meeting the other at the hallowed ground of the Throne of Grace, where love and help flows to us and through us. But, if possible, let us be the answers to our own prayers; let us act, truly bearing one another's burdens. After all, it was James, the half-brother of our Lord who wrote: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 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? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:14-19) If such love and true burden-bearing were exemplified among God's people, can you imagine what kind of affect that would have on a watching world? Can you imagine the encouragement it would be to others as well as to us? With two brothers (or sisters) meeting on such hallowed ground, wouldn't a temple of praise be raised to the glory of God?

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Philippians 2:3)

Let us not be too proud to share our needs; let us not be too self-centered to recognize the needs of others; and let all our acts of compassion be done to the glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom.

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Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:8-10



Missing The Train

So often God's children can be so fickle, not trusting in His sovereign goodness. We often look at a problem and quickly call it "bad," murmuring and complaining about it. Then when we see the other side of it, we show gratitude; but I wonder, where is our shame in questioning God's goodness and trusting in Him? Let us be grateful for whatever the Hand of Providence gives to us. Like Job, we should ask, "Should we only accept good from the Hand of God?" Whatever your state, give God glory! A woman and her two sons, desired to visit her father, their grandfather. In order to do so, they had to get up at two o'clock in the morning and catch an early train so as to make connections at another city; then they would reach her father's home by night that day. She made the first train all right, but when she arrived in the city where she had to make connections for the train that would carry her to her father's, she was compelled to go across the city two miles in a hack (a horse loaned out for hire) to reach the other depot. The hack-team driver was tired, hence she missed her train by two minutes. Rushing up to the ticket window, almost out of breath, she asked the agent "if the train going was on time?" He replied, "The train has just pulled out." She wrung her hands and exclaimed, "Oh, isn't that awful! It is simply too bad that I missed that train! That old hack team, those old bony horses did not go fast enough! That driver was a poky man! Tell me, will I have to wait here six hours and a half? Six hours and a half before I can catch a train for my father's!" "Yes, you will have to wait six and a half hours." She Went over and took a seat and sat there crying and worrying and be-meaning the hack driver. In about one and a half hours the ticket agent rushed out and across the station to her exclaiming, "Oh, lady, you should rejoice, you should be very happy in missing that train, you saved your life and the life of your two children! That train was derailed and killed the engineer and fireman and flagman and thirteen passengers!" She clapped her hands and cried, "O God, how I thank Thee! I praise Thee for permitting me to miss that train!" How often we misjudge and misunderstand God's providential leadings.

A Present Help

Betty Jean Robinson

"The Lord is good, A strong hold in the day of trouble, And He knoweth them that trust Him." Nahum 1:7

We are at a turning point in America. In the days ahead, we will see with our eyes and hear with our ears situations that will overwhelm those who are not anchored in Jesus Christ. No matter what may happen, the promises of God are yea and amen to the Glory of God! A Child of God can testify how the Lord has healed them or a loved one. How He made a way when there seemed to be no way! Has He changed? No! He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and He owns the hills also! The Lord said, "I change not". The Word of the Lord also tells us, "Trust in the Lord and lean not to your own understanding". Let me share with you the lyrics of a song I wrote when I had a need in my life...

My Father Knows What I Need

Chorus: My Father knows what I need My Father knows what I need So I'll just stand by and watch Him provide
For my Father knows what I need Recitation: Jesus stood and taught the multitudes saying...Don't be worried about what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink nor yet for your clothes what ye shall put on He said life is more than this. Jesus said look at the little birds that fly, why they don't sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them, your much more precious than they.

Can all your worrying add one moment to your life? Why worry about what you are going to wear? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. So take no thought saying what shall we eat, or what shall we drink or how shall we be clothed for your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things, but seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

Until next time, the Lord bless you, His Handmaiden, Sister Betty Jean Robinson

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Accountable to Grace

Pastor Loren Larson

The new covenant established by Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on Calvary is a covenant of grace. The Christian cannot work for the status of being righteous, rather, the righteousness of Christ is freely imputed by faith alone. This position of righteousness is what allows God to enter into and maintain a relationship with Christians and is established by faith in the finished work of the Cross. The believer then comes face-to-face with his true spiritual condition. Despite the miracle of regeneration, there is still much change that is needed in our hearts and minds. Since our condition is a "work in progress," we are to make constant strides towards holiness. We are warned in scripture not to use our liberty (the truth that I cannot earn righteousness) as an excuse to act in an unrighteous manner. Flesh never desires to submit to the never-ending procedure of being transformed into the image of Christ. To do wrong, and then point to our positional righteousness as the reason why this wrong is acceptable, is a misuse of one's liberty in Christ. All believers are held accountable to experience the transforming power of God's goodness and His grace. Let His grace save, refine, and define your total being! Galatians 5:13 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

For His Glory

How oft have you sought some reward for a task you said was "for the Lord?"
How oft have you felt a stinging slight and felt that you were not treated right?
How oft have you said "I quit, I am through. Nobody says 'thanks' for the things I do."
How oft have you felt the precious thrill that comes from just being in His will?
How oft did you count earth's glory dim compared to the joy of serving Him?
What is it your heart has longed for?
Does praise of men or HIS smile mean more?



Saturday December 11th @ 4:30 PM

Voice of the LORD Outreach Center 218 Hill Street

Outreach Center doors will be open @ 4:30 PM

The Livermore Christmas Parade starts @ 5 PM and passes in front of the Outreach Center.

Come join us for hot cocoa, Christmas cookies and the Christmas parade as we celebrate **Jesus** the reason for the season!



Honey Bun Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick of butter, melted
- 1 (8oz) sour cream

Filling

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 T. cinnamon

Icing

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Beat cake ingredients and pour half of the batter in greased 13x9 inch pan. **Filling:** Mix and sprinkle over the batter in pan. Add remaining batter. Bake 30 minutes at 350. **Icing:** Mix ingredients and poke holes in cake and pour icing over cake while cake is hot.

Chocolate Pie

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 T. flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 3 eggs, separated
- 2 cup whole milk
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1 T. butter
- 1 pre-baked pie crust

Beat egg yolks, add 1/4 cup of milk. Beat into mixture of sugar, flour and cocoa. Pour the rest of the milk in a sauce pan and bring almost to a boil, then gradually add chocolate mixture stirring constantly while cooking. Remove from heat as soon as it thickens, add butter and vanilla. Pour into pie crust. **Meringue:** Beat the 3 egg whites, after they start to stiffen add 4 T. of sugar. Spread on top of pie. Bake on 350 until brown.

Homemade Banana Pudding

- 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 c. milk
- 4 separated eggs
- 1 tbsp. vanilla flavor
- 1 box of Vanilla Wafers
- 4 med. ripe bananas, sliced

Mix flour, salt, and sugar; add milk slowly. Stir constantly over low heat until thickened. Stir and cook for about 15 minutes. Beat egg yolks in bowl and stir into mixture slowly stirring constantly. Cook about 5 more minutes stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Line bottom of casserole dish with vanilla wafers, bananas and custard mixture. Repeat layers, ending with custard on top. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add 1/4 cup sugar; whip until it peaks. Spread on top of custard and bake in oven at 450 for about 5 minutes or until browned. Remove from oven

Easy Turtle Pumpkin Pie

- 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp caramel topping, divided
- 1 Honey Maid Graham Pie Crust (6 oz)
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp Planters Pecan pieces, divided
- 1 cup cold milk
- 2 pkg (4-serving size) Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tub (8 oz) Cool Whip, thawed, divided

Pour 1/4 cup caramel topping into crust; sprinkle with 1/2 cup pecans. Beat milk, dry pudding mixes, pumpkin and spices with whisk until blended. Stir in 1 1/2 cups whipped topping. Spread into crust. Top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate 1 hour. Top with pecans and drizzle remaining caramel with fork. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

Cherry Delight

- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
 - 1 can cherry pie filling
 - 1 large container cool whip
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 can eagle brand milk
- Mix together in large bowl and chill until ready to serve.



A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

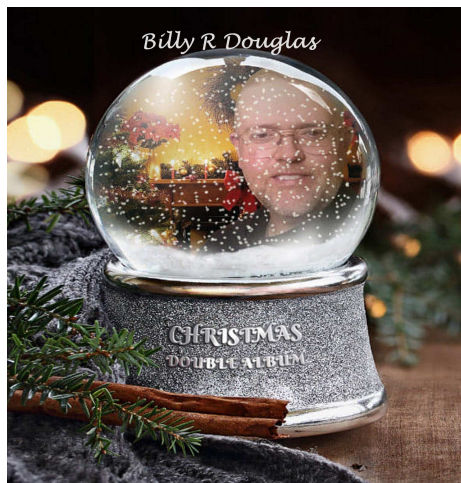
Verse for Today: Galatians 6:7-9 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. **Additional passage for Today:** Romans 8:1-8; Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Peter 5:8

Thought for Today: To reap life everlasting, we must sow to the spirit; we must please the Father not the flesh.

Story for Today: Rika recalled the day long ago when she and her sister Kara played in the millet field. Today she was teaching a lesson to her second graders about the importance of making good choices. Rika hadn't always lived in America. She and her big sister were born in Africa. Life there was much different from what she now called a normal day. In Africa, she would wake long before the sun came up. They didn't have indoor bathrooms or even a kitchen. She was expected to haul water, in a jug, that was used for cooking, cleaning and drinking. School was only for those born into a privileged home. Rika and Kara were not one of those born to be educated. The day that Rika was remembering she was only about six and Kara was seven. The girls had finished hauling water and had already helped with a few other chores. Freedom to play had been their reward. The girls had been warned many times not to leave the village but Kara always begged Rika to come play and they often ended up much farther out than either initially planned. This day, the girls were running through the millet field with the beautiful sun high in the sky beating down on them. As they laughed and sang their own made up songs they never saw the danger that lurked nearby. A mother lion was watching the girls and was ready to bring home lunch for her family. Rika shuddered as she remembered the sound she heard as the millet rustled and then parted revealing the lion. She didn't have time for more than a scream before the lion bounded in their direction. Rika ran as fast as her little legs could run and Kara ran too. They screamed and ran but hadn't gone far before the big cat gave a mighty leap and tore her claws down the back of the little seven year old Kara. Rika screamed and screamed but no one was close enough to help and the mother lion grasping her prey in her mouth bounded away. Rika realized that every time they had disobeyed and played where they wanted instead of where they were told, they had been in danger. Not just from a lion, or other predator, but from something much more serious. And this she explained to her class. When we live for the flesh, doing what we want; having to have our own way, in order to be happy, the need to please ourself grows. Satan desires to catch us just like the lion sought out her prey. He tempts us into believing that his way is pleasant and fun; but then when we least expect it, the danger is revealed and like the lion of that long ago day, the prey is captured and their life is destroyed. "God wants us to have true joy," she told the class. "He says that we can grow the fruit of the Spirit if we will crucify the flesh." After reading Galatians 5:22 & 23 she went on to explain that living in the Spirit means that we will live to please God rather than ourselves. Our motives and intentions will be pure and we will obey the truth that we know. Rika and the class took time to study what the fruit of the Spirit is before ending their time together. Some of the children asked what some of the words meant while others were able to give examples of different things that they had seen in some of the leaders in the church.

Questions for Today: What is growing in you? Are you pleasing the flesh or have you crucified it? Is the fruit of the Spirit growing in you? How do you see its love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance displayed in your life or in the life of the leaders that you know? Are you choosing to be with friends that are making good choices?

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving us the fruit of the Spirit and allowing it to grow in us. Please help us to remember that every choice we make forms our future and is either growing the fruit of the Spirit or is enabling the flesh to grow in us. Help us to make good choices and live in the Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



November & December Featured Music CD

2 Christmas Albums on One CD! 20 Songs in all!!

Country Christmas (2016)

He's The Reason For The Season (2005)

1. Country Christmas 2. Three Wise Men 3. An Old Christmas Card 4. He's The Reason For The Season 5. When Jesus Came 6. Christmas On His Knees 7. Santa Claus Got Saved 8. What Child Is This 9. Mary Did You Know 10. Go Tell It On The Mountain 11. O Come All Ye Faithful 12. Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem 13. C H R I S T M A S 14. Sleep Little Baby 15. O Little Town Of Bethlehem 16. The First Christmas Tree 17. Joseph's Song 18. Joy To The World 19. Come On Ring Those Bells 20. The Gift

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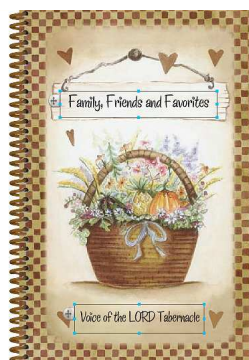


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2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

As believers, we are all called to transform the little world around us. C.S. Lewis offered a thoughtful perspective on remaining heavenly minded while continuing to make an impact in this present world. In Mere Christianity, he said. "Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world...it does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next...It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither." Being heavenly minded is not natural. It happens when we focus and meditate on the reality and wonderful hope of the world to come. When we do, we can bring a taste of heaven to the little world around us. So let's not become complacent -- but stay focused there, so we can be effective here... and soon enough we will hear the Lord saying, "Well, done thou good and faithful servant!"

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The Touch Of The Masters Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, And the auctioneer thought it hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin, but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried, "Who starts the bidding for me?"

"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?" "Two dollars, who makes it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No, From the room far back a gray bearded man Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin And tightening up the strings, He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?" As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?" "Two thousand, Who makes it three?"

"Three thousand once, three thousand twice, Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered, But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand." "What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply. "The Touch of the Masters Hand."

"And many a man with life out of tune All battered and bruised with hardship Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin A mess of pottage, a glass of wine, A game and he travels on. He is going once, he is going twice,
He is going and almost gone. But the Master comes, And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

Myra Brooks Welch



The Man Who Refused To Forgive

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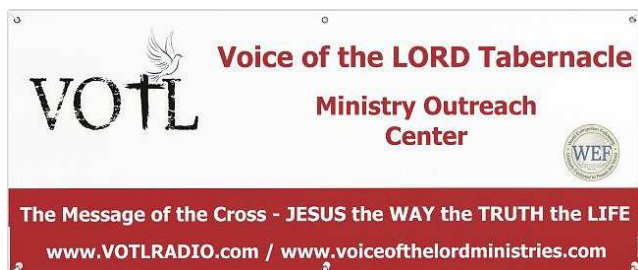
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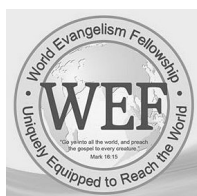
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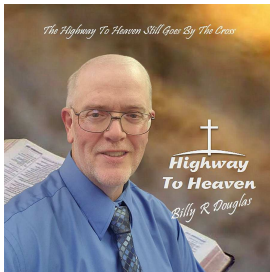
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