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John 3:28-30

Part of the last testimony of John the Baptist should be our heart's desire. John was filled with joy to know that people had starting following Jesus. He knew that his ministry would be short lived and he was just a voice to point people to Christ. Jesus called him the greatest man born of women. (Matt.11:11)

John the Baptist's ministry was prophesied in Isaiah 40:3-4, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:" Isaiah 40:3-4

May we be found faithful in pointing people to Jesus!

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Cousin Leroy

Leroy's wife Thelma Lou text her brother, "Ernest, just found out Aunt Elsie died. LOL"

Ernest: "Why are you saying LOL?"

Thelma Lou: "I am adding Lot's Of Love."

Ernest: "Sis, that means Laughing Out Loud!"

Thelma Lou: "Gotta go, I have some urgent calls to make..."

Joke

Bob's boss just texted him: "Send me one of your funny jokes!"

Bob texted him back: "I'm busy working. I'll send one later."

"That's hilarious," he said. "Send another one Bob!"

Raising Money

Lawyer: "Well Barney, so you want me to defend you? Have you got any money?"

Barney: "No sir. I ain't got no money, but I do got a 1928 Ford Car!"

Lawyer: "Well you can raise money on that. Now let's see, just what do they accuse you of stealing?"

Barney: "A 1928 Ford Car."

Happy Anniversary

On their 50th wedding anniversary, a couple summed up the reason for their long and happy marriage. The husband said, "I have tried never to be selfish. After all, there is no 'I' in the word 'marriage.'" The wife said, "For my part, I have never corrected my husband's spelling."

The Story Of Lot

The pastor called all the children up to the front for the weekly Bible story. Little Jimmy listened intently to the story of Lot. The pastor said, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Very concerned, Jimmy asked, "What happened to the flea?"

The Squad

A squad stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. The flight instructor said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." Most of the squad wandered away, but one guy remained at attention. The Instructor walked over to him and raised a single eyebrow. The guy smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh sir?"

Smarter

A customer at mom-and-pop grocery store marveled at the proprietor's quick wit and intelligence. "Tell me, Green, what makes you so smart?" "I wouldn't share my secret with just anyone," Green replies, lowering his voice so the other shoppers won't hear. "But since you're a good and faithful customer, I'll let you in on it. Fish heads. You eat enough of them, you'll be positively brilliant." "You sell them here?" the customer asks. "Only \$4 apiece," says Morris. The customer buys three. A week later, he's back in the store complaining that the fish heads were disgusting and he isn't any smarter. "You didn't eat enough, " says Green. The customer goes home with 20 more fish heads. Two weeks later, he's back and this time he's really angry. "Hey, Green," he says, "You're selling me fish heads for \$4 apiece when I just found out I can buy the whole fish for \$2. You're ripping me off!" "You see?" says Morris. "You're smarter already."



A Resting Place

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Billy R Douglas

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Not long ago I was going through some old messages that had been sent between me and my sister Nancy. She went home to be with the Lord in November of 2014. And although several years have come and gone losing her left a void in my life that's still as real today as it was then. So needless to say when I came across this poem that she had sent me my heart seemed to melt. My eyes were filled with tears. Tears of gratitude that the LORD had allowed me to find it and tears of thankfulness of knowing that she is with the LORD. And that one day we will once again be united in Heaven. I am not sure where she found the poem or who wrote it but I felt lead to share it with you this month. I pray that it blesses you as much as it did me...and may it remind us all that this life is but a fleeting moment and that there's a better life ahead for all those that trust in Jesus!

Sometimes the road of life seems long as we travel through the years,
And, with a heart that's broken and eyes brimful of tears,
We falter in our weariness and sink beside the way,
But GOD leans down and whispers, Child, there'll be another day,
And the road will grow much smoother and much easier to face,
So do not be disheartened this is just a RESTING PLACE

Until next time, "May the LORD Bless and keep you," is our prayer. Pastor Billy R Douglas

One More thing....

I would like to invite you to order our information that we are offering on the powers of darkness, witchcraft and the celebration of Halloween. We have been asked many times over the years why we do not celebrate Halloween. Simply put our answer can be summed up in these words. We do not celebrate Halloween because it is a celebration of evil, darkness, witchcraft, and fear. ALL of which we have been commanded by the LORD in His Word to stay away from. The information we are offering goes in to much more detail...order your copy today.



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**BUT God, who is rich in mercy...**

Pastor Steven Huston

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us," Ephesians 2:4

As a teenager I had developed a habit of saying, "I'm sorry, but..." to be followed by a reason to excuse my action. One day my dad said, "Steve, when you say 'but,' it undoes your whole apology, it negates all that came before." That was a powerful lesson for me; but in my study of the Bible, I would learn an even more powerful lesson regarding "but" – "BUT God." The King James Bible uses the direct phrase "but God" 44 times; plus several other times using the conjunction "but" followed by a pronoun referring to God, as in Psalm 3:2-3. "Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; ..." While it's important to acknowledge what comes before that beautiful and powerful phrase ("but God"), it's even more important to take, by faith, the promises, provision, and protection which come after. God negates, or undoes, all that came before. Friends, regardless of the trouble you may find yourself in or the needs that weigh on you, ALWAYS remember BUT GOD! Circumstances might look impossible—BUT GOD is your true circumstance, negating what the world sees as a done deal! Remember, with God ALL things are possible; and, nothing is impossible with God. After all, if God can create everything from nothing...well, you get the picture.

For a few months, Lord willing, this column will be devoted to looking at some of these "But God" blessings. This month I want to start with, in my opinion, the greatest BUT GOD of the Bible, Ephesians 2:4. The circumstances here preceding the phrase "BUT God" give the darkest, most impossible, helpless and hopeless picture imaginable. How hopeless? Dear believer, turn to Ephesians 2 and learn that you "were dead in trespasses and sins;" you were under the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience;" you "were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." That was your circumstance. You were headed to eternal damnation with no power to help yourself; hell was your destination with no ability to course correct. No bleaker possibility exists.

BUT GOD!!! Hallelujah! But God, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, laid on Jesus "the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6). BUT GOD "quickened us (made us alive) together with Christ" (Eph. 2:5). We were being conformed to the world's mold BUT GOD says now we are "conformed to the image of His Son" (Jesus Christ) (Rom. 8:29). Instead of damnation we've been lifted up to "sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6). You've seen what you were; BUT GOD now has made you into "his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). You've been saved to do God's good works, not to continue on the path you once walked.

You deserved destruction but God gave you grace. You deserved hell but God gave you heaven. You deserved captivity but God gave you victory. You had nothing to offer so God gave you Jesus Christ. You were sin BUT NOW BECAUSE OF "BUT GOD" you have become – through Jesus' atoning work on the cross – the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21)!

We ought never to waste such a precious "but God" gift which Romans 5:8 sums up so well: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." So, how then shall we live?

Be daily transformed by the renewing of your mind, refusing to be conformed to this world (Rom. 12:2). Be holy as He is holy in ALL areas of your life (1 Pet. 1:15). Deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; and boldly teach others to do so (Titus 2:12, 15). As ambassadors of Jesus, go into all the world and preach the gospel, teaching others to do as Jesus taught (Matt. 28:20; Mark 16:15)



What's Scariest?

Pastor Steven Huston

What's scarier than Halloween? There are many things that could easily be used to answer that question rightly, especially when viewed as most Americans do – a fun time for children to dress up in cute, scary, or grotesque costumes to visit friends, stores, and strangers in order to threaten its occupants for candy with an age-old war-cry of “Trick or Treat!” I know this is controversial and that most just view these things as good natured fun. I've heard just about every excuse and reason for participating in what is arguably one of the most favorite “holidays” of the year not to mention just about every attack on my character possible. While I understand what people tell me surrounding this questionable practice on the 31st of October, I just cannot agree that it is harmless fun. Even if we set aside the fact (perish the thought) that this is a high holy day for the Satanists, Wiccans, and other pagan practitioners; or ignore the fact (how can we possibly do so) that large numbers of children and animals go missing around this time of year so that special blood sacrifices can be performed; what about the confusion that is subtly introduced to these young minds regarding common sense and spiritual things? What about the fact that we undermine the very truths that we desire to teach our children for their own safety and their heavenly journey?

Many parents teach their children: don't talk to or take candy from strangers; don't bully others (threatening or demeaning people to get what you want or to feel superior to them); and above all, as Christians, be about the business of fighting sin, the world, and the devil. Well, except for on Halloween, then it's okay. Really? We teach our children that the devil is real and he is our enemy. We read with them from the Word of God to “be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Do this EVERY DAY; stand for truth, battle evil, stand having done ALL to stand in this evil day! Oh, right, every day except October 31, because we take that day off to mix it up a little and get some candy and party a little. Come out and be ye separate; wait, we can be like the rest of the world THAT one day a year...well, maybe another one or two more.

What's scarier than possibly confusing your children in regards to good and evil? PRECIOUS LITTLE!

Dad and mom, are you giving clear instruction to your children or are you confusing the issue for the sake of fun and the world? Take heed to Paul's warning in 1 Corinthians 14:8, “For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?” I know that this goes way beyond Halloween; it includes our television viewing, the books we allow to be read, the extra-curricular activities, and the list goes on and on. But at the end of this month, you've got a decision to make. Read the first 16 verses of Ephesians chapter five before you make that decision though. The Bible must ALWAYS be our guide. When we think of the young souls that God has entrusted to our care it should scare us spit-less to think we may lead them astray, showing them that the difference between the holy and the profane can be easily traversed for a few pieces of candy and a party of any kind! What IF such a trade later inoculates their minds to the truth of God's Word and they find themselves in a sinner's hell? THAT is scary! Are we sober-minded (having sound judgment) or frivolous about such things?

What's scarier than Hell? NOTHING that I can think of! A place of eternal torment, pain, fire, and darkness, from which there is NO ESCAPE! A place where those who reject God's offer of salvation through the atoning work of Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary will spend remembering the times they chose to reject God's grace, wishing for a drop of water to cool their parched tongue, and from which there is NO ESCAPE! An eternal holding place called the lake of fire for those who are witches and sorcerers, etc. Nothing is scarier than being separated from God for all of eternity! Do yourself a favor; open your Bible and read Revelation 20 and 21 right now. Give some serious thought to your eternal destination. Dear Reader, it's not just about Halloween or any other day. It's about what you have chosen to do with the grace of God and salvation in Jesus Christ; it's about not being conformed to this world but being transformed because you now have a new way of thinking. It's about redeeming the time for the days are evil!

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Reesie's Recipes



Breakfast Pizza

- 2 lb pkg frozen shredded hashbrowns
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 7 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 10 - 12 sausage patties, cooked

Prepare hashbrowns according to package directions. Spread on an ungreased baking sheet or pizza pan. Top with 1/2 cup cheese and set aside. Whisk eggs and milk together in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high for 3 minutes, then scramble eggs well with a whisk. Return to microwave and cook 3 more minutes. Whisk well to scramble. Layer eggs on top of cheese, add salt and pepper to taste. Top with remaining cheese. Arrange sausage patties on top. Bake at 400 degrees or until cheese is melted. Cut into wedges to serve.

Spicy White Cheese Dip

- 2 lbs white American deli cheese, torn
- 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsp jarred minced garlic
- 2 (10oz) cans diced tomatoes with green chiles
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp coarsely ground pepper

Place all ingredients in a 6 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 3 hours. Stirring gently every hour. Adjust slow cooker setting to warm. Stir before serving. Serve with assorted chips.

Pimento Cheese Biscuits

- 1 c. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 2-1/4 c. self-rising flour
- 1/2 c. chilled butter, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 4-oz. jar diced pimento, drained
- additional self-rising flour
- 2 T. butter, melted

Combine shredded cheese and 2 1/4 cups flour in a large bowl. Sprinkle butter slices over cheese mixture; toss gently. Cut butter into flour with a pastry blender until crumbly and mixture resembles small peas.

Cover and chill 10 minutes. Combine buttermilk and diced pimento; add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; knead 3 or 4 times, gradually adding additional flour as needed. With floured hands, press or pat dough into a 3/4-inch-thick rectangle (about 9"x5"). Sprinkle top of dough with additional flour. Fold dough over onto itself in 3 sections, starting with one short end. (Fold dough rectangle as if folding a letter-size piece of paper.) Repeat procedure 2 more times, beginning with pressing into a 3/4-inch-thick dough rectangle (about 9"x5"). Press or pat dough to 1/2-inch thickness on a lightly floured surface; cut with a 2-inch round cutter; place side by side on a parchment paper lined or lightly greased 15"x10" jelly-roll pan. (Dough rounds should touch.) Bake at 450 degrees for 13 to 15 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove from oven and brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter.

Apple-Broccoli Salad

- 4 cups broccoli flowerets
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 2 red delicious apples, cored and diced
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp cider vinegar

Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl. Combine mayo, sugar and vinegar; add to broccoli mixture, stirring to coat. Cover and chill.



The Occult & Witchcraft

Pastor Scott Corbin

Like so many children in America, I was raised thinking that Halloween was a fun holiday, with costumes, jack-o-lanterns, and trick-or-treating. Though the things we did to observe Halloween seemed harmless enough at the time, as I later learned the true meaning and background of the holiday, I realized that I could not claim to be a Christian but also enjoy dabbling in the world of the occult. That may seem like a strong statement, but it is an accurate description of what we do when we observe Halloween.

It was when I was about 25 years old that I listened to a tape from an alleged former Satanist who was warning Christians about Halloween. I could not get that out of my mind, even though I was not even where I needed to be in my relationship with the Lord. So I began to research it further, the true meaning and history of Halloween. What I found is that what I had considered innocent fun as a child, teenager, and young adult, had no place in the life of a believer in Christ. I found out that the things in the world of the occult and the things done to observe Halloween, were all things that were an attack on what God has said and on the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

Twenty years ago, I began a Christian website and in the fall of that year, I posted a short article about what I had learned about Halloween. It was written for people who were in the same place I was years earlier, observing a holiday in ignorance. However, I was shocked when I began receiving emails from people directly and deliberately involved in witchcraft. They tried to correct me on a few things, but basically they said that the information in the article was correct, and that I was right to say that the holiday had no place in the life of a Christian. It was indeed "their" holiday, they said. That's why I find it so interesting today when Christians try to defend Halloween, when the very ones who invented it say otherwise.

Yes, the Roman Catholic institution tried to "Christianize" it and incorporate it into "church" teachings and observances, as the Catholic church is known to do in order to swell their ranks, but we must look at the facts rather than at traditions. In the years following, I have tried to learn a little more each year about not just Halloween, but the occult in general. Each fall, we take the Wednesday night services at our church and teach on the occult, in an effort to inform and warn Christians about these dangers. And this may surprise some, but we also teach on how occult and pagan beliefs have crept into the church, not just in Catholicism or with trunk-or-treat and things of that nature in Protestant churches, but with un-Biblical doctrines that are taught throughout the year that have roots and ties to the dark side of the spirit world.

For example, one Charismatic preacher said years ago on television, as he was teaching (based on the false Word of Faith doctrine) that we can have what we want if we say it, that some might protest and say "well that sounds like witchcraft". His reply was, "well it is, if you're a witch!" Well I'm sorry preacher, but you are wrong to teach that and claim it to be Biblical as long as we attach the Name of Jesus to it and take some Scriptures out of context to try and support it. A Christian doesn't need to borrow from the world of the occult in order to have blessings!! It's all around you...occultism and paganism, that is. A few weeks ago in one of the Wednesday night services, I brought up many common superstitions that people believe.

There is not space to go into detail here, but I just respectfully remind the reader that everything in our lives should be brought into focus in light of God's Word. Sometimes that means traditions have to go, in favor of loving and serving a Holy God with all of our heart and being, and adhering to His Word with our theology and faith.



It Is No Secret What God Can Do



Back in the 50's there was a well known radio host/comedian/song writer in Hollywood named Stuart Hamblen, who was noted for his drinking, womanizing, and partying. One of his bigger hits at the time was, "I Won't Go Hunting With You Jake, But I'll Go Chasing Women."

Some time later a young preacher was holding a tent revival nearby, and Hamblen invited him on his radio show just to poke fun at him. In order to gather more material for his show, Hamblen showed up at one of the revival meetings. Early in the service the preacher announced, "There is a man in this audience who is a big fake." There were probably others who thought the same thing, but Hamblen was convinced the preacher was calling him out. A convicted conscience, but Stuart was having none of that.

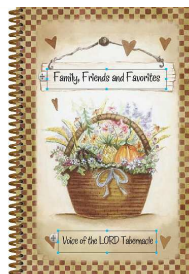
Still the words continued to haunt him until a couple of nights later he showed up drunk, banging on the preacher's hotel door around 2 AM demanding that the preacher pray for him! However, the preacher refused! He said, "This is between you and God, and I'm not getting in the middle of it." But he did invite Stuart in, and they talked until about 5 AM, at which point Stuart dropped to his knees and cried out to God to save his soul and change his life...and God did!

But that is not the end of the story. Stuart quit drinking, quit chasing women, quit everything he used to think was so "fun." Soon he began to lose favor with the Hollywood crowd. He was ultimately fired by the radio station for refusing to accept a beer company as a sponsor. He went through some hard times like the devil often orchestrates to lure them to backslide. He tried writing some religious songs like, "This Old House," written for his friend Rosemary Clooney. Another was "Until Then My Heart Will Go On Singing."

As he continued to struggle, an old friend named John took him aside and told him, "All your troubles started when you 'got religion.' Was it worth it?" Stuart answered simply, "Yes." Then his friend asked, "You liked your booze so much, don't you ever miss it?" And his simple answer was, "No." John then said, "I don't understand how you could give it all up so easily."

Stuart responded, "Well, it is no secret what God can do. All things are possible with Him." John was moved by those words, and said, "That's a catchy phrase. You ought to write a song about it." And as they say, the rest is history. The lyrics to that song Stuart Hamblen wrote are, "It is no secret what God can do. What He's done for others, He'll do for you. With arms wide open, He'll pardon you. It is no secret, what God can do."

By the way, that friend of his was John Wayne! And that young preacher was Billy Graham! You never know whose life your testimony might change...forever!



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George Whitten

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.
2 Corinthians 4:7

When the apostle Paul compared our lives to clay pots, he focused not on the earthen vessels, but rather the contents of those vessels. Jars of clay deteriorate over time, become chipped, cracked, and eventually broken. However, the real value of those ancient pots was not in the clay containers themselves, but in what they contained.

We human beings tend to focus on the frailties and imperfections of our decaying "vessels", looking, characteristically, on the outward form rather than the substance within. But the inward reality is what matters to God, and ultimately, to us as well, since that reality is His living Presence within us; a treasure of wisdom, power, and love with inestimable value.

The Lord's evaluation of us is not by this old earthen vessel, which is corruptible and deteriorates with time. His indwelling Spirit, His Living Word, and the dynamic intimate relationship into which He invites us--- are where the real treasure lies!

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A Mighty Fortress

Pastor Mike Vaughn

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

After posting his ninety-five theses on the door of Wittenberg's Castle church in October 1517, Martin Luther faced many years of persecution. During the years of the Protestant reformation, Luther came to know and experience the strength and gracious power of God's mighty hand. He confidently stepped forward to defend the truth he found in God's word, even despite excommunication from the Roman catholic church and continual threats to his life. Luther found the inspiration for the Hymn that he penned "A mighty fortress is our God" from Psalm 46:1-3 The hymn begins, "A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing. Our helper He amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe, Doth seek to work us woe- His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal." This hymn became the battle cry of the protestant reformation. Many who suffered for their Faith during that time found comfort in Luther's words of Faith and praise. No matter what situation you may be facing, remember, "A mighty fortress is our God and He is our refuge ,strength and help in the times of trouble."

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The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalms 18:2



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A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verse for Today: Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Additional passages for Today: 1 Timothy 5:20; Revelation 22:15

Thought for Today: It isn't enough to avoid the unfruitful works of darkness, we must also reprove them. Reproof sheds light which enables all to find the truth.

Story for Today: Marta dreaded going to the store. She normally was happy to help her mom pick up the groceries for the family, but as Halloween drew closer, the stores were filled with ugly-looking costumes and all things dark and menacing. Why did people find it acceptable to celebrate death, murder, and all kinds of different forms of witchcraft and wickedness? She had seen costumes of the grim reaper and the fangs and fake blood alongside the tattoos of stitches and scars. It wasn't that she was a scaredy cat. She was braver than most of the girls her age. But there was just something sinister about the celebrations of satanic things that left her wishing she could hibernate from the middle of August until November 3rd.

While other kids talked about going trick or treating or going to the local church for games or trunk or treat, Marta quietly prayed about how she could make a difference. She had seen the push to "take back the holiday" by passing out good things with the candy in hope that one of the kids would find Jesus. She had also been encouraged to just leave well enough alone. Don't participate if you don't like it, but don't ruin the fun for those that love the fun of dressing up and getting lots of candy. The church down the street even had an alternative planned for those that didn't like to participate in Halloween. They had a hayride, and other harvest festival activities planned.

As Marta listened to Pastor Paul preach from Ephesians 5, several points to the message jumped out at her and she realized that God was answering her prayer! First, she was reminded that she wasn't to be a partaker of the bad. So, no; she would not participate in anything that celebrated this satanic holiday. Second, she realized that she had once been in darkness too. So, she needed to show mercy to others that may not have been convicted as she had yet. And last, it wasn't enough to hide away. She needed to speak the truth for God. She couldn't make others see things her way. They may not agree and may go on celebrating and partaking in the world's satanic rituals. But she needed to be obedient to God and reprove; bring light to those living in darkness.

It was amazing to realize that some people just hadn't seen the holiday for what it really is, because the light hadn't exposed it yet. She felt the need to shed the light but wanted to make sure she had good aim before flipping the switch. She remembered having the flashlight shine in her eyes and how damaging that was to her. She remembered that she saw spots and nothing was clear for several seconds. She realized that she needed to shine the light on the path so that others seeking truth could see and find the way to go. Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Questions for Today: Do you choose to walk in step with the world during the Halloween celebrations or do you shed light by speaking God's truth from His word about the evils of joining in with witchcraft or other evil? Do you know what to say to help people see the truth? Do you pray and then obey what God shows you or do you ignore the promptings thinking it is easier to just seek forgiveness later?

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, please give us wisdom and courage to shine your light on the path so that those seeking You and Your ways find the truth and are able to turn their feet back into the path. Please give Pastors and other leaders wisdom and courage to obey You even when the world beckons offering the whole world if they will just bow down to this one thing. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen.

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