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Dr. Smith

Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons. This particular day, Sally walked into the class and knew they were in for a fun day. On the wall was a big target and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture. Sally's friend drew a picture of girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another guy drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend. The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students were throwing their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart and everyone was laughing hysterically. Finally, Dr. Smith asked all the students to be seated. He came to the front of the class with a less-than-amused look on his face. As he began removing the target from the wall, there appeared underneath, a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture; holes and jagged marks covered Jesus' face, and His eyes were pierced. Dr. Smith said only these words. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. What a powerful analogy. Phew. When we "throw darts" at our brothers and sisters, friends and even strangers, we are actually piercing our Lord too. Let's get right with the Lord and others today. It's a good season for reconciliation. There's so much work to be done!

George Whitten - www.worthydevotions.com

**CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH** by Thom Tapp

**Well pastor, we liked your church,
it was *YOU* we didn't like.**

**Cousin Leroy**

After starting a new diet, Leroy's lil misses altered her drive to work to avoid passing her favorite bakery. But, this morning, she accidentally drove by the bakery and as she approached, there in the window were a host of goodies. She felt this was no accident, so she prayed, "Lord, it's up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, please create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery." And sure enough, on her eighth time around the block, there it was!

Mr. Fool

One Sunday a pastor found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool." Quietly and with becoming seriousness he shared the letter with the congregation and announced: "I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of someone signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

FOR SALE

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying "Free to good home, You want it -- you take it." For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal - looks to good to be true - so he changed the sign to read "Fridge for sale \$50." The next day someone stole it.

You may be a Redneck if.....

- More than one living relative is named after a Southern Civil War general.
- Your boat has not left the driveway in 15 years.
- You keep a can of Raid on the kitchen table.
- You've ever used a toilet seat as a picture frame.
- Your wife can climb a tree faster than your cat.
- Your momma has "ammo" on her Christmas list.
- There has ever been crime-scene tape on your front door.
- You burn your front yard rather than mow it.
- The taillight covers of your car are made of tape.
- You think a subdivision is part of a math problem.
- Your momma has ever stomped into the house and announced, "The feud is back on!"
- You've ever barbecued Spam on the grill.
- The neighbors started a petition because your Christmas lights are still up in JULY.
- You use the term 'over yonder' more than once a month.
- You've ever used a weedeater indoors.
- You have more than two brothers named Bubba or Junior.
- Your biggest ambition in life is to "git that big ole coon. The one that hangs 'round over yonder, back'ah Bubba's barn..."
- You watch Little House on the Prairie for decorating tips.
- You think you are an entrepreneur because of the "Dirt for Sale" sign in the front yard.
- Your moustache is longer than your wife's hair.
- You're watching the Beverly Hillbillies and the mention of Granny's pickled owl gizzards throws a craving on you.
- You see a sign that says "bridge out" and you try to jump it.
- It takes you and 31 others in the same room to show off a full set of teeth.
- You put a Clapper on your headlights.
- You see a sign in the donut shop window that says "LONG JOHNS ON SALE" and you ask if they have them in your size



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From the Pastor's Desk

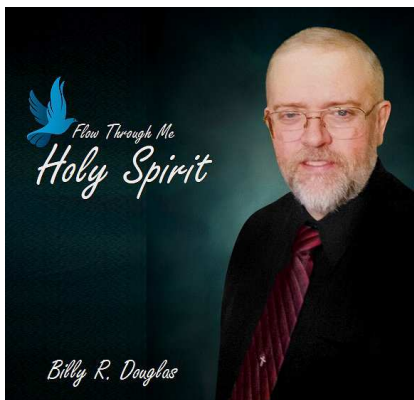
Pastor Billy R. Douglas

Different Enemy...SAME GOD

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

1 Samuel 17:37

David was about to go out and face Goliath...and of course the nay sayers were proclaiming that there was no way he was able to defeat this giant of a man! No doubt if you stood the two side by side and looked at them our carnal thinking would have proclaimed the same. The army of Israel could only see the size of Goliath...they were hiding in their fox hole gripped with fear. King Saul could only see the size of Goliath...he was hiding in his tent gripped with fear! Then along comes little David, just a shepherd boy who had been out on the hillside tending his fathers sheep. Until today when his father Jesse had sent him to the camp of Israel with some food for his brothers. David saw something that apparently no one else there could see!! Day after day the giant would come out onto the battlefield, beat his chest, defy Israel AND their God! And all of Israel would turn tail and run and hide!! BUT, on this day when the giant would make his appearance David was in the camp. He heard the same thing they had...he saw the same thing they had. But David looked past the size of the champion of the Philistines and saw someone greater... SOMEONE BIGGER! Someone more than able to deliver this enemy into his hand!! He saw HIS GOD!! And instead of running and hiding he boldly proclaimed...WHO IS THIS UNCIRCUMSIZED PHILISTINE that defies the army of the living God!!! And of course he was rebuked by his brother and no doubt others as well but nevertheless the word was taken to King Saul that someone was willing to face the giant! The King sends for David and that is where we come to the scripture above. As David stands there in the tent of King Saul he looks back on the enemies that the LORD had delivered him from and boldly proclaims...THE LORD THAT DELIVERED ME FROM THE PAW OF THE LION, THE LORD THAT DELIVERED ME FROM THE PAW OF THE BEAR HE WILL DELIVER ME FROM THE HAND OF THIS PHILLISTINE! David knew that this may be a new battle, this may be a different enemy BUT he was serving the SAME GOD!!! I want to encourage you today that no matter what you are facing...look back at the times of victory and deliverance in your life and realize...you may be facing a different enemy, you may be facing a different battle, you may be facing a different trial BUT you are serving the same God!! And the God that delivered you before is MORE THAN ABLE to deliver you again!! Our God does not change. Battles change...circumstances change...enemies change they come in all shapes and sizes BUT God does not change! Trust in Him and He will see you through! We all know what happened to Goliath and the same thing will happen to the giants in your life if you will look unto the LORD! Until next time STAY IN THE RACE! KEEP THE FAITH! TRUST IN THE LORD! And know that He is more than able to bring you through whatever you are facing today! Pastor Billy R Douglas



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**“SATAN WANTS TO DESTROY OUR FAITH”**

Evangelist Mike Heltsley

John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1st Timothy 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Let's look at Satan's subtle tactics in trying to bring defeat in our lives. 1. He Will Steal The Word From Our Hearts Mark 4:3-4 - Harken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: 4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. Mark 4:14-15 - The sower soweth the word. 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. The seed of God's Word is the basis and foundation for our faith. The Bible declares in Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Satan knows this and desires to stop it. He will use any situation to gain leverage in our lives. Matthew 17:20 - And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Luke 17:6 - And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. How does he manage to do this? In Mark 4 we will see that he: 1) We allow him to give us a stony heart by persecution. This is designed to get us off the Word of God. (V.16-17). 2) He gives some of us a thorny heart. We will receive the word, but then allow other things to choke this word out of our lives. (V.18-19). 3) We need to allow our hearts to become good ground in order for the Word to have effect in our lives (Mark 4:20; 26-32). 2. Stealing The Word Will Enable Him To Kill Our Joy Jeremiah 15:16 - Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. Joy comes from the Word of God. Plain and simple! Satan knows that when he can steal the Word from your heart, he can kill your joy. This is the source of your strength Philippians 1:25 - And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; 3. Stealing The Word Will Destroy Our Faith. Luke 22:31-32 - And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Faith is the sustainer of the Christian life. If Satan can destroy your faith, then he has destroyed YOU! That's his purpose and goal. He knows his time is short. 1st Timothy 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. The Word of God is the basis for faith. Faith in turn produces joy. IF we are not walking in joy, then we are not walking in faith. Satan can destroy faith through the follow tactics: DECEPTION - Genesis 3:1-7 - Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. DISCOURAGEMENT - Nehemiah 8:10 - Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength. DOUBT - Mark 14:22-31 - And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. 23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. 25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. 26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. 27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. 28 But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. 30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. 31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all. It's so very important for us to study God's Word and learn Satan's devices. Too many in the modern day church take things said for face value and do not research the word for themselves. That's why so many have fallen prey to Satan and his demonic forces. The Bible says in Psalm 119:98 - Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. Also in 2nd Corinthians 2:11 - Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. Brethren, remain grounded in God's Word. It WILL NEVER lead you astray! Because of the Cross, Evangelist Mike Heltsley



“Will I find Any faith?”

Pastor Steve Huston

In 2015, Iain Murray opened his article entitled *How Scotland Lost Its Hold of the Bible* with this 1883 quote from Horatius Bonar: “Man is now thinking out a Bible for himself; framing a religion in harmony with the development of liberal thought; constructing a worship on the principles of taste and culture; shaping a god to suit the expanding aspirations of the age. ... The extent of the mischief no one can calculate. A soul without faith, a church without faith, a nation without faith, a world without faith – what is to be their future? What is their present? When faith goes, all good things go. When unbelief comes in, all evil things follow.” As the church’s hold on the Bible goes, so will go the church and the nation. Albert Mohler recently reported on *The Briefing*, “Just last year, the BBC... reported that a majority of Scots now say that they are not religious. ...23.6% of Scots said they are religious, while 72.4% said they were not.” Later he states, “Most people, we are told, in Scotland do not believe in life after death. The majority [of] the Scottish public do not believe in angels, evil spirits, divine miracles from God. Most people in Scotland never pray.” America’s strength came from a firm foundation and belief in the Biblical principles of Christianity—it gave to us virtue and morality. From this we derived our strength and our liberties. As a nation we have allowed that firm foundation to be eroded away and it’s affecting our culture, our society, our financial stability, our sensibility, and the church at large. To put it bluntly, America has largely lost its hold on the Bible and is following in Scotland’s footsteps. By and large the American people have become Biblically illiterate and Gospel hardened. We’ve obtained much of our Biblical knowledge from Hollywood’s misrepresentations of God, of holy men of renown, and of how a holy God moves and directs the lives of those who say they follow Him. Even the church’s grip on the Bible has become so loose that in many instances it has all but fallen out of her clutches. With some advising the church to “unhitch from the Old Testament,” other churches and church leaders embracing the LGBTQ agenda, and so many others denying the need for holiness without which no man shall see the Lord, it’s no wonder that people are claiming that Jesus would be okay with many of our societal sins today. Never mind the fact that Jesus called us to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect; even with the church leaders of His day He would often point them to the Scriptures saying, “Haven’t you ever read...?” Although an extreme example, I present a news headline which is the result of the church neglecting to teach the difference between the holy and the profane for far too long: Pro-gay church plans to build worship space/brewery, donate profits to Planned Parenthood. Yes, it sounds like a satire piece from the *Babylon Bee*; but no, sadly, this headline was from Fox News. Here are some of the statements Pastor Chris VanHall made: “We are open and affirming LGBTQ. We are feminists, and I believe Jesus was, too.” “We are environmentalists, which I believe that’s the original mandate of the children of God to take care of the planet that we all know an enjoy. We are anti-war, which I believe Jesus was, too. We are for racial justice, which Jesus was a Palestinian, Jewish rabbi, a person of color that was killed by white supremacy.” And let’s not forget that he’s very excited about his church donating to Planned Parenthood. Don’t these things construct “a worship on the principles of taste and culture; shaping a god to suit the expanding aspirations of the age...” Instead of “the Bible says”—it’s become “I believe,” “I feel,” or “I think.” If this doesn’t smack of Bonar’s quote at the beginning, I don’t know what does. It also reminds me that the prophet Hosea warns that God’s people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; saying that since they had forgotten the law of God, God would forget their children. Woe is us! How do non-Christians view the church of today? An article from the *Friendly Atheist* website gives us a solid hint: “Would the biblical Jesus want his followers drinking beer in church (especially since the Bible itself actually warns about the dangers of over-consuming wine)? Who knows. Then again, who cares? It’s not like many Christian churches seem to care about anything Jesus preached these days.” The title of my article comes from Jesus’ question found in Luke 18:8. As we see nation after nation (including our own nation) rebel against the Word of God and their churches become ineffective and apathetic; as she no longer takes bold stands against sin and neglects to exhort, with fervor, holiness without which no man shall see the Lord; and as heartfelt Christianity puts on the death shroud of formal observance; it’s easy to see why Jesus would ask, “When I return, will I find any faith.” When a nation like Scotland (and the U.S.) that had strong relational ties with the living Christ turns its feet from the Word and their eyes from Jesus, the headlong fall which takes place is an alarmingly speedy one. We are heading for trouble. Okay, it’s time to slip our feet out of those comfortable steel-toed shoes. Let’s ask ourselves, do my beliefs align themselves with Scripture? It’s not about how I feel; it’s about what God says. Are my words and my life drawing others to Christ by my example? Is my church full of grace and truth, a place where sinners would want to come, yet not remain as they are?

Pray for repentance and revival in our churches and for a Gospel-awakening in our nation; without them, all is lost.

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



Reesie's Recipes



Peanut Butter Cake

- 1 box Betty Crocker yellow cake mix
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 stick butter
- 4 eggs

Heat oven to 325°F. Generously grease 2 (8- or 9-inch) round cake pans or a 9x13 inch pan with shortening or cooking spray. In large bowl, cream butter and peanut butter together, add remaining ingredients and mix with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pans. Bake for 45 minutes.

Icing

- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup milk
- 4 3/4 cup powdered sugar

Cream together butter and peanut butter. Add remaining ingredients and mix together with electric mixer. Spread icing on cooled cake.

Cheese Ball

- 1 (8oz) pkg cream cheese
- 2 (4oz) pkg cheese & chives
- 1 jar old English cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded onion
- Chopped pecans

Blend cheeses, shape into a ball. Roll in pecans, refrigerate for 24 hours.

Mexican Chicken

- 2 1/2 lbs of chicken, stewed and chopped
- 1 large bag plain Doritos
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 2 tsp chopped onion
- 1/2 cup green pepper
- 2 (10 3/4oz) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (10 3/4oz) can cream of mushroom soup
- 3/4 cup mild cheddar cheese
- 1 (10oz) can rotel tomatoes with green chilies
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 2 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 cup grated cheese

Grease 4 quart casserole dish. Crush Doritos into bottom and place chicken on top. Pour 1 can chicken stock over this. Add remaining ingredients except grated cheese. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Remove from oven, top with grated cheese and cook for an additional 15 minutes.

Hornets Nest

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 2 small boxes cooked vanilla pudding
- 1 stick margarine
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 1/2 cup butterscotch chips
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vanilla chips

In a 13x9 inch heavy pan melt margarine. Sprinkle brown sugar, nuts and chips over margarine. In a sauce pan cook pudding as directed. Pour hot pudding into cake mix and stir. Pour mixture over chip mixture. Bake according to cake mix directions. Invert cake when cooled.



"It's Just TOO LOUD"

Why are Christians falling for the lies from the Devil? I'm noticing it's happening more and more. Here's one that seems to always work in the church..."My child has sensitive ears. The music is just TOO loud." Hmm, those little ears don't seem too sensitive when their favorite Disney movie just came out to theaters. Or their favorite pop or country singer is in town, you're the first in line with no worries about sensitive ears. Or their favorite football/basketball team is playing, you never miss a game, everyone is hooping and hollering with blaring foghorns going off in their "sensitive" ears. By the time that child is 18, they're lost in sin. Then the parent comes to the church asking for prayer for their wayward child. Why not get you and your family rooted and grounded in a truth teaching, Bible preaching church. Where instead of your child growing up addicted to drugs, hanging around the wrong crowd and drunk on alcohol...they can grow up being addicted to Jesus! Hanging around Godly people and drunk on the Holy Ghost! It's time the church wakes up! Souls are lost and going to Hell and the church is letting it happen. Let's take a stand! Let's pray for a great Revival! An AWAKENING! Let's LOVE one another enough to tell the lost, Jesus loves you and wants to be Lord of your life.

Brother Chris Dowell

Faith in Jesus Christ

We can believe we came from nothing and once this life is over we return to nothing. Or We can believe we came from God and will return to God. There is no Hope without Jesus Christ. Without Christ, your best case scenario is that this life is meaningless and you die and cease to exist. We may not understand why God allows this or that to happen. We may not agree with things that other people do in the Name of Christ. But you can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have Hope in Eternal Life. People spend their entire lives trying to disprove Christ and explain every question that man can think of. They ultimately rely on theory, not fact—Faith. If God were so simple that His Creation could understand everything then He would not be God. There are things we will not know or understand. We have two choices. 1—We have Faith that we came from nothing, this life has no meaning or accountability, and when it ends we just cease to exist. 2—We have Faith that we were created by God, we live this life personally accountable to God and commanded to love His Creation, and when this life ends we will return to God and live eternally in another place that He has prepared for us. Either way we live this life on Faith. You have Faith there is more or you have Faith that there is NO more. Jesus Christ is more. Jesus Christ gives life meaning. Can I prove to you beyond a doubt that God exists and you have eternal life through Jesus Christ? (I bet you think I'll say no.) Yes. I can tell you how you can know God exists and you have Eternal Life through Christ Jesus. You must accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. God's Spirit will enter you and you will absolutely, positively know that God exists. It will change your life. Do you wonder how some people can be so adamant about the existence of God? This is how. You step out on Faith and accept Jesus Christ and you will know to your core that what men have been trying and failing to disprove for THOUSANDS of years is REAL. Will you have all of the answers to life's mysteries? No. But you will know WHO holds those answers. Your Eternity and Faith should not be in any man or denomination. What others do in The Name of Christ they will answer for, good and bad. You don't have to accept or believe in any particular group or accept what they say or do. Only Christ...just a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Your eternity and Faith is in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Without Him, your only hope is that everything is ultimately meaningless. You have absolutely nothing to lose. Accept Christ and you will see.

Brother Tommy Willis



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A Word for TODAY!



By Sister Michelle Deuling

Verses for Today: 1 Corinthians 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **Additional passages for Today:** Proverbs 7:18; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4

Thought for Today: What kind of love do you have? Real love, lasts through the tough times!

Story for Today: "I love you," Brandon purred into Katie's ear as he began nuzzling her ear and his hands began to grope her body. Katie pushed him away as her thoughts of the promise she had made to God about staying pure flooded her mind. How had she gotten into this situation. Sixteen year old Katie was a college bound anomaly to most of the rest of her sophomore class. She was beautiful, smart and witty along with enough athletic skills to earn her potential scholarships to any college she wanted after only her freshmen year of high school. Katie was also the only girl in school that arrived an hour early to walk the halls praying for the staff, teachers and her classmates every day. Katie grew up in church and had given her heart to the Lord as a little girl. She had wanted to use her gifts and talents to glorify God in every way possible for as long as she could remember. Why was she attracted to Brandon? Maybe because he was the most popular guy she knew. Maybe because he was a senior, the star on the football team and so cute! Regretfully, he wasn't a Christian and no matter how much chemistry they had, she wouldn't despise her Lord by choosing this boy over Him. So many of Katie's friends had no concept of what real love was. She often heard them talking about falling in love with this boy or that, but, it wasn't long before that same girl was "head-over-heels in love" with another. She had tried inviting them to church and to fun events with her youth group. Sometimes they joined her, even though they seemed to be just there for the food and fun. As Katie thought back to her Bible study from this morning, she realized that Brandon was living out the verse in Proverbs where they thought they could be filled with the lustful, fleshly desires. She may not be experienced in that kind of thing, but, she understood that that was not real love! She thought about the verses in 1 John 4; the love of God living within. She would continue to pray for Brandon and her other friends. Ultimately, she hoped that they would find the love of God. She needed to find ways to help them see that God's love made a person feel complete. It brought a peace and joy that a physical love cannot compare to. Katie knew she would have to be careful. She knew that she would have to be firm and not let Brandon get the impression that he had a chance of "winning her." God was her first love. She would live in obedience to Him. She needed to make sure she didn't allow herself to be in situations where they were alone where the temptation to compromise was greater. She decided she would explain to Brandon that real love was more than a word. It was more than a physical desire. She would explain to him that true love considered the needs of others and protected. It didn't take and use others. She would try to help him understand that she loved God first, above all else even her own self. She wanted him to understand that true love started with God, because He was love. She would try to introduce him to the character of God and explain how God loved us so much that even though we deserved the punishment and wrath for our disobedience he came to earth as a lowly infant, the illegitimate child of a carpenter. She would tell how Jesus suffered and died to pay the price so that we, who could never pay but through our death, could be restored to a right relationship with the Heavenly Father. She wanted to help him to understand that this love was available to all who would believe and that with that belief, came a new heart. God had said he would remove our heart of stone (the wicked one) and give us a heart of flesh (alive in Christ) so that our desires, thoughts and actions would be in obedience to Him. She hoped each day to find a way to show each of her friends more about this kind of love, the TRUE LOVE that comes from God himself!

Questions for Today: Do you have the TRUE LOVE that comes from God in your life? Have you ever put a love for self or your own desire above your love for God? How can you daily show the love of God rather than the false love portrayed by the world? Living a righteous life is a necessity if you wish to show true love. What are some things that may be hindering your witness and ability to live out the TRUE LOVE of God?

Prayer for Today: Heavenly Father, Thank you your love and for being LOVE! Thank you for showing us the way!



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