

Faith Talk

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Love Is...

- LOVE IS: very patient and kind
- LOVE IS: never jealous or envious
- LOVE IS: never boastful or proud
- LOVE IS: never haughty or selfish or rude
- LOVE DOES NOT: demand it's own way
- LOVE IS NOT: irritable or touchy
- LOVE DOES NOT: hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.
- LOVE IS: never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever truth wins out.



If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost.

You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. (**1 Corinthians 13—Love Bible**)

I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress: Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in it's mouth to keep it in line! (Psalms 32:8-9 Living Bible)

REMINDER:

Love does no wrong to anyone. That's why it fully satisfies all of God's requirements. (Romans 13:10)

All of God's creation show us something of God's goodness. No one is insignificant in His sight.

It's not how much we know, but it's how much we show we care.

Make everyday things special...

Lord, help us to do the ordinary task, in an EXTRA ordinary way. Help us to season each task with Love and Grace.

No one ever resents kind words.

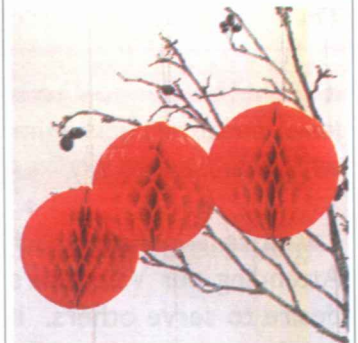
Everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:2)

I WILL EMBRACE THE WORK OF THE CROSS IN MY EVERY DAY SITUATIONS SO THAT I CAN BE CHANGED INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS EXPERIMENTALLY... PRAISE GOD...

-In the Wonderful Name of Jesus, Pastor Bob and Susan Tilton

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Youth Talk
“A Teenager’s Prayer”

Each day brings new beginnings
Decisions I must make
I am the only one to choose
The road that I will take

I can choose to take the road of life
That leads to great success
Or travel down the darkened road
That leads to great distress

Please open up my eyes, dear Lord
That I might clearly see
Help me stand for what is right
Bring out the best in me

Help, Lord, to just say "no"
When temptation comes my way
That I might keep my body clean
And fit for life each day

When my teenage years are over
I know that I will see
That life is lived its very best
With you walking next to me.

Author: J. Morse

It's amazing how much our Youth really want to please God. They are looking to us as the adults to show them how to handle situations, how to show true love, how to react when others come against them, etc. They are looking for solid folks who do more than talk the Christian life, but walk it.

It should be our goal to be an example that our Youth will look up to and one day say, "I learned to act like Jesus because I saw Him in (put your name here)". There is always someone watching and listening to what you have to say.

I want to encourage each adult in our fellowship to reach out and encourage one or more of our Youth. Attending our Valentine's Dinner is one way to encourage them and show you care about them and their desire to serve others. It is such a blessing to see them THOROUGHLY enjoying this event! I cannot tell you how my heart swells with joy at the sight of these awesome kids spreading their wings and doing things they have never done before. They are willing to go the extra mile and learn so that they can be a blessing to others.

The only thing I can continually say is, "I AM BLESSED."

“Often people who criticize your life are usually the same people that don't know the price you paid to get where you are Today.”

Church Sign

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package...

Recipe of the Month Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients:

- 2 Packages of croissant rolls
- 1 Pound of sausage browned
- 8 Ounces of grated cheddar cheese
- 8 Eggs beaten (can use up to 12)

Directions:

- Spread one package of croissant rolls on bottom of 9x13 pan (after opening package, just spread dough as if one sheet. Crimp the perforations to make sheet in bottom of pan.
- Cover with layer of sausage, cheese, and eggs.
- Cover with second package of croissant rolls working dough as one sheet on top.
- Bake at 375 degrees until golden brown and solid (approximately 15 minutes).

May be prepared the night before, refrigerated, and baked the next day.

After baking, can be cut, wrapped and frozen in individual servings. Microwave as needed.



-Gloria Jean Beach

Chillie's Corner

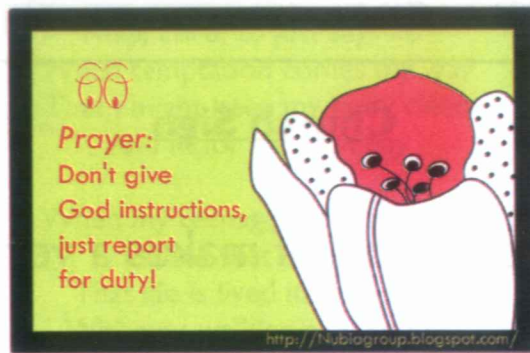
“Looking for a Spouse”

A young lady visited the government matchmaker for marriage and requested, “I’m looking for a spouse. Can you please help me to find a suitable one?”

The marriage officer said, “Your requirements please.”

“Well, let me see... He needs to be good looking, polite, humorous, sporty, knowledgeable, and good at singing and dancing. He needs to be willing to accompany me the whole day at home during my leisure hour, if I don't go out, tell me interesting stories when I need a companion for conversation, and be silent when I want to rest.”

The officer listened carefully and replied, I understand... you need a television.”



Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Jehoshaphat's father (whose name rhymes with the Spanish word for “table”) was *who*?
- B) The infamous king who ruled Israel during the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat's reign was *who*?
- C) When Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites came to battle Jehoshaphat, what did he proclaim throughout Judah?
- D) The priest Jahaziel told Judah, “The battle is” *what*?
- E) The front line of Jehoshaphat's army was comprised of *what*?
- F) The enemy armies ended up *what*?
- G) After a terrific victory, Jehoshaphat and his people celebrated in the Lord in the valley of Berachah, which means *what*?
- H) How many years did Jehoshaphat reign in Jerusalem?
- I) Jehoshaphat's son, the next king, was named *what*?

(See page 6 for answers)

The Crucified Life of Christ

(We want to encourage you to look up the Scripture references as you read.)

It is well known in the true Church that Jesus Christ was crucified to satisfy God's requirement for the remission of sins, and we rightly rejoice in the great plan of redemption. It shows the depth of Jesus' commitment against sin (Hebrews 12:4). We are also aware that Jesus needed to die only one time (Hebrews 9:25-28). In fact, it was striking the Rock twice that disqualified Moses from entering Canaan.

Yet we should not fall into the idea that Jesus spent His time on earth living it up with the tax collectors, drunkards, and sinners, and then changed His lifestyle when His time came to die. Rather, He was always living the crucified life, and the Cross was the most visible manifestation of that lifestyle. Immediately preceding, he had prayed in Gethsemane, "Not My will but Thine be done."

Jesus was clearly living the crucified life during the forty days in the desert. I would find that experience very tough even without the devil, but Jesus obediently went. The crucified life was critical in His resisting the temptations of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

Jesus continued to press forward with His ministry, though it was rough going all the time. The Pharisees opposed Him because they misunderstood Him. The crowds would chase after Him upon seeing the miracles, but they misunderstood His parables. Even the disciples would often fail to grasp what was happening, and Jesus wondered how long He had to put up with them (Luke 9:41). And, there were times when they argued about who would be the greatest.

The Lord spent much time alone in prayer, an activity that offers the flesh nothing. Likely it was during prayer time that Jesus learned what The Father was doing, that the Son may do likewise (John 5:19). Jesus was faithful to the Father's calling, as Moses had been faithful (Hebrews 3:2). He learned obedience by the things that He suffered during His earth walk (Hebrews 5:7-8).

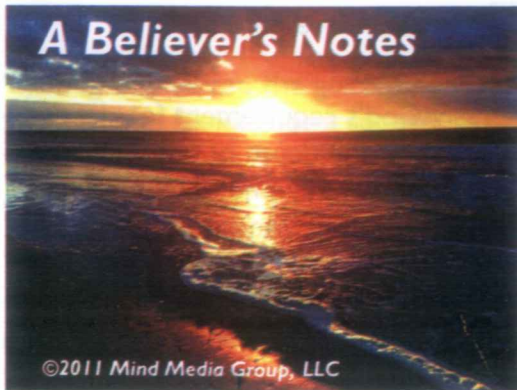
Nevertheless Jesus' attitude was obedient even before He came into the world. While the Old Testament was being written he said, "Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:7-8). Also in Philippians 2:7-8 we read that Jesus made Himself of no reputation to come on the scene in the likeness of man. He also took the form of a bondservant, well illustrated in John 13 when He washed the feet of the disciples, Judas included. Some of us are willing to volunteer to do the miracles He did, but when it comes to becoming the image of His humility, that may be another story!

In Revelation 13:8 we read of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." It is not simply a matter of the Father's foreknowledge that His only begotten Son would die. Jesus had the Cross in Him during all those centuries preceding David, Abraham, and Noah.

Now that He has risen from the dead, Jesus has another ministry. I suppose it feels like a vacation to Him, but He is interceding for us while seated at the Father's right hand (Hebrews 7:25, 8:6). Meanwhile, He is observing so many of us wandering astray like sheep, holding some odd doctrines and making bad decisions. He is so, so patient, still living the crucified life! But as a God of faith, He continues to expect that through the Church, "His enemies are made His footstool" (Hebrews 10:13).

-Phil Rust

Hook up to the Power!



No time for excuses! It is time for us to say like Mary said when the angel told her she would have a baby supernaturally by the Power of God. She said, "Be it unto me according to Thy Word."

Glory to God! What faith! Mary didn't know how the process would work. It was beyond anything she had ever heard. She just said, "Yes, Lord." and let's get on with the program!

When Mary released that faith in response to the Word of God, it hooked her up with the realm of the supernatural. It connected her to the anointing of Almighty God where nothing shall be impossible Luke 1:37. That is an unchangeable truth.

A person WITHOUT faith in action is bound to the realm of the natural, material, and intellectual world of what's possible. A person whose faith is IN action hooks into Holy Ghost Power and impossible things happen in their life. That's how Jesus did all those impossible things when He was on earth. He fulfilled His calling the same way you and I have to do it—by using His faith to hook into supernatural power.

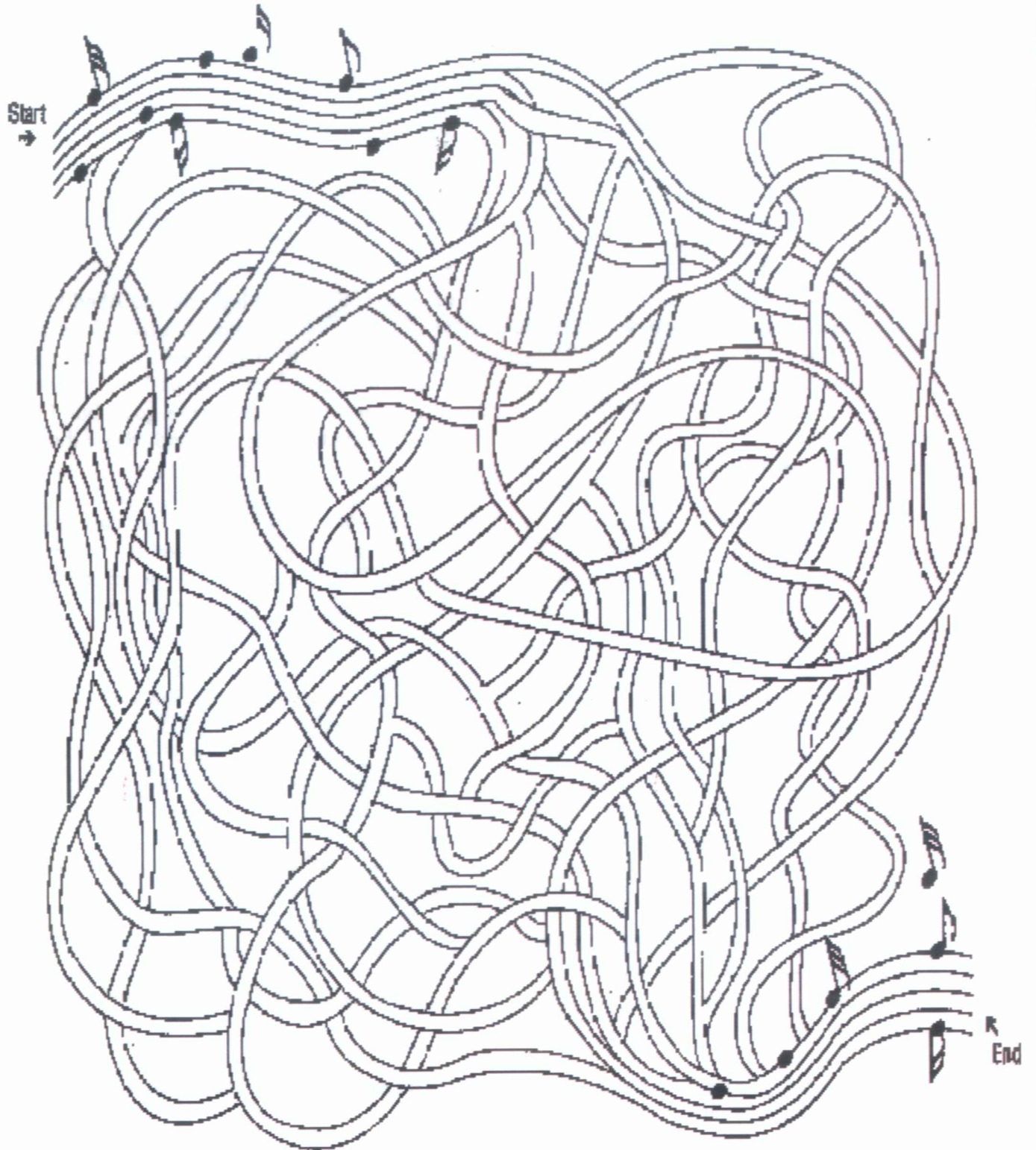
Remember, it doesn't matter how impossible something may be because when you are hooked up to God, all things are possible to Him. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him."



Bible Trivia **-I Didn't Know That!** **(From Page 4)**

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| A) Asa
1 Kings 15:24 | D) Not yours but God's
2 Chronicles 20:15 | G) Praise
2 Chronicles 20:26 |
| B) Ahab
1 Kings 22:41 | E) Singers
2 Chronicles 20:21 | H) Twenty-five years
2 Chronicles 20:31 |
| C) A fast
2 Chronicles 20:3 | F) Destroying each other
2 Chronicles 22:23 | I) Jehoram
2 Chronicles 21:1 |

Kids' Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
"Songs of Praise!"



Kids' Corner

“Obey God No Matter What”

Daniel Chapter 3:8-25

Daniel's Friends Disobey the King

⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. ⁹ They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; ¹¹ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?

¹⁵ Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

Saved in Fiery Trial

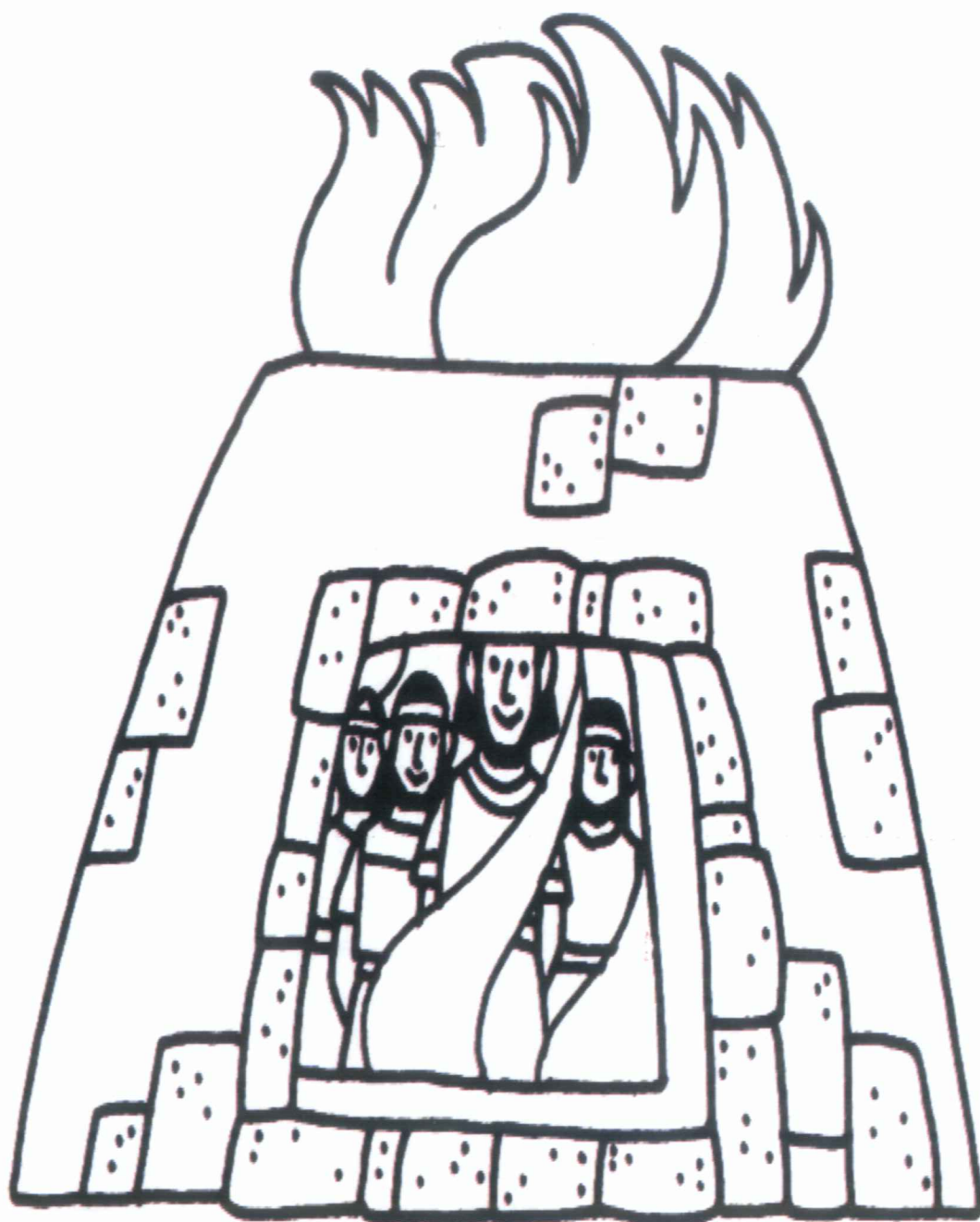
¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²² Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?”

They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.”

²⁵ “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

Kids' Corner
"The Fourth Man Walking in the Fire"



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Kids Corner
“Sermon on the Mount”

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 Blessings
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 Disciples
 Duty
 Ethics
 Faith
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 Galilee
 Gospels
 Heart
 Heaven

Honesty
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 Jesus
 Kingdom
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 Love
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 Marriage
 Matthew
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Metaphor
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 Morality
 Motives
 Peace
 Penitence
 Perfect
 Prayer
 Purity
 Reverence
 Salt
 Seek
 Spiritual

Health Check

The Nutrition Rainbow



Tips From The Cancer Project: The more naturally colorful your meal is, the more likely it is to have an abundance of cancer-fighting nutrients. Pigments that give fruits and vegetables their bright colors represent a variety of protective compounds. The chart below shows the cancer-fighting and immune-boosting power of different-hued foods.

Colors	Foods	Colorful Protective Substances and Possible Actions
Red	Tomatoes and tomato products, watermelon, guava	Lycopene: antioxidant; cuts prostate cancer risk
Orange	Carrots, yams, sweet potatoes, mangos, pumpkins	Beta-carotene: supports immune system; powerful antioxidant
Yellow-orange	Oranges, lemons, grapefruits, papayas, peaches	Vitamin C, flavonoids: inhibit tumor cell growth, detoxify harmful substances
Green	Spinach, kale, collards, and other greens	Folate: builds healthy cells and genetic material
Green-white	Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower	Indoles, lutein: eliminate excess estrogen and carcinogens
White-green	Garlic, onions, chives, asparagus	Allyl sulfides: destroy cancer cells, reduce cell division, support immune systems
Blue	Blueberries, purple grapes, plums	Anthocyanins: destroy free radicals
Red-purple	Grapes, berries, plums	Resveratrol: may decrease estrogen production
Brown	Whole grains, legumes	Fiber: carcinogen removal

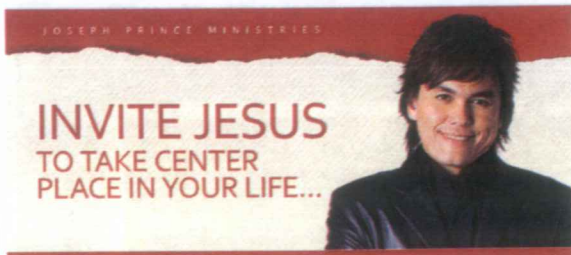


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Joseph Prince

“KNOW That You are God’s Beloved and Win!”



“You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:11

As Jesus came out of the waters of baptism, the heavens parted, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the Father said to Him, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Then, going into the wilderness in the power of knowing that He was the Father’s beloved, our Lord Jesus overcame every one of the devil’s temptations.

My friend, when you know that you are the Father’s beloved because you are in Christ the Beloved, you will have the power to overcome every challenge the devil throws at you. You are probably familiar with the story of David and Goliath, but did you know that David’s name means “beloved”? It takes one who knows that he is God’s beloved to bring down the giants in life!

So whether your giant is a financial crisis, chronic illness or destructive addiction, rest in the knowledge that you are God’s beloved. It will strengthen and sustain you, and give you the faith, favor and wisdom to knock your giants down!

“You Are the Disciple Whom Jesus Loves”

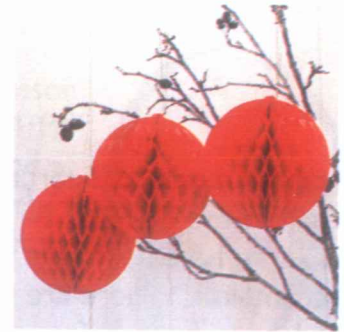
“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love”

John 15:9

I used to think that of all the disciples Jesus loved, John was most loved by the Lord because the Bible calls him “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” Then one day, I discovered that the phrase, “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” only appears in John’s Gospel. In other words, it was John who called himself the disciple whom Jesus loved!

Was John being arrogant? Did Jesus love him more than the rest? No, Jesus loved all 12 disciples the same, but John knew it and he personalized and practiced Jesus’ love for him.

My friend, that’s what you ought to do too. Don’t just say, “Yes, yes, Jesus loves everybody.” Say, “Jesus loves ME!” Say, “I am the student whom Jesus loves,” or “I am the mom whom Jesus loves!” Every day, personalize, practice and rest in Jesus’ love for you. Expect good things to happen to you when you believe that Jesus loves YOU in an intimate and personal way!

Upcoming Events*Oriental Cuisine Hibachi
Style Dinner*Saturday, February 15th6:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please join us for a special dinner hosted by our Youth at:

The Shield of Faith Church

1612 Foster Creek Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445

Serving Hibachi Style Oriental Cuisine along with appetizer, soup, and desert!

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS!

Dress is casual.

Donations of any amount are appreciated and will be received at the door.

Proceeds will benefit Youth Activities.

Childcare will be provided for ages 0-5 from 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SEATING IS LIMITED

PLEASE RSVP

NO LATER THAN

Sunday, February 9th

to Michele Dotter at 843-452-0884

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of February, the children's Sunday school class will be completing their final exercises in the Dare to Be a Daniel series. After watching the recent "Book of Daniel" movie, the children have been able to see in action what a "real life" bold and courageous man of God could accomplish. There are some more recent real life "heroes of the faith" that we will talk about and have been referring to, such as Billy Graham, Shaun Alexander, Cassie Bernall, Marilyn Starnes, Dayna Curry, Heather Mercer, and Dawson Trotman just to name a few.

We will be probing the kids on what they have learned and be doing actual demonstrations of sharing our personal testimonies with each other. The children learned that their testimony tells others what they were like before they asked Jesus into their life, how old they were when they surrendered to Him, what made them decide to surrender their life to Christ, and how their life has been different since they became a Christian. There will also be a time of practicing/pretending to win others to Christ. Since we have been through the steps together, we will give the kids a chance to demonstrate their skills.

In conclusion for this month, we will show another great movie, "Facing the Giants", and possibly, "Last Ounce of Courage". These movies give the kids great visuals on how to be bold and fearless in a world that rejects Christ. The kids will soon receive their Certificates of Completion and will become members of the Dare to be a Daniel team. This certificate will declare to others that their purpose is to honor the Lord Jesus Christ with their hands, as they serve him, their feet, as they stand firm for him, their eyes, as they look to him, their ears, as they listen to His commands, and their mouth, as they speak His truth. It is a huge responsibility, and one that we know these kids are capable of. I Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity".

-Rachel Ferguson

Men's Sunday School

Join us for Men's Sunday School and let us dive into the Word of God together!

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

We have just started **Unit 3: Live Justly in the Reign of God**. The first lesson in this unit is *Lesson 10: Hear and Do the Word*. The Lesson Scripture: James 1:19-27. This lesson will show us how to be hearers and doers of the Word of God as well as how to live out the truth of the Scripture. James wants to teach us how a working, active faith must be applied in everyday life. In this lesson, the Scripture instructs us on how to grow in Christian maturity and how to live a holy life.

We have to continue to meditate on God's truths (His Word) and allow those truths to transform the way in which we live our lives. "When we live out the Scriptures rather than follow the secular culture around us, our lives point to the living God." (Cook) Living the Christian life does indeed mean making a break with the past; 2 Corinthians 5:17. Ask God to give you eyes to see what (things of the past) needs to go and the strength to make the break.

James encourages us to not only read the Word but to also live it in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have to allow the Word of God to shape our lives by the virtues and power of the Gospel. God is not impressed with our actions for Him if what comes out of our mouths is not for His glory as well. We show our faith and love for God by how we treat the less fortunate. A life of faithful obedience to the Word leads to a transformed life. Missy reminds us often that "if it is not immediate obedience, it is disobedience." We have to keep studying the Word of God and let it abide in our hearts and minds so that we can apply it as we encounter opportunities to live out our faith in our daily lives. If God's Word is hidden in our hearts, we will more than likely bring it out at the time we need it. It is both knowing the Word and doing the Word.

"As we respond to what God shows us in Scripture then the people looking at us will have the goodness and benefit of seeing more Jesus." Dennis King

-Yolanda Wilson



We look forward to seeing you on Sunday at 9:45am!

November

Colossians 3:1 (KJV)

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

December

Acts 10:35 (KJV)

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

January

Mark 11:24 (KJV)

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

February

Psalms 101:2 (KJV)

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

