

Faith Talk

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The Old Way Has To Go The Message Bible

Ephesians 4:17-32

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ And so I insist—and God backs me up on this—that there be no going along with the

crowd, the empty-headed, mindless crowd. They've refused for so long to deal with God that they've lost touch not only with God but with reality itself. They can't think straight anymore. Feeling no pain, they let themselves go in sexual obsession, addicted to every sort of perversion.

²⁰⁻²⁴ But that's no life for you. You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to Him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in you.

²⁵ What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.

²⁶⁻²⁷ Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the devil that kind of foothold in your life.

²⁸ Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work.

²⁹ Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

³⁰ Don't grieve God. Don't break His heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for Himself. Don't take such a gift for granted.

³¹⁻³² Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

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

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“Love is Truly, the Better Way” - Continued

So, what do we see in Jesus? Do we see His love through the life He lead? Are we trying to pattern our lives after His example? Are we like the Pharisees and Sadducees, opinionated as to how people should act and live according to their views? Or are we reaching out a hand to help others in need, showing love and appreciation for them as Jesus did?

Love is truly, the better way... I Corinthians 13: ³⁴ But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. ³⁵ Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, ³⁶ Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷ Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

-Michele Dotter

Recipe of the Month

Cubed Steak

Ingredients:

4-6 Cubed Steaks
Vegetable Oil

1 Medium Onion (optional)
Onion Powder to taste (approx. 1-2T)

2 cups Self Rising Flour
Salt and Pepper to Taste

Directions:

Start off by putting 1/4 cup of vegetable oil into a skillet. Sauté the onions at this point if desired and then remove and set them aside.

Put about two cups of self-rising flour into a large bowl or dish. Use your hands to gently toss the palm-sized cubed steak in the flour until covered completely. Place floured cubed steak into skillet on medium to medium/low heat (make sure there's enough oil in it if you've made the onions). Save the remaining flour!

While the meat is browning, take an 8-10 ounce glass or cup and place about a cup of remaining flour in it. Fill the cup with cold water and stir vigorously with a fork until the clumps are gone then set aside.

Once one side of the meat is brown (you will generally see the blood coming through the meat at this time) flip the meat and brown the other side. Once browned, remove the meat and set aside.

Now it's time to make the gravy... put about a cup and 1/2 to two cups of cold water into the skillet, turn on high heat until boiling. Then lower heat to medium and gently whisk about 1/2 of the flour/water mixture into it. Continue to whisk as it begins to boil again. Once it boils, if the gravy is thick, add a little water at a time; if it's too runny add some of the flour/water mixture. Once the desired consistency is reached, add onion powder and salt and pepper to taste.

Once the gravy is yummy, then add the meat making sure you have enough gravy to cover it. Let simmer on low until the meat is tender (30minutes to an hour or more) checking the consistency of the gravy frequently. Serve with mashed potatoes or rice.

-Elsie Housand

Chillie's Corner

“Misguided Email”

Consider the case of the Illinois man who left snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address, he did his best to type it from memory.

Unfortunately, he missed one LETTER, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only one day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest wife: Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Signed, your eternally loving husband.

PS: Sure is hot down here!

Church Sign

“God gave you two hands: one to help yourself, one to help others.”

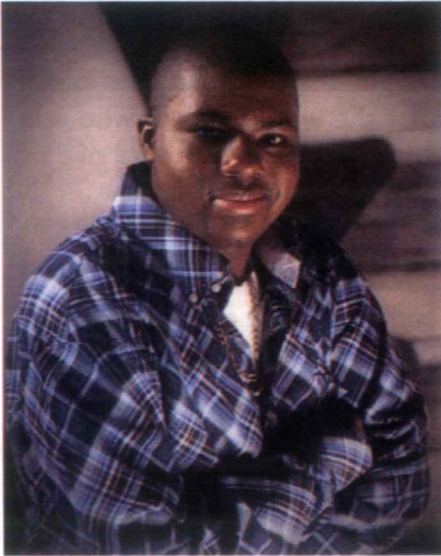


Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) Goliath confronted David *where*?
- B) Goliath was over how many feet tall?
- C) Goliath was from *where*?
- D) How many days did Goliath taunt the armies of Israel?
- E) Goliath asked David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with” *what*?
- F) In delivering the final and fatal blow to Goliath, David used *what*?
- G) What did David do with Goliath's head?
- H) Ahimelech of Nob stored Goliath's sword *where*?
- I) In another battle with the Philistines, Goliath's brother was killed. What was his name?

(See page 8 for answers)

All About Me "RJ Wilson"



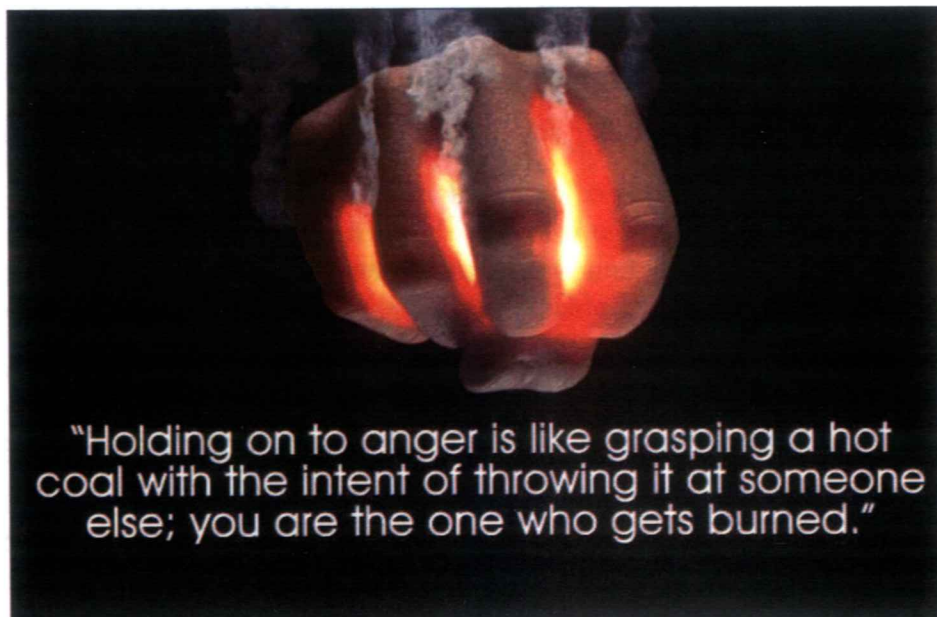
RJ Wilson has been saved for about fifteen years and has been attending The Shield of Faith Church for eleven of those. You might see him upstairs in the 'loft' helping out during our services or even in the nursery having fun with the kids. He is a VERY talented young man that we all enjoy knowing.

If you need a house designed, call RJ! He is currently doing some drafting work for an architecture firm and loves his work. He is such an inspiration to us all and has had to endure so much more than we even know.

He says, "One life lesson that has changed me is that no matter how many times I fall or get knocked down, I just get back up, brush myself off, and keep trekking because there are going to be many obstacles and trials that come my way. I just have to get through them and stay focused on my goals and know that God will protect me and help me along the way."

His favorite scripture is Mark 9:23 which reads, "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." RJ states, "No matter what problems or complications I was having, I always believed and knew that by His stripes I am healed and that if I believed He would deliver me from my sickness or problems, He will and He would."

RJ, you are an inspiration to us all and we love you very much! God bless you with a long, healthy life in Jesus' name!



"Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned."

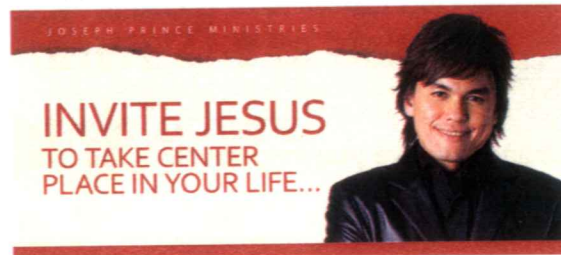
Joseph Prince “Forgive As God Has Forgiven You”

*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God in Christ forgave you. -Ephesians 4:32*

Once, I met a sprightly Christian lady in her seventies who looked a lot younger than she was. Curious, I decided to find out the secret of her youthfulness. As we talked, I learned that she was someone who was easygoing—this happy-go-blessed lady doesn't take things to heart when offended and is quick to forgive or let go.

She reminds me of an encouragement that God gives us in His Word: Be tenderhearted and forgiving. My friend, God has your best interests at heart when He tells you to forgive and let go. He wants you to be happy and to live a long, healthy life. Nursing a hurt or anger against someone and having unforgiveness in your heart aren't worth losing your joy, peace and health over.

Beloved, if you find it difficult to forgive someone, then look to the cross and see how perfectly God has let go every sin you have and will ever commit. Bring Jesus into your bitter situation. When you know how perfectly He loves you and has forgiven you, you'll be able to forgive that person too. And the more you let go of offences against you, the less the enemy is able to make inroads into your mind, heart and body. Like the lady I mentioned, you'll live a happier, healthier and longer life, with a lot fewer wrinkles and frown lines!



“God Does Not Remember Your Sins”

...He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” - **Hebrews 10:17**

Do you believe that God does not remember your sins? This is a truth that our finite human minds struggle to comprehend.

How can an omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God not remember our sins? An all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present God should rightly be able to remember every single detail of every sin that we have committed. But that's not what the Word of God says.

God declares, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” I believe that many believers are fearful to come close to God today and receive what they need from Him because they don't believe that God truly remembers their sins no more.

Beloved, simply believe God's Word, that through the provision of Jesus' sacrifice, God indeed remembers your sins no more! Keep meditating on this precious truth and start living without the cloud of guilt, shame, condemnation and judgment over your head. Stand bold and righteous in Christ and expect to receive His best!

A Teacher in New York Decided to Honor Her Senior Students

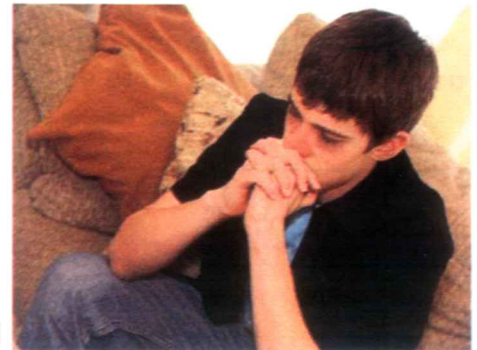
A Teacher in New York decided to honor her senior students in High School by telling them the difference each of them had made. She called each student to the front of the class one at a time. First she told them how they made a difference to her and the class. Then she presented them each with a blue ribbon imprinted in gold "Who I am makes a difference."

Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project, to see what recognition would have in the community. She gave each student three more ribbons, and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgement ceremony. Then they were to follow up on results and see who honored whom, and report to class in about a week.

One of boys in the class went to a nearby company and gave the ribbon to a junior executive for helping him to plan his career. He gave him a blue ribbon and put it on his shirt. He then gave him 2 more ribbons and told him they were doing a class project on recognition and asked him to go out and find someone to honor and give them the blue ribbon.

Later that day the junior executive when into his boss' office who had kind of a reputation of being a grouchy individual. He told him he deeply admired his creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised and he asked if he would accept this gift of the ribbon and allow him to pin it on him. His boss said well sure. The junior executive placed it on his shirt right by his heart. Then he asked offering him the last blue ribbon, Would you take this last blue ribbon and pass it on to honor someone? The teenager who gave me these ribbons is involved in a class project and we want to keep this ceremony to see how it affects people in the community.

That night the boss came home and sat down with his 14 year old son. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office and one of my employees came in and told me what a creative genius I am and he gave me these ribbons. Imagine, he thinks I am a creative genius! Then, he put a blue ribbon on me that says, 'Who I am makes a difference.' He gave me this ribbon and asked me to find someone else to honor. As I was driving home tonight I was thinking about who to honor with this ribbon; I was thinking about you. I want to honor you with this ribbon. My days are hectic. When I come home, I don't pay much attention to you. I yell at you for not getting good enough grades and for your messy bedroom. Somehow tonight I just wanted to sit here with you and tell you... you DO make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person to me and you're a great kid and I love you."

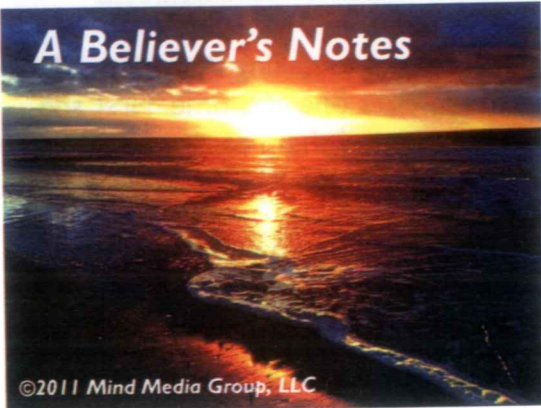


The boy started to sob and he could not stop and his body was shaking. The boy stood up and looked at his dad and through his tears he said, "Dad earlier tonight I sat up in my room and wrote a letter to you and mom explain why I took my life and asked you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide after you were asleep. I just didn't think you cared at all. The letter is upstairs I don't think I am going to need it after all..."

<http://workforworldpeace.wordpress.com/2009/05/15/a-teacher-in-new-york-decided-to-honor-her-senior-students/>

Trust in the Great Physician

A Believer's Notes



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There is a medicine so powerful it can cure every sickness and disease known to man. It has no dangerous side effects. It is safe even in massive doses. And when taken daily according to directions, it can prevent illness altogether and keep you in vibrant health.

Such a supernatural medicine exists! Even more importantly, it is available to you every moment of every day. All you have to do is reach for your Bible, open it to Proverbs 4:20-27 and follow the instructions there.

Proverbs 4:20-27 ²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³ keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life. ²⁴ Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. ²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.

As simple as they might sound, those first five verses contain the supernatural prescription to divine health. It's a powerful prescription that will work for anyone who will put it to work! Those five verses teach you to keep your attention trained on the Word of God—not on lingering symptoms. Instead of focusing on your circumstances, focus on what God has said to you. Develop an inner image of yourself with your healing fully manifest. See yourself well; see yourself whole; see yourself healed in every way.

Since what you keep before your eyes and in your ears determines what you will believe in your heart and what you will act on... make the Word your #1 priority! Keep taking God's medicine as directed and trust the Great Physician to do His wonderful healing work in you.

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

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| A) Valley of Elah
I Samuel 21:9 | D) Forty Days
I Samuel 17:16 | G) Brought it to Jerusalem
I Samuel 17:54 |
| B) Nine
I Samuel 17:4 | E) Sticks
I Samuel 17:43 | H) Behind the Ephod
I Samuel 21:9 |
| C) Gath
I Samuel 17:4 | F) Sword
I Samuel 17:51 | I) Lahmi
I Chronicles 20:5 |

Kids Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
“Jesus Prays in the Garden”



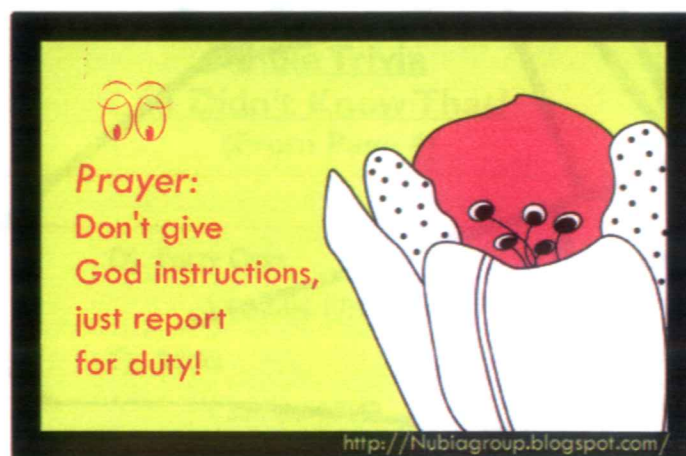
Jesus Prays in the Garden
John 17:1-26

Kids Corner
“Prayer of Thanksgiving”

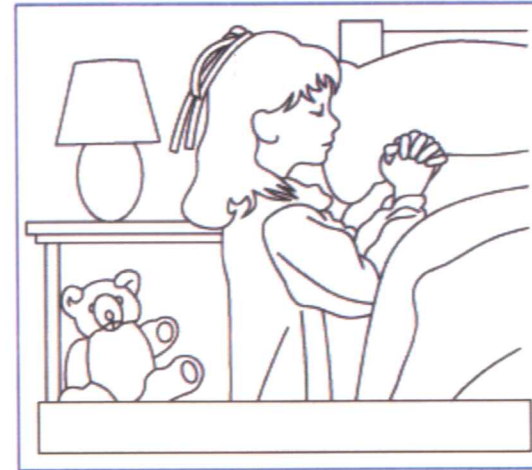
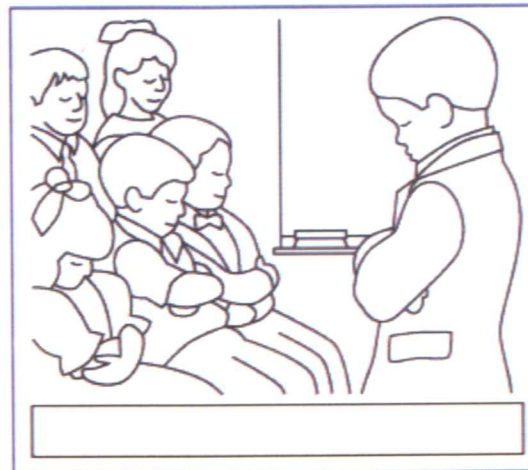
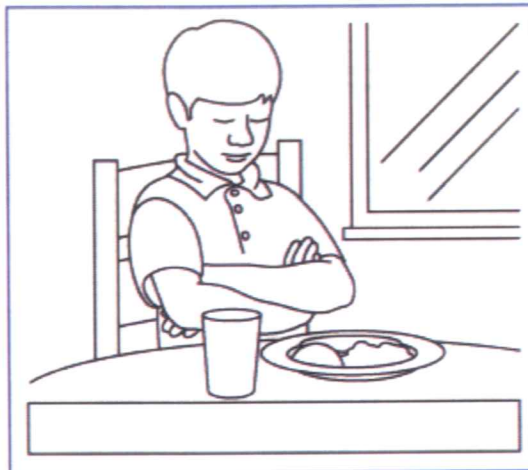
Psalm 100

King James Version (KJV)

- ¹ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.
- ³ Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
- ⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.



Kids Corner "Different Times To Pray"



Kids Corner
“Prayer”

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Bless
 Boldness
 Breakthrough
 Confident
 Consistent
 Deliverance
 Duty
 Enlighten
 Faithfulness
 Family

Fellowship
 Generosity
 Intercessory
 Jesus
 Merciful
 One accord
 Pastor
 Patient
 Persistent
 Power

Relentless
 Rest
 Sacrifice
 Self
 Submission
 Thoughtful
 Trust
 Unity
 Unstoppable
 Way maker

Health Check

7 Side Effects of Soda

Phosphoric Acid - Weakens bones and rots teeth

Excessive artificial sweeteners makes you crave more

Caramel Color - Made from the chemical caramel, is purely cosmetic, it doesn't add flavor yet is tainted with carcinogens.

Formaldehyde - Carcinogen, it is not added in soda but when you digest aspartame, it will break down into 2 amino acids and methanol = formic acid - formaldehyde (diet sodas)



High Fructose Corn Syrup is a concentrated form of sugar, fructose derived from corn. It increases body fat, cholesterol and triglycerides and it also makes you hungry.

Potassium Benzoate - preservative that can be broken down to benzene in your body. Keep your soda in the sun and benzene = Carcinogen

Food Dyes = impaired brain function, hyperactive behavior, difficulty focussing, lack of impulse control.

Dave Sommers

Anti-Cancer Superfruits



Blueberries



Goji Berries



Grapes



Avocado



Mangosteen



Noni



Dragon Fruit



Acai Berries



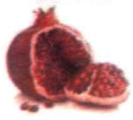
Soursop



Apple



Citrus



Pomegranate



Strawberries



Kiwi

WATER

COMPOSES 75% OF YOUR BRAIN

REGULATES YOUR BODY TEMPERATURE

MAKES UP 83% OF YOUR BLOOD

REMOVES WASTE

COMPOSES 22% OF YOUR BONES

CUSHIONS YOUR JOINTS

HELPS CARRY NUTRIENTS AND OXYGEN TO YOUR CELLS

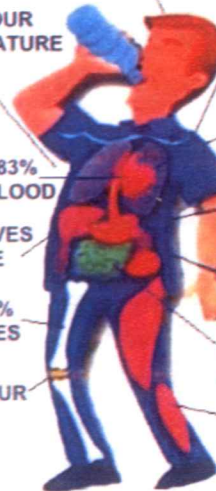
MOISTENS OXYGEN FOR BREATHING

HELPS CONVERT FOOD TO ENERGY

PROTECTS AND CUSHIONS YOUR VITAL ORGANS

HELPS YOUR BODY ABSORB NUTRIENTS

MAKES UP 75% OF YOUR MUSCLES



This information is intended to supplement, not replace, your health care sources.

The Seat of Moses

In Matt. 23:2-3, Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not according to their works, for they say, and do not do." This statement was followed by a series of woes upon these scribes and Pharisees. It's one thing to assume some kind of title, but quite another to provide in it a good example.

Jesus did better than to sit in Moses' seat. The book of Hebrews devotes a substantial amount of space showing that Jesus' ministry superseded Moses' ministry, and along with this, the superiority of the New Covenant over the Old Covenant. However, my primary intention is to consider some men of the Old Testament.

In that context, there was only one man who was able to sit in the seat of Moses. That was Joshua, and the reason he could do it, is that God said he could. The leadership anointing that the Lord gave Joshua remains largely unappreciated; however, Israel at that time acknowledged this anointing on Joshua.

David saw many successes during his reign as king of Israel. Nevertheless, there was a time when he decided he would number the armies of the nation. Probably he thought, "If Moses can take a census, so can I." Wrong! God was highly displeased with David's numbering effort, and it resulted in the death of 70,000 in the plague that followed. A minor side note: David's census figures were immediately invalidated.

It appeared at first that Solomon was progressing in an excellent manner. We know that Moses spent much time judging the people, and Solomon judged the case of the two women in 1 Kings 3, and his fame increased. But he stumbled in the matter of his own family life. Jesus said that a disciple should be prepared to leave his family if necessary to serve the Lord. Moses had passed that test in Ex. 18:2-6. His wife appeared with their two sons, and Moses was tempted to leave the call of God in order to be a proper father. Solomon did the opposite; he turned from the Lord to please his wives. Pleasing family isn't always bad, but if you are getting near to the seat of Moses, requirements are more strict.

King Uzziah somehow got the idea that he could burn incense in the Temple. This particular activity was more the province of Aaron, the brother of Moses, than that of Moses himself. In that case, the Lord struck Uzziah with leprosy. Uzziah's disobedience cost him the ministry he already had.

When Elijah was running away from Jezebel's death threat, he ended up (1 Kings 19) at Mt. Horeb, where Moses had received the Ten Commandments. But although that mountain represented a victory for Moses, it signified a defeat for Elijah. Chalk up one more failure to sit in Moses' seat!

God has fashioned each one of us as individuals, and His calling on our lives is going to be an individual assignment. Don't try to copy someone else's assignment, even if that other person is a remarkable personality. Be faithful to your own call, and Jesus will let you sit in His throne (Rev. 3:21).

-Phil Rust

Special Notes

When I fall, He lifts me up!
 When I fail, He forgives!
 When I am weak, He is strong!
 When I am lost, He is the way!
 When I am afraid, He is my courage!
 When I stumble, He steadies me!
 When I am hurt, He heals me!
 When I am broken, He mends me!
 When I am blind, He leads me!
 When I am hungry, He feeds me!
 When I face trials, He is with me!
 When I face persecution, He shields me!
 When I face problems, He comforts me!
 When I face loss, He provides for me!
 When I face Death, He carries me Home!
 He is everything for everybody, everywhere,
 every time, and every way.
 He is God, He is faithful.
 I am His, and He is mine!

Thank You

Jesus

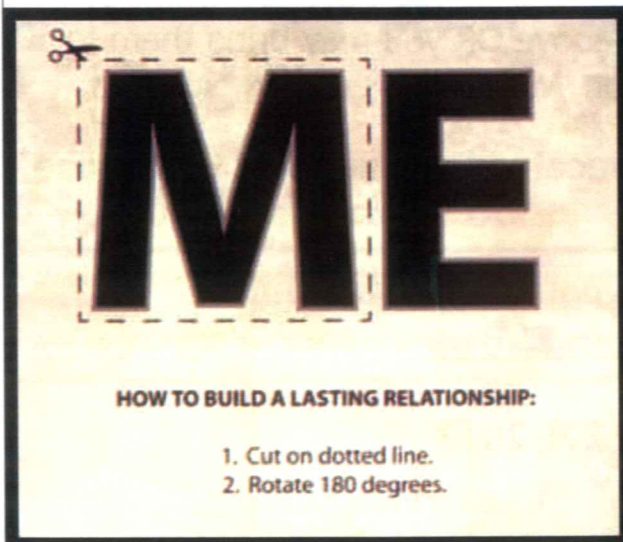


iGOD's CornerStone

11 ways to LOVE

www.GodlyWoman.Co

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)
11. Honor without fail. (Hebrews 13: 4)



HOW TO BUILD A LASTING RELATIONSHIP:

1. Cut on dotted line.
2. Rotate 180 degrees.



Upcoming Events

July 4, 2013

North Charleston (843) 745-1087

Charleston: Patriots Point (843) 884-2727

Summerville Red, White & Blue Celebration on the Green: July 1

Summerville Fireworks: July 4 (843) 821-7260

Come out and support India by helping The Shield of Faith Youth raise the funds needed to help stop the trafficking of women and children.

"YARD SALE"

Hosted by The Shield of Faith Youth

SATURDAY

JULY 6, 2013

7am until 12pm

1262 Sumner Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

The Youth wanted to do what they could to help Rick Reed raise the needed funds for his trip to India and decided to have a yard sale! If you have any items to donate, you may drop them off at the address above OR you may bring them to the Fellowship Hall during the church service on Wednesday evening, July 3rd.

100% of all monies collected from items received will support this cause.

Charleston, SC Lowcountry Coin Club's **2013 Coin Shows**

August 2-4, 2013

The Exchange Park Summerville, SC

1-6pm Friday, 9am-6pm Saturday, 10am-3pm Sunday

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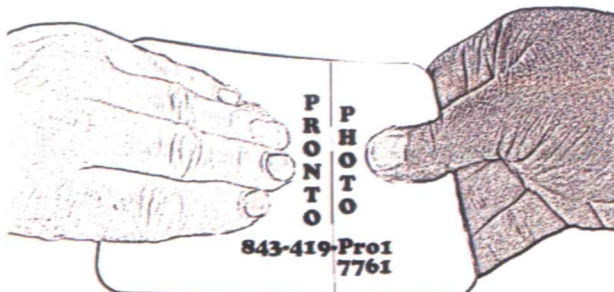
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Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

For the month of July, the Children's Sunday School class will be continuing our discussion on prayer. We will be focusing in the New Testament, and will be learning about Paul's instruction on prayer. First of all, Paul prayed for many things for himself, and he learned how God answers his own prayer. The answer is not always what we think it will be. We have to be confident and trusting to know that God's answer is best.

We will learn how Paul, because of his own experience, wrote letters to Timothy instructing him on the importance and proper way to pray. In Luke, we will hear the story from Jesus regarding the different ways one can pray for forgiveness. God looks on a humble heart such as the tax collector who was truly sorry for his sins. However, the Pharisee pridefully prayed to God for forgiveness, although not sincere in his request. Finally, we need to be diligent in praising God when we pray, and coming to Him with a heart of thankfulness. Psalm 100:4 says that we should "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name".

We will be learning these truths, as well as supplementing with live action and demonstration. With God's help, I hope to help equip these children with godly life skills. They are our future, and extremely important in the work of the Kingdom. They need to know how to operate in this fallen world. I love them so much, and hope to see them every Sunday morning.

-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

July begins with a walk through Ezra 3:8-13. Our journey will start with Lesson 6: The Temple Restored. *The Lesson Focus* says, "In spite of the circumstances, give thanks to God." *The Life Connection* describes what our reactions to difficult circumstances should be. *The Bible Exploration* will help us to see how God deserves our thanksgiving even when our circumstances suggest otherwise. *The Bible Interaction* will help us look at how thankful hearts can exist in the midst of enduring hardship. God is present with us in every circumstance; however, our reactions to these situations may or may not reflect His presence. *The Life Response* will show us how to invite God into our present circumstances and respond with hope and gratitude. Let's help and encourage each other with specific ways to show the evidence of God's dominion each day.



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

As the Jews initiated their work rebuilding the temple, they didn't pout over their years in exile and they did not complain about their working conditions; they were glad to be home and thankful to God for the honor of being in Jerusalem to lay the foundation of the temple. Their unified priority was rebuilding God's temple. Ezra's focus was not on the building itself but on the worship attitude of the people. Once the foundation was laid, they celebrated with praise and thanksgiving. *1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)* In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. God wants us to get to the point where we automatically go into praising Him at the beginning of the storm; that way He can control the intensity of the storm as well as the outcome. Eric Liddell believed, "Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless among the ruins, God's love is still working. He comes in and takes the calamity and uses it victoriously, working out His wonderful plan of love." John Wesley remarked, "Whatever our condition is, let it be known that God is good, and whatever fails, that His mercy fails not." Continue working on memorizing the scriptures; they will be a comfort should difficult times or situations arise. "Deliverance comes after our willingness to surrender to God's discipline and then points us back to see His rescue."
-Yolanda Wilson

February

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

March

Romans 10:13 (KJV)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

April

Romans 5:12 (KJV)

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned:

May

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

June

John 1:12 (KJV)

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:

July

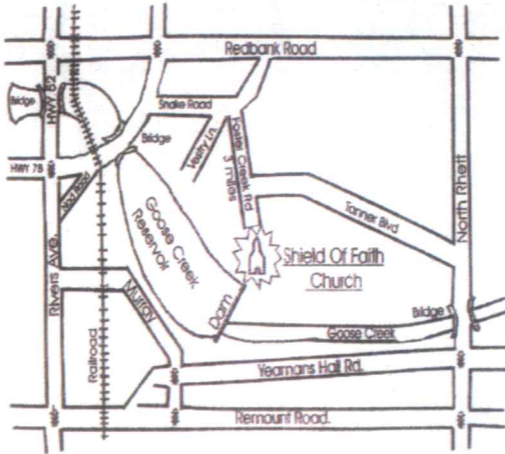
1 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

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