

# Faith Talk

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## Dealing With Negative Thoughts—Part 2



### TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE Most of us grow up with a wrong mind set:

- We are unaware that satan's greatest point of attack is in our thinking.
- Satan plants doubts, fears, unclean thoughts, jealousies, fantasies, and suggests white lies, etc. then accuses us of thinking them. When we accept

satan's lies as our own thoughts, he gains a foothold in our lives which can develop into a stronghold.

### THE BATTLE FOR MIND CONTROL

Since the above is true, we need to:

- Matthew 24:4 warns you to, "Watch out that no one deceives you."
- 1 Peter 1:13 instructs you to, "Prepare your minds for action."
- Colossians 3:2 tells you to, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
- Romans 8:6 "The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace."
- 2 Corinthians 10:5 cautions you to, "Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

The Holy Spirit gives us the KEY to a mind filled with the peace of God (Philippians 4:8-9), which then acts as a filter through which we can test each thought: Is it true? Noble? Right? Pure? Lovely? Admirable? Excellent? Praiseworthy? IF NOT, REJECT IT.

### HOW OUR MINDS ARE RENEWED

- Romans 12:2 says "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Mind-renewal takes place when we focus on Jesus Christ's victory over satan and our union with Him at the cross.

**TESTING EACH THOUGHT  
AS IT COMES IS THE KEY TO  
A LIFE OF TRIUMPH.**

-Truth Triumphant

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

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### Be aware!!

#### Anger:

Weakens the liver

#### Grief:

Weaken the lungs

#### Worry:

Stomach problems

#### Stress:

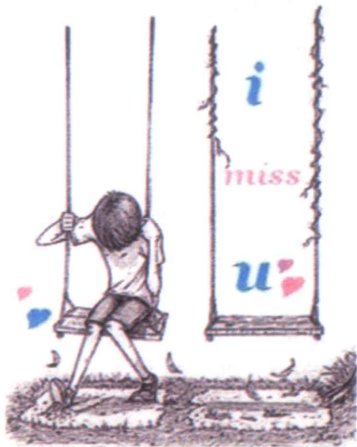
Affects the heart & brain

#### Fear:

Affects the kidneys

## Youth Talk

### “Leave No One Behind... No One”



One of our Youth's parents told me recently that their children were missing our Wednesday night Youth meetings. Unfortunately, we missed one meeting due to weather, the next one due to standardized PASS testing, and the next due to my being out of town for a family emergency. This got me thinking... When we habitually miss church, are we really *missing* it? *What* is it that we *miss*?

This article is simply just going down the trail of thinking that occurs when studying and has nothing directly to do with any of our Youth or church members. Now, we know we didn't arrange to miss church on purpose those three weeks. We aren't in control of the weather, we use wisdom to get rest when facing PASS testing, and family emergencies arise that need to be taken care of. The key word here is 'habitually.'

- Habitually means “according to a settled or regular tendency or practice or custom, especially one that is hard to give up.” - Google
- “Something a person does often in a regular and repeated way.” – Merriam-Webster Dictionary
- “An acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary.”  
– Dictionary.com

Hebrews 10:25 Amplified – “Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the **habit** of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.”

Forsaking – Comes from the Greek word 'egkatalipo' which means to leave behind in some place, to desert, or leave.

Assemble – Comes from the Greek word 'episunagoge' which means a complete collection, especially a Christian meeting, gathering together; also from 'sunago' which means to lead together and 'ago' which means to lead.

Admonishing – Comes from the Greek word 'parakaleo' which means to call near, invite, invoke, beseech, call for, desire, exhort; also from 'kaleo' which means to call aloud, bid, and call forth.

So, putting it all together we should “not leave behind or desert the complete collection of Christians gathering together that is meant to cause us to lead (this race) together, as is the habit of some people, but call near, invite, and call forth one another, and all the **more faithfully** as you see the day approaching.”

The day is approaching folks. It is time to gather ourselves together so that no one is left behind. Call your brothers and sisters and tell them they are missed, bid them to come and assemble themselves. It is time for us to lead this world TOGETHER towards the things of God and away from the habits of this world. Leave no one behind... no one.

-fLoYd & Michele Dotter



**A Word of Wisdom**

Guilt is a form of control.

-fLoYd Dotter

**Church Sign**

Swallow your pride - it contains no calories.

**Recipe of the Month****Grilled Chicken with Fresh Grape Glaze****Ingredients:****Glaze:**

3 cups seedless red grapes  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 cup chopped onion  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
2 teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

**Chicken:**

1 tablespoon olive oil  
6 chicken drumsticks (about 1 1/2 pounds), skinned  
6 chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 pounds), skinned  
2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
Cooking spray  
Fresh rosemary leaves (optional)

**Directions:**

- To prepare glaze, place grapes in a blender; process until smooth. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add onion; cover and cook 10 minutes. Add garlic; cover and cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in pureed grapes, vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, and 1 teaspoon rosemary; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes or until slightly thick. Cool slightly. Place grape mixture in blender; process until smooth. Set aside.
- Prepare grill. To prepare chicken, brush 1 tablespoon oil over chicken; sprinkle with 2 teaspoons rosemary, pepper, and salt. Place chicken on grill rack coated with cooking spray; cover and grill 25 minutes or until done, turning and basting frequently with grape glaze. Garnish with rosemary leaves, if desired.



-Bruce Aidells, [Cooking Light](#) - JUNE 2005

## Chillie's Corner "The Christian Barber"



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There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning, when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop, the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him, so, give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... are you ready to die?"

### Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) After Elijah was taken up to heaven, *what* did Elisha do?
- B) After some youths mocked the bald-headed Elisha, they were *what*?
- C) To keep a widow's son from slavery due to debt, Elisha multiplied her *what*?
- D) *What* did Elisha heal Naaman of?
- E) Naaman worshipped at the temple of *what*?
- F) Elisha's devious servant was named *what*?
- G) Coming to the aid of the sons of the prophets, Elisha made *what* float?
- H) After Elisha's prayer, *what* did God strike the Syrian army with?
- I) The last miracle connected with Elisha happened *where*?

**(See page 6 for answers)**



## How Stupid Can You Get?

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

When we open the Old Testament and savor one of David's military victories, we might think, "Hallelujah! The good guys won!" And then we move on to another chapter. But now, let's slow down a bit, and consider one of those conflicts from the viewpoint of the enemy.

When a pagan king got involved in a war, it was a little bit like playing poker. Maybe he would win, and maybe he would be defeated. He might have tried estimating his odds of winning, or how much he could expect to gain or lose depending on the outcome. But perhaps he would not do so.

The chapters 2 Samuel 10 and 1 Chronicles 19 are parallel and very similar. In 2 Samuel 10:18 we read that the Syrians were terribly beaten. They lost 40,000 horsemen, 700 charioteers, and their top general. For what purpose? They had been already defeated by Israel in 2 Samuel 10:15 with unspecified losses, and they wanted to try again with reinforcements. Maybe, they sought to regain their pride.

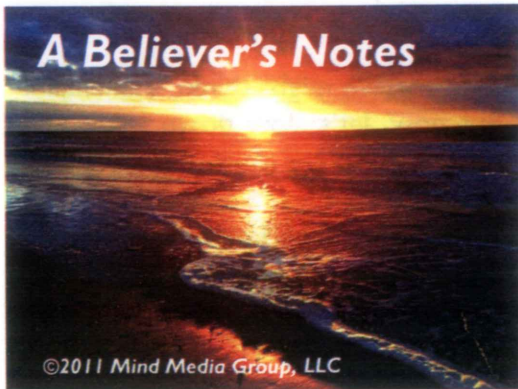
This takes us back to the previous battle. Then, the Syrians didn't have a particular axe to grind regarding Israel. They had been hired by the Ammonites for a thousand talents of silver. In effect, the Syrian troops were fulfilling a business contract, and probably their military enthusiasm level did not quite reach the intensity that it would have under different circumstances. Of course, the Ammonites themselves were also participating in that battle, though apparently not in the later battle described above.

Did the Ammonites mobilize their army because they were responding to Israelite troop movements? No. The Ammonites had made a diplomatic blunder, having mistreated David's servants (2 Samuel 10:4-5) who had come to comfort Hanun, their new king, over the death of his father, who had maintained favorable relations with David (2 Samuel 10:1-2). It was clear that David was upset about the insult, but I believe that reconciliation was possible. The Ammonites didn't act optimistically, but called up the troops because they assumed that David would do the same. Their negative thinking also was manifest in 2 Samuel 10:3, where they decided that David's servants came as spies and not as comforters. One could ask who the Ammonites might have sent if the death had been in David's family instead.

This is the picture we have: the Ammonites see evil in David's good intentions, and by acting on that they make a gross mistake, but don't consider apologizing. They prepare for a war that didn't need to occur in the first place, and hire the Syrians to help them. David defeats both the Ammonites and the Syrians. The king of Syria apparently was not evaluating the military situation at all, not even the possible loss of lives, but only seeing the money. The looming war was based only on imagined issues that had nothing to do with the interests of the nation of Syria. The king could at least have done a surface investigation of the roots of the conflict, but he was derelict in his duty. And after losing the first battle, he doubles down for another, one that hands him staggering losses. How stupid can you get?

Hopefully none of us will be one of those enemies. But If you find yourself in David's position, realize that misunderstandings will come, but do what's possible to bring peace to the situation.

-Phil Rust

Faith or Desperation

**Faith** is the substance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1).

**Hope** is an important factor in Faith. Faith won't function without hope. Hope is the blueprint of faith. When hope is lost, faith loses its aim. It no longer has a mission to accomplish; it just scatters.

**Hope** is a divine inner image that is born inside your spirit from God's precious promises.

**Faith** is the heavenly substance that will bring the Word-born picture to pass. Without hope, faith has no where to go.

If your faith and confessions are splattering in ever direction, stop, get your Bible, get alone with God, and let that hope come alive inside of you. Let the Spirit of God rise up on the inside of you and relight that fire. It will stop the desperation and get your faith on target again.

Speak the Word. Faith is the substance of things we hope and expect (Hebrews 11:1).

To have faith, you must have hope.



1Corinthians 13:13

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

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|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A) He parted the Jordan<br>2 Kings 2:14       | D) Leprosy<br>2 Kings 5:1-14 | G) An ax head<br>2 Kings 6:5-7      |
| B) Mauled by two she-bears<br>2 Kings 2:23-24 | E) Rimmon<br>2 Kings 5:17-18 | H) Blindness<br>2 Kings 10:18-19    |
| C) Oil<br>2 Kings 4:1-7                       | F) Gehazi<br>2 Kings 5:20    | I) In his grave<br>2 Kings 13:20-21 |



## Relation—Ships

There are three important lessons you can learn about relationships by reading about three "ships" that are mentioned in the Bible.

### Lesson #1 - Noah's Ark: (Genesis 6:9-8:22)

***Be careful who you get into a relationship with...you may be sailing with them for a LONG time.***

The eight people on Noah's Ark were together inside the ship for over 300 days...almost one full year! Can you imagine what kind of arguments they would have had if they did not know how to get along? Friends are people who should be willing to go the distance with you...make sure you're willing to do the same for them.

### Lesson #2—Jonah: (Jonah 1:1-4:11)

***Make sure the people you are in relationship with are going in the same direction that God has told you to go.***

Jonah got into a boat that was headed for Tarshish...the opposite direction from where God told him to go. Because he disobeyed God, a great storm came and threatened the ship, and Jonah was thrown overboard. Choose friends who are interested in following God's plans...they'll never throw you overboard!

### Lesson #3-Jesus and His Disciples: (Mark 4:35-41)

***All relationships will go through a few storms!***

Even Jesus' friends had to ride through a storm with Him. A true friend will stick with you even when times get tough...and if they can't calm the storm for you, they'll ride it out with you!

## Jokes and Riddles

How did the barber get his work done so quickly?

*He knew some short "cuts"*

Why did the policeman refuse to get out of bed?

*Because he was working "under cover"*

What goes up but never comes down?

*Your age*

Why did the man fall asleep on top of a lamp?

*He was a "light" sleeper*

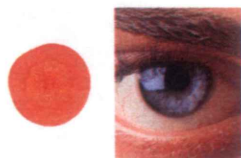
Why did the Lion eat the tightrope walker?

*He wanted a balanced meal*

## Food That Looks Like Body Parts

We found 10 foods that mirror the body parts they provide nutrients for—for example, brain-boosting walnuts actually look like a brain. Coincidence? Maybe. Though these healthy foods are beneficial to the whole body, the list below is a fun reminder of what to eat to target specific areas. (We are showing 7 of them here.)

### 1. Carrot: Eye



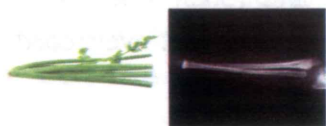
Slice a carrot in half crosswise and it's easy to see that the veggie resembles an eye—look closely and you'll even notice a pattern of radiating lines that mimic the pupil and iris. And the old wives' tale is true: Munching on carrots will actually promote healthy eyes. "Carrots are filled with vitamins and antioxidants, like beta-carotene, that decrease the chance of macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss in older people," says Sasson Moulavi, MD, medical director of Smart for Life Weight Management Centers in Boca Raton, Florida. *Photos by iStockphoto*

### 2. Walnut: Brain



The folds and wrinkles of a walnut bring to mind another human organ: the brain. The shape of the nut even approximates the body part, looking like it has left and right hemispheres. And it's no surprise walnuts are nicknamed "brain food"—according to Lisa Avellino, dietitian for Focus28 Diet, "they have a very high content of omega-3 fatty acids, which help support brain function." *Photos by iStockphoto*

### 3. Celery: Bone



Long, lean stalks of celery look just like bones—and they're good for them, too. "Celery is a great source of silicon, which is part of the molecular structure that gives bones their strength," says Dr. Moulavi. Another funny bone coincidence: "Bones are 23 percent sodium, and so is celery," reports Avellino. *Photos by iStockphoto*

### 4. Avocados: Uterus



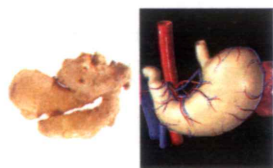
The lightbulb shape of an avocado looks like a uterus, and it supports reproductive health as well. "Avocados are a good source of folic acid," says Elizabeth Somer, registered dietician and author of *Eat Your Way to Happiness*. "Folate has been found to reduce the risk for cervical dysplasia, which is a precancerous condition." *Photos by iStockphoto and Shutterstock*

### 5. Tomato: Heart



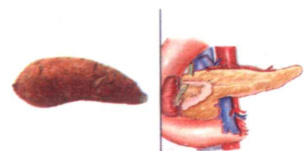
Slice open a tomato and you'll notice the red veggie has multiple chambers that resemble the structure of a heart. "Studies have found that because of the lycopene in tomatoes, there is a reduced risk for heart disease in men and women who eat them," says Somer. And, she adds, if you mix them with a little fat, like olive oil or avocado, it will boost your body's lycopene absorption nearly tenfold. *Photos by iStockphoto and 3D Clinic*

### 6. Ginger: Stomach



Anyone who's ever reached for a glass of ginger ale when they've had a stomachache knows about the antinausea effects of ginger. So it's fitting that the herb somewhat resembles the digestive organ. According to Dr. Moulavi, "gingerol, which is the ingredient responsible for ginger's pungent scent and taste, is listed in the USDA database of phytochemicals as having the ability to prevent nausea and vomiting." *Photos by iStockphoto*

### 7. Sweet Potatoes: Pancreas



The oblong sweet potato bears a strong resemblance to the pancreas, and also promotes healthy function in the organ. "Sweet potatoes are high in beta-carotene, which is a potent antioxidant that protects all tissues of the body, including the pancreas, from damage associated with cancer or aging," says Somer. *Photos by Shutterstock*



**Kids' Corner**  
**(We are ALL His kids!)**  
**"The Lord is My Shepherd"**



## Kids' Corner

### “The Lord is my Shepherd”

#### Psalm 23—A Psalm of David

#### Amplified

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

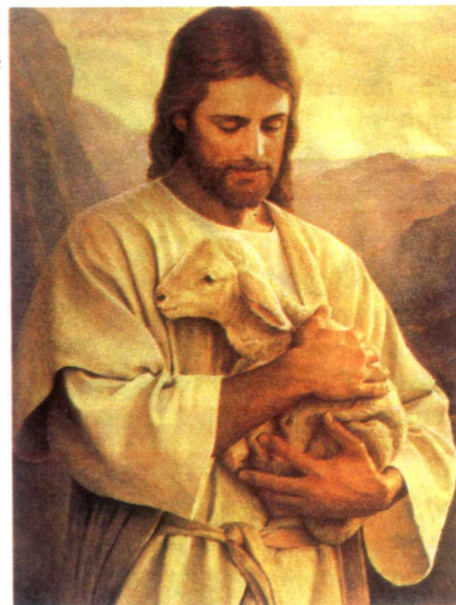
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still *and* restful waters.

<sup>3</sup> He refreshes *and* restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear *or* dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely *or* only goodness, mercy, *and* unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.



#### King James Version

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



**Kids' Corner**  
**"The Lord is my Shepherd"**

*"He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures;"*



**Kids Corner**  
**“Psalms 62—Hope”**

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 All times  
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 Falsehood  
 Glory  
 How long  
 Inwardly  
 Leaning wall

Lie  
 Lighter  
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 Murder  
 My rock  
 Not be shaken  
 O Lord  
 Oppression  
 Position  
 Pour out  
 Psalm  
 Rank

Recompense  
 Rest  
 Riches  
 Salvation  
 Soul  
 Spoken  
 Strength  
 Stronghold  
 Thrust  
 Together  
 Trust in him  
 Vainly hope



## Health Check

“My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.”

-Proverbs 4:20-22



## JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

awareness | prevention | education | family

**01**

**Eat Healthy.** Start by taking small steps like saying no to super-sizing and yes to a healthy breakfast. Eat many different types of foods to get all the vitamins and minerals you need. Add at least one fruit and vegetable to every meal.

**02**

**Get Moving.** Play with your kids or grandkids. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Do yard work. Play a sport. Keep comfortable walking shoes handy at work and in the car. Most importantly, choose activities that you enjoy to stay motivated.

**03**

**Make Prevention a Priority.** Many health conditions can be prevented or detected early with regular checkups from your healthcare provider. Regular screenings may include blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate health and more.

**100%**

Women are 100% more likely than men to visit the doctor for annual exams and preventive services.

**1 IN 2**

1 in 2 men are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime compared to 1 in 3 women.

**1994**

On May 31, 1994 President Clinton signed the bill establishing National Men's Health Week.

"Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just a man's issue. Because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, men's health is truly a family issue."  
Congressman Bill Richardson (May 1994)

In 2000 there were fewer than 80 men for every 100 women by the time they reach age 65 - 74.

**80**

### ONLINE RESOURCES

Men's Health Month  
[menshealthmonth.org](http://menshealthmonth.org)

Men's Health Network  
[menshealthnetwork.org](http://menshealthnetwork.org)

Get It Checked  
[getitchecked.com](http://getitchecked.com)

Talking About Men's Health Blog  
[talkingaboutmenshealth.com](http://talkingaboutmenshealth.com)

Women Against Prostate Cancer  
[womenagainstoprostatecancer.org](http://womenagainstoprostatecancer.org)

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with thousands of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe. <http://www.menshealthmonth.org/>

**These articles are for information purposes only and, as always, consult with your doctor before assuming you have any condition.**

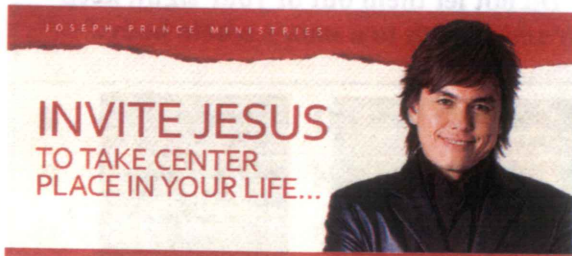


## Joseph Prince

### **“God Uses What Man Deems Useless”**

*“...God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen...to bring to nothing the things that are.”*

*-1 Corinthians 1:27-28*



There was once an old donkey that decided to go somewhere deserted to spend its last days. It found a suitable place, laid down and died after a few days. God looked down at the donkey and said, “I can’t use this donkey.”

Along came the vultures and foxes, picking off chunks of flesh from the donkey. It was a sorry sight. God looked down at the donkey and said, “I still can’t use this donkey.” Then, the ants and other critters of the wilderness came, and cleared up what the vultures and foxes had left behind. The donkey was now just a skeleton, but God still couldn’t use it.

Days and weeks passed, the burning sun scorching the bones of the donkey till they were totally dry and white. God looked down at what was left of the donkey and said, “Now, I can use the donkey!”

Then along came Samson with his seven locks dancing in the wind. The man looked around for a weapon to wield against his enemies, and found...just an old dried up jawbone of a donkey. And with the seemingly useless and worthless jawbone, he slew a thousand men (Judges 15:11-17).

My friend, God uses what the world deems useless and past its shelf life to accomplish amazing feats. That’s just His style. So if people have written you off, called you “useless” or treated you as insignificant, get ready! God can and is about to use you to do the impossible. He’ll transform and empower you to do what you and your critics never dreamed possible!

### **“The Spirit Of Sonship”**

*“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ ”*

*-Romans 8:15, NIV*

The Spirit of sonship which we have received from God is the Spirit by which we cry, “Abba, Father.” Have you ever cried to God like He is your Daddy? Yes, He is *El Shaddai*. He is *Elohim*. But in the new covenant He is Daddy! The Holy Spirit put the Aramaic word “Abba” there, which means “Daddy” or “Papa” in English, and didn’t have it translated because He wants us to know that God is not a distant, impersonal being, but a close and intimate Daddy! That is the Spirit of sonship.

My friend, when you pray, learn to say, “Dear Daddy God...” Forget the formalities and traditions of man. Just call Him “Daddy”, and sense His closeness to you. You can bring all your cares, worries and anxieties to Him, knowing that the all-powerful King of the universe is your Daddy!

At the cross, Jesus cried out, “My **God**, My **God**, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46). For the first time, He addressed His Father as “God.” He experienced distance—in fact, a cutting-off—from the Father because He was carrying all our sins upon Himself. Why? So that you and I can experience closeness and intimacy with the Father, and cry out “Daddy!” from our hearts.

A child who cries “Daddy!” belongs in his daddy’s embrace. So when we cry out, “Daddy God!” we take our place as His beloved children, and find our strong and loving Daddy rushing in to embrace, protect and deliver us!



**Note to Self—by Darren Cole Butcher**  
**Previous Member of The Shield of Faith Church**

There is a time to STOP everything & go to "our garden" so we can prepare ourselves for "our cross." What we have been doing thus far, does not compare to the greatest work ahead. Putting total trust in His plan apart from our abilities. The Cross is ahead all else must be left behind.

Isaiah 50:5-11—"The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

It is time to trust in The Cross (God's plan not ours) - may we all go to "our garden" when called. Bless The Lord oh my soul & all that is within me, bless His Holy name.

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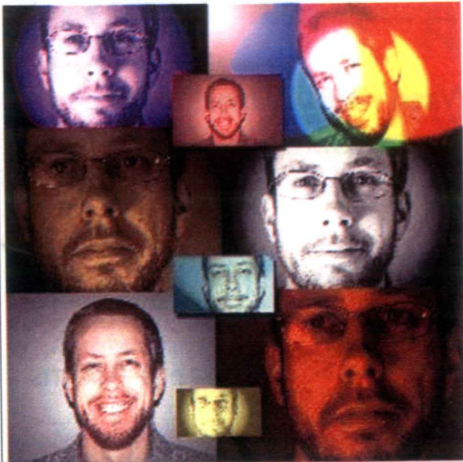
A word or seed not sown in the right season (timing) or field (location) will not produce a full harvest. To maximize our efforts we must understand when & where to sow or we'll have just planted what another will gather. There are certain fields that are "yours". It is not just about sowing abundantly to reap abundantly, it is knowing the right time & place. If you are not increasing fully in your harvest, get your timing chain adjusted & look where you sow.

Jesus came to seek & save those who are "mis-investing" their lives. It just might be you. He wants increase— will you bring it to him? Learn where to sow, reap & even to reap what others "scatter" aimlessly.

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**"If the past is calling, I want to know why you have not changed your number?"**

- Darren Cole Butcher



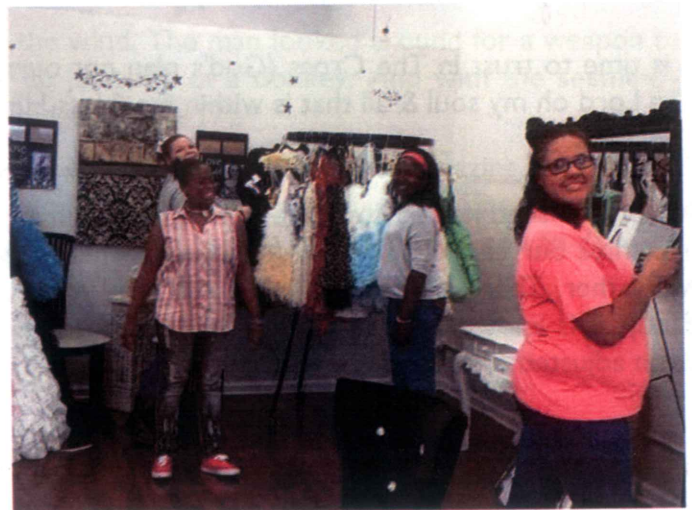
### Beautiful Shades

Beautiful Shades really enjoyed our guest speaker this month, Walter Simmons, who kept the girls engaged with learning about employment.



The mock interviews went really well and the girls were very receptive.

Thanks to the Berkeley Prosperity Center. Moving forward with making our girls great.



Beautiful Shades upcoming meeting is on Saturday, June 21, 2014 and the topic of discussion will be "Social Media" and we will be covering: self-image, hygiene, and how to dress like a "Beauty"

Also on June 28th, we will be having our annual Car Wash Fund Raiser! Please stay tuned for more details!

**Thank you again for your prayers and support!**

-Sheila Adams



Upcoming Events



**Spoletto Festival USA**

May 23-June 8, 2014

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**You Are Invited to a Special Celebration for our Graduates!!**

**Class of 2014**

**We will be Honoring:**



**Leah Knoepfel**



**Joe Nathan Singletary**



**Cristin Johnson**



**Faith Adams**

**On  
Sunday, June 15, 2014**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
We will have **PRAISE,  
WORSHIP AND PREACHING**  
**AT 11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary.



**Cassidy Bowling**

**NOTE:**

At our dinner; chicken, bread, drinks and ice will be furnished by the church.  
Please bring your favorite special food dishes for everyone to enjoy.

## Sunday School Events

### Children's Sunday School

#### Ages 6-11

Summer!! Summer!! Summer!! We are all ready for summer!

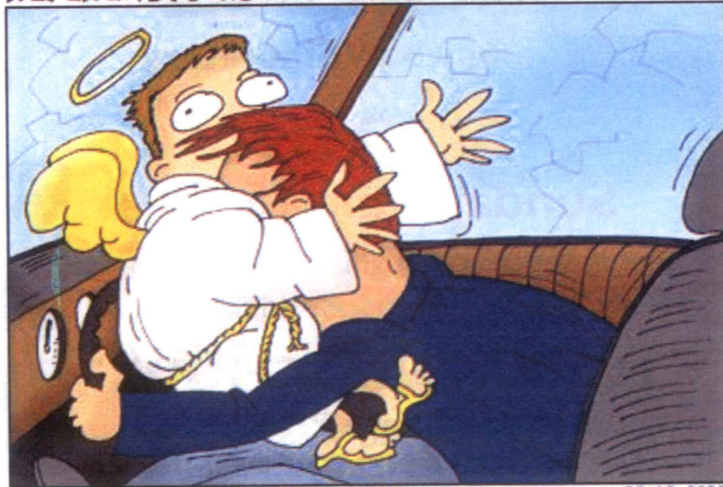
In June, the children's Sunday school class will be continuing to memorize Psalm 23. In addition, we will be learning and reading through Ephesians 6. There is so much material that we will spend the first two weeks on obedience and the remaining time on the armor of God.

While teaching obedience to them, I try to relate everything they do to what Jesus did. It is important to show that Jesus had to demonstrate obedience during His earthly life, and we are to model our life after Him.

I Peter 2:21 says, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps:" Obedience brings blessings while rebellion often leads to destruction. There will also be a prayer time as we ask God to remove any rebellion or bad attitudes that may try to dominate our lives. Bring your kids to Sunday school! It is a wonderful interactive time. They will be blessed and so will YOU!

-Rachel Ferguson

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6)

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**THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER  
AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED**

### 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 are beginning a new month with a new book. *Lesson 1: Obey the Lord.* This lesson uses Haggai 1:1-11. *The Lesson Focus* says, "God sees our priorities and expects us to put Him first." *In the Life Connection* we will talk about different habits and priorities. *In the Bible Exploration* will help us understand what God expected in the priorities of the returned exiles. *In the Bible Interaction* we will consider ways to connect with God that re-focus priorities. *The Life Response* will show us ways to make obedience to God our first priority.



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

God wants what's best for us, and what's best for us is putting Him first. When we do what we want to do, when we want to do it, we will usually run out of time for what's most important. When that happens, we miss out on opportunities to be blessed by God and to be a blessing to others. We have to spend some time in prayer and ask God to show us any ways that we may be slipping up in putting Him first in our life.

When we love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, we are putting God first in our lives. When we are not doing that, He is not our first priority, and we resemble the people of Judah. Where we place our priorities shows how much we depend on God. If we seek God's will and ways, our priorities will be straight.

**"Obedience still opens the way for the bounty and protection of God's grace, if we will accept His instruction and respond." -Katherine Douglas**

-Yolanda Wilson

#### March

##### **Psalm 100:1 (KJV)**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

#### April

##### **Psalm 100:2 (KJV)**

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

#### May

##### **Psalm 100:3 (KJV)**

Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

#### June

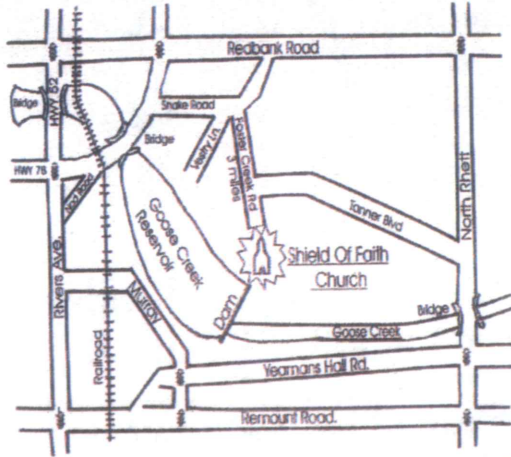
##### **Psalm 100:4 (KJV)**

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

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***Next deadline to submit articles is:  
Wednesday, June 18th***

**June 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>Praise Team Meeting 7-8pm</b>	4 <b>Youth Birthday Bash</b>	5	6	7
8 <b>Friends &amp; Family Worship Benefit</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Graduates Celebration</b> <b><u>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>	16	17	18 <b>Article Deadline</b> <b><u>NO YOUTH MEETING</u></b>	19 <b>Juneteenth Day</b>	20	21 <b>Summer Solstice Beautiful Shades Meeting at 2pm</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					