

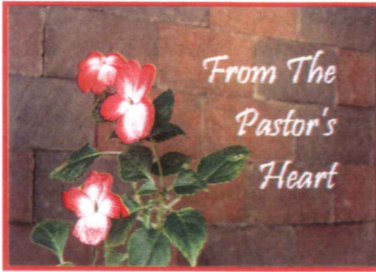
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Recipe for a Good Day



*From The
Pastor's
Heart*

What makes a good day?
All sunshine and no rain,
With nothing happening
For which to complain?

It takes some sunshine
But also enough rain
To make everything grow
Whether people or grain.

So, all of our trials
And heartache and pain
Is not like the sunshine
But more like the rain.

For if we trust God
For the trials and pain,
We shall grow in faith
With no need to complain.

So start off the day
With Bible reading and prayer.
Mix well with faith,
Knowing God's always there.

Speak out for your Lord
And a witness give
But the very best witness
Is the way that you live.

So, what makes a good day?
It is the one committed to God.
Lived for His glory
While on this earthly sod.

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

Youth Talk

“Partaking in Christ’s Sufferings of the Flesh”

The Last Supper... what was that really like? As they sat together at the table, most were teenagers and had no idea what was getting ready to happen. They had no idea the suffering Jesus was to endure for them. Their ‘Rabbi’ was to be crucified... He was going to die. No more teacher... Or so they thought.

John 16:12-15 “¹²I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now. ¹³But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]. ¹⁴He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you. ¹⁵Everything that the Father has is Mine. That is what I meant when I said that He [the Spirit] will take the things that are Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.”

When we take the Scriptures and meditate on the multiple scenes therein, we find a whole new perspective. Each word, each character, and each scene unfolds truth to us that we can glean from and grow. But what happens if we are not **partaking** of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? What happens when we don’t take up our cross and follow him daily? Are we daily dying to our fleshly desires and living for Jesus?

Most children say, “I want it my way!!” Wow... we can learn so much from children... But how crazy it is when we hear ourselves as grown adults saying, “I want it my way!” Once we have given our lives to Christ, our lives are no longer ours... Let’s think about that... If we gave up our life to Christ, why are we still trying to live it on our own and in our own way? Why do we complain constantly and not follow His commandments? Why are we selfish and unruly children at times?

I believe the answer is “relationship.” When we draw closer to Him, He draws closer to us. This tells us that there can be some distance between us and God, even as Christians. Jesus’ brother, James, understood this.

James 4:8-10 “⁸Come close to God and He will come close to you. [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering individuals with divided interests, and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery]. ⁹[As you draw near to God] be deeply penitent and grieve, even weep [over your disloyalty]. Let your laughter be turned to grief and your mirth to dejection and heartfelt shame [for your sins]. ¹⁰Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].”

One of the meanings of “partaking” is “to share in.” I believe that we are to “share in” His sufferings and this helps us to become more intimately acquainted with Him... identifying with Him in a very intimate way.

Philippians 3:10-11 “¹⁰[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] ¹¹That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].

Selah.

-fLoYd & Michele Dotter

A Word of Wisdom

Many Books inform... Only one, the Bible, can transform...

Church Sign

Share love and it grows; Share sorrow and it lessens.

Recipe of the Month

Chicken Gourmet

Ingredients:

Rice:

2 Cups of Basmati Rice
2 Heaping teaspoons of chicken base
3 cups of water

Meat:

3 Boneless, skinless chicken
Breasts

Vegetables:

1/2 Red bell pepper
1/2 Green bell pepper
1/2 Yellow bell pepper
1/4 Onion

Seasonings:

4 Tablespoons of olive oil
3/4 Cup of grated cheese
Garlic powder
Salt and pepper (Crushed red pepper optional)
Paprika
Onion powder
Parsley
Celery Salt
Basil
Curry Powder
Nutmeg

Directions:

Cut chicken breasts into 1 inch cubes and place into a large pot of water. Bring to a boil and cook for approximately 15 minutes. Cut a piece of chicken open to ensure that it is cooked through. Boil slightly longer if needed.

While chicken is cooking, place 3 cups of water and chicken base into a pot. Whisk to make sure that chicken base is dissolved. Add the rice, place lid on the pot, and bring to a boil. Once rice is boiling, turn the heat to low and cook for 20-25 minutes. Test by placing a fork into the rice all the way to the bottom of the pot and pulling out the bottom rice. Do **NOT** stir. When cooked, the bottom rice should be tender and not have loads of water in it.

Cut Vegetables into strips and sauté in 2 tablespoons of olive oil on low heat.

Drain the chicken. Add the additional 2 tablespoons of olive oil and then the chicken on the top of the sautéed vegetables. Lightly sprinkle seasonings on top. Stir to mix evenly. Turn off heat and then sprinkle grated cheese on top of mixture to melt. Serve over rice. Makes 4-6 servings



-Brandon Bachelor

Chillie's Corner

“Purchasing a New Bird”



After many years of marriage, a husband had turned into a couch potato, became completely inattentive to his wife and sat guzzling beer and watching TV all day. The wife was dismayed because no matter what she did to attract the husband's attention, he'd just shrug her off with some bored comment.

This went on for many months and the wife was going crazy with boredom. Then one day at a pet store, the wife saw this big, ugly, snorting bird with a hairy chest, powerful hairy forearms, beady eyes and dribble running down the side of its mouth.

The shopkeeper, observing her fascination with the bird, told her it was a special imported "Goony bird" and it had a very peculiar trait. To demonstrate, he exclaimed, "Goony bird! The table!"

Immediately, the Goony bird flew off its perch and with single-minded fury attacked the table and smashed it into a hundred little pieces with its powerful forearms and claws! To demonstrate some more, the shopkeeper said, "Goony bird! The shelf!" Again the Goony bird turned to the shelf and demolished it in seconds.

"Wow!" said the wife, "If this doesn't attract my husband's attention, nothing will!" So she bought the bird and took it home.

When she entered the house, the husband was, as usual, sprawled on the sofa guzzling beer and watching the game. "Honey!" she exclaimed, "I've got a surprise for you! A Goony bird!"

The husband, in his usual bored tone replied, "Goony Bird, my foot!"

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A) King Xerxes ruled from his royal throne at the fortress of *where*?
- B) Who was King Xerxes' first wife?
- C) Who was Esther's father?
- D) Haman did not like Mordecai because he wouldn't *what*?
- E) Hathach was the eunuch who *what*?
- F) What was Haman's wife's name?
- G) The king took from Haman and gave to Mordecai *what*?
- H) How many sons of Haman were hanged?
- I) In celebration of God's deliverance, the Jews established a two-day festival called *what*?

(See page 6 for answers)

Jokes and Riddles

What do you throw out when you need it and take in when you don't need it?
An anchor!

What happened when the lion ate the comedian?
He felt "funny."

Why didn't Noah do much fishing when he was on the ark?
He only had two worms!

What kind of coat can you put on that doesn't have any buttons, zippers, or sleeves?
A "coat" of paint.

Conversion and Beyond

For years, I remained under the impression that salvation was merely a short, "I confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior," and nothing more.

It wasn't until I heard a comment, "Most Christians today are only about 30% converted," made by Francis MacNutt, co-founder of Christian Healing Ministries, when I began to question why Jesus went from town to town and healed people wherever He went.

After all, if confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior was enough for the people of Israel to be saved, then why was there a need for healing? And why were they so desperate for it? Dr. Thomas Constable with Dallas Theological Seminary estimates that in the three and half years before Jesus died, He ministered to and healed *three and a half million people*.

The answer to the above questions is simple. Salvation is not just about being rescued from our sins. God continues to save us when He restores us to health. We are saved when God heals us from our deepest emotional pain, and we are saved when we are set free from the chains of addiction.

You see, every time we are healed, we have the opportunity to become a little more like Jesus. This is true conversion--that we, day by day, and even moment by moment, are transformed into the image of Christ. We go from glory to glory, and it's that radiance of the Holy Spirit which comes from the healing that flows from our hearts and reaches out to those around us searching for God even if they are not aware they are searching.

Strongholds (addictions, negative beliefs, bad habits, fear, judgment, anger, etc.) hold us back in life. They block the flow of the Holy Spirit, and in turn, our effectiveness as Christians is diminished because we cannot really practice what we preach to others. If we are honest enough to admit it, we really cannot even reach the world with Christ's love, either. So, it's essential to deal with strongholds. It's essential to deal with anything that keeps us conformed to the image of the world, actually.

We must understand as Christians the depth of the word, "salvation." We must also understand the meaning of the words, "conversion" and "transformation." We cannot claim ignorance. And we cannot say it's enough that "I already made Jesus my Savior, and I'm going to Heaven."

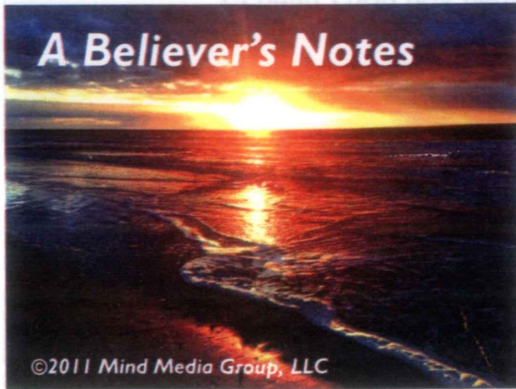
When we become believers in Jesus, we also, in that moment of confession, begin to align ourselves to eventually become servants in the Kingdom of God. Jesus once asked a blind man, "Do you want to be well?" That is the question I present to you today. Do you want to be well? To be free? To love? To be completely converted?

Just food for thought. Be blessed today.

-Kelly Noll

<http://autismandjoy.blogspot.com/>

Fear Not; It's All About Perspective!



“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

—2 Timothy 1:7

When the Israelites came out of Egypt, they had just seen a marvelous display of God's miraculous power. Yet, as they faced the Red Sea with the Egyptian army at their backs, they turned on Moses, “because there were no graves in Egypt, has thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?” Exodus 14:11

What could possibly have caused these people to doubt God and make such a traitorous statement after all He had already done for them? Fear.

They began to fear what the enemy could do to them, and they were overwhelmed by the drive toward self-preservation. That apparently innocent desire you have to protect yourself will cost you dearly when it comes to walking with God. It infected the Israelites to such a degree that they forgot the signs and wonders. Suddenly they saw themselves as just people again—not people with whom God dwells, but just people.

If you don't watch out, satan will try to give you that perspective, too. When you start believing the promises of God and marching toward victory over sickness or sin or lack, satan will tell you that you are just a natural person. He will tell you that you can't trust the supernatural power of God to pull you through. He will get you into a natural perspective rather than a supernatural perspective. He will get you walking in the fear of sickness, or the fear of poverty or something else.

Those fears will keep you from listening to and obeying the Word of God. That is why we need to learn to think with the mind of Christ. We need to live with our thoughts on the things of God instead of the things of the world and to come to a place where we are resting in the power of God. God wants us to rest in His power. He wants us to know Him so well and trust Him so much that when satan tries to threaten us, when he tells us we are going to go broke or we are going to die or whatever manipulation he uses, we just laugh at him.

We need to come to a place in this world where we trust God with every detail of our lives. Let's start practicing that today. Believe His Word. Speak it to your problems and watch faith rise up! Then, you will have the right perspective and victory will be yours! Speak the Word! “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

Bible Trivia

-I Didn't Know That!

(From Page 4)

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| A) Susa Esther 1:2 | D) Would not bow to him Esther 3:5 | G) The king's signet ring Esther 8:2 |
| B) Queen Vashti Esther 1:8-9 | E) Attended Esther Esther 4:5 | H) Ten Esther 9:14 |
| C) Abihail Esther 2:15 | F) Zeresh Esther 5:10 | I) Purim Esther 9:26 |

Keeping Your Focus

When things appear blurry to your eyes we say that they are "out of focus." The Bible tells us that there are only a couple of things that we really need to keep our focus on, even if everything else is blurry and uncertain. There are two Scripture verses below that tell us exactly what we should keep in focus at all times... the problem is, the verses are blurry. See if you can figure out what the verses say.

"... set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."
(Colossians 3:1)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith"...
(Hebrews 12:2)

The Eye Chart

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:25-33 three things we should not seek and two things we should seek. The Eye Chart below contains all five of the words. Circle the two things we should seek and put a square around the three things we should not seek.

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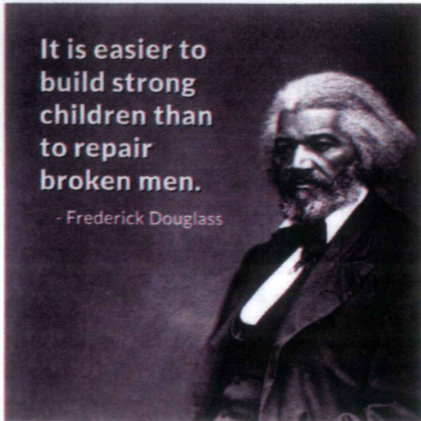
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-Linda Butler

Making a Man Out of a Boy

by Walter G. Fremont, Ed.D.



For a boy to grow into a man with sterling character, a desire to serve the Lord, and the unshakable determination it takes to meet life's challenges, he needs some tremendous help from his father. The mother does a lot of training in the early years, but it is only as a father fulfills his training responsibilities as ordained by the Lord that we will see stalwart Christian men making an impact on their own individual communities.

There are many specific steps that a father can take to bring about the right kind of change in his boy.

Love him.

A father must first love his boy as much as any mother does. Most mothers give their boys plenty of love. But a boy needs a father's love too. You show him that you love him by telling him, "I love you." "I'm proud of you." "I appreciate the way you've helped your sister by fixing her bike." Comments like these, especially as you look him right in the eye, make a child feel loved and secure in that love. You also show love by touching him. For a young boy, a hug and a kiss are in order and later the pat on the back, the nudge, the hand on the shoulder. All these are signs that show you approve of him and love him. Many men have the odd idea that showing the boy any love and affection will make him effeminate, weak, or insecure. However, just the opposite is true.

Just as important is focusing your attention on the things in which he is interested. He wants to show you the slingshot he made or talk about the fly ball he caught that won the game or maybe the little misunderstanding he had with one of the neighbor kids. You must listen with an uncondemning attitude and give as much approval as possible.

Thoughtfulness is remembering to pick up the flashlight batteries that he wanted you to get for him or running him and his buddy out to the game ten miles away when his ride does not show up. The important thing for a boy to know is that his father cares for him as a person.

Many fathers are so busy, even in the work of the Lord, that they do not take time to be with their boys for the teaching and fellowship that show love. As a consequence, the boy feels insecure and unloved. Working together on a project, going on a fishing trip, watching his ball game, or going to a hamburger place are good ways to spend time with your son.

Teach him skills.

Another important thing in making a man out of a boy is to teach him various skills to help him cope with the situations he will encounter in life. These include skills in plumbing, carpentry, and mechanical areas. Included too are various team sports such as baseball, basketball, or soccer; individual sports such as tennis; and outdoor skills involved in fishing, camping, or hunting. A father should teach as many of these skills as possible himself for good father-son rapport. However, some of these skills can also be learned at a good Christian camp or in a good youth organization.

Give him responsibilities.

Boys need to have their responsibilities increased. A boy from six to twelve years old needs responsibility for cleaning the garage, taking care of the yard, working in the garden, washing the car, and later on, running a paper route or taking care of an animal.

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Making a Man Out of a Boy—Continued

Teach him independence.

Boys need to develop increasing independence, which comes as they learn to make decisions for themselves and to live with those decisions. The father should train his child to make decisions and then give him opportunities to do so. When he makes decisions, he must be held accountable for them. That is, he suffers the consequences of a poor one and enjoys the satisfaction and blessing of a good one.

Give him exciting experiences.

A father should get his son into daring activities, experiences in which he has to put to use the skills he has learned, such as mountain climbing, making trips in the wilds of Canada, sailing on the ocean, and hiking down to the bottom of a canyon. Helping him to meet the elements and succeed in coping with these experiences and situations will give him self-confidence.

Teach him Christian character.

The most important element for a boy in becoming a man is establishing good Christian character. Character is formed as the Holy Spirit works in the life of a believer through the Word of God. A child displays and strengthens such character as he learns good Bible principles and puts them into action in his life so that he operates consistently on biblical principles and not on his feelings. Because of television, rock music, and the humanistic public schools, this generation has become feeling-oriented and impulse-centered. People with no character operate on their feelings instead of on principles. They have little control over their own body and spirit, and they do what they feel like doing whenever they feel like doing it, whether it is right or not. A man with character knows how to bring his body and spirit under the discipline of Bible principles.

The father helps provide the biblical instruction needed to build character through family devotions or teaching the Bible lessons himself in the home school. He can also train the boy in self-discipline and in controlling his body and spirit in various real-life situations. For example, when my boy and I would go on a hike with a number of other boys that we used to take along on our weekly jaunts, they would all be pushing and shoving at the water fountain at the end of the hike. I would have my son stand back with me and wait until they all had their drinks. Ten minutes later we would step up and get our drink. I was teaching him to bring his desperate desire for water under control by bringing his body into subjection.

Boys need to learn to put off immediate pleasure for future gain. Learning to save money for some specific good thing makes a boy realize that the impulse purchase of the moment is often a waste of money. He learns to do without and postpone his wants so that he can later enjoy the fruits of a well-planned expenditure--especially if waiting six months has enabled him to get the desired item on a half-price sale.

Self-discipline in the area of eating, spending money, exercise, daily devotions, Bible memorization, and pursuit of pleasure is a key to a happy life and manly character.

How does a boy grow into a man? Not without training. The kind of Christian training that Dad gives his boy can make a great deal of difference. If Dad neglects to properly train his son, then negative forces will do the training.

A good father can make a giant difference in the life of his boy. You can also extend your ministry as a good father by taking on as part of your family a boy in the church or community who does not have a father, and you can help him with the same kind of training that you are giving your boy. The world desperately needs the leadership of fathers in training boys to become men and future Christian leaders.

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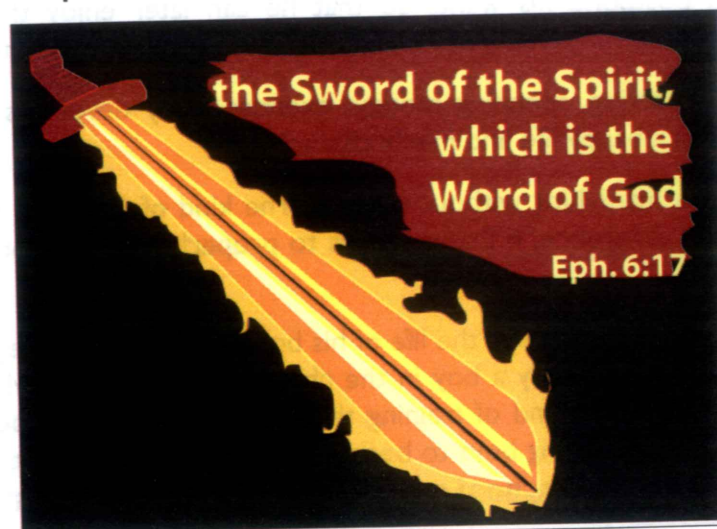
Kids' Corner
“The Fight Against Evil”

Ephesians 6:10-20
Contemporary English Version

¹⁰ Finally, let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong. ¹¹ Put on all the armor that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the devil's tricks. ¹² We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world. ¹³ So put on all the armor that God gives. Then when that evil day comes, you will be able to defend yourself. And when the battle is over, you will still be standing firm.

¹⁴ Be ready! Let the truth be like a belt around your waist, and let God's justice protect you like armor. ¹⁵ Your desire to tell the good news about peace should be like shoes on your feet. ¹⁶ Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Let God's saving power be like a helmet, and for a sword use God's message that comes from the Spirit.

¹⁸ Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people. ¹⁹ Pray that I will be given the message to speak and that I may fearlessly explain the mystery about the good news. ²⁰ I was sent to do this work, and that's the reason I am in jail. So pray that I will be brave and will speak as I should.



Kids' Corner
"Fear Not"



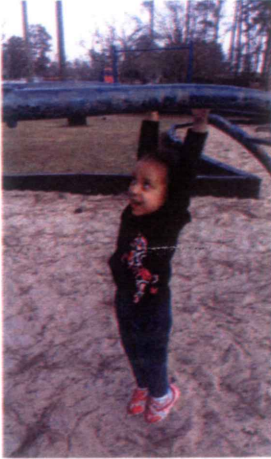
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“Random Bible Facts”

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Health Check

Safety First



Children are at high risk for injuries. You can help keep your child from getting hurt by taking action ahead of time. These simple steps can help prevent injuries inside and outside your home:

- Use the right child safety seat in the car on every trip. Make sure that kids under age 13 ride in the back seat. Set a good example--always buckle your seat belt when you drive or ride in a car. Never drive after drinking alcohol or using drugs.
- Teach your child to swim and closely watch your child in or near water. If there is a pool where you live, be sure there is a fence around all 4 sides. The fence should separate the house and yard from the pool. Make sure your kids wear a life jacket when boating. Use life jackets that are approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Keep medicines, vitamins, and cleaning products where your child can't see or reach them. Put the poison control number (1-800-222-1222) on or near every home telephone, and save it on your cell phone. The line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Use smoke alarms. Make and practice a fire escape plan for your home. If you use regular smoke alarms, replace the batteries every year. (Tip: Change smoke alarm batteries when you change your clock back from Daylight Savings Time in the fall.)
- Make sure your child wears the right safety gear (like a helmet or pads) when playing sports or doing other physical activity. Warm up with slow gradual stretches and cool down with drinking water or sports drinks. Know the rules of the game which could lead to fewer injuries. Watch out for others; some rules are about protecting other people and being courteous. Don't play when you're injured. Playing when you're hurt, or before an injury has had a chance to fully heal, is a bad idea. It can lead to an even worse injury, one that might sideline you for a long time.
- Suffocation is when a person can't breathe. Create a safe sleeping area for your baby to prevent suffocation. New parents have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind, and the more peace of mind you have as a parent the better.

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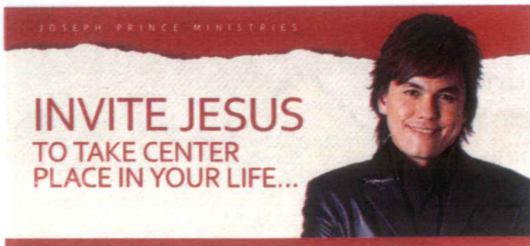
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- Alisa Wetzig

Joseph Prince



“Heaven Hears, Hell Obeys”

“I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways.”

-Psalms 119:15

The Bible records for us that Joshua, in the sight of the Israelites, said, “Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” And miraculously, “the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies” (Joshua 10:12–13).

What awesome authority and power in the mouth of a man! The Bible adds that “there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that **the Lord heeded the voice of a man**; for the Lord fought for Israel” (Joshua 10:14).

Now, why did Joshua’s words carry so much authority and why did the Lord heed his voice? I believe that it had something to do with the fact that Joshua meditated on the Scriptures day and night as instructed by the Lord right at the start of his leadership (Joshua 1:8).

My friend, power in your mouth or words comes not by you raising your fist or voice, but by you meditating regularly on God’s Word. For example, when you meditate often on God’s promises regarding healing, faith comes alive in your heart, and that sickness or disease will have to leave when you say, “Get out!”

The more you meditate on the Lord’s grace and His promises, the more they’ll become real to you until faith is effortless. Then, like Joshua, when you speak, heaven hears and hell obeys!

“The Windows of Heaven”

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the Lord of hosts.

-Malachi 3:10-11

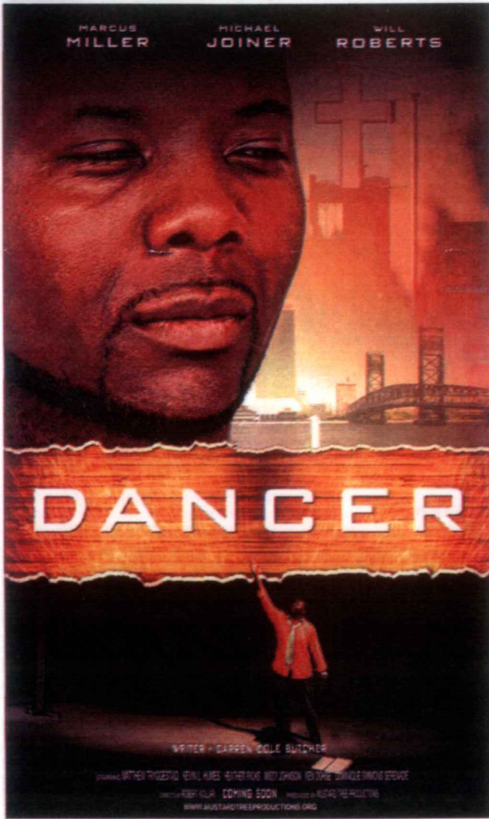
Beloved, do you know that God doesn’t need your tithe? I tell my congregation not to tithe if they have no revelation of tithing. This is because nothing will happen if they tithe out of fear or religious obligation.

My friend, only tithe to your local church if you have a revelation that it is an act of worship and thanksgiving to Jesus. You are saying, “Jesus, YOU are the source of all my blessings and increase. Thank You for always blessing me and my family out of the riches of Your grace.”

When you tithe out of such a revelation, God declares, “I will...open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it...I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field.” Clearly, tithing is for those who have a revelation of God’s heart for our provision.

Can you see God’s heart to provide for every area of your life? When you have a revelation and worship Him with your tithe, you will experience the open windows of heaven!

“Dancer” - Movie



Marcus is drastically changed and impacted by his new found faith and wants to express it every opportunity he gets. His youthful zeal runs directly into a religious system that does not allow his particular style of expression and seeks to quench his childlike response to God. In a struggle to keep his faith on fire while battling against rejection, Marcus finds freedom and brings hope to others in a fresh and deeply inspiring way.

*(Best Script Finalist @ the Phoenix International Christian Film Festival / New Media Fest 2011)

Darren Cole Butcher (writer/producer of Dancer)

For more information visit:

<http://www.mustardtreeproductions.org/the-dancer-presentation-page/>

Note to Self

Hometown hero or local legend? One has to leave 99.7% of the time to gain or increase "honor" - the other just has to keep doing their thing (in the same circles) or at least reminding people what they used to do.

To get your name on the sign coming into town you will have to most likely leave that town. "A prophet/messenger is not without honor (value), except in their own country/town."

Find your true value, step out to step up.



We might have an "accident" in our adult lives, but the difference between you and a baby is that you can get up & change yourself... [#dontjustsitinitfixit](#)

Where men are at work we can expect a delay, but where God has taken charge, expect an express route to your soon approaching promises. HS

- Darren Cole Butcher

Beautiful Shades



The girls had a great time learning from **Alisa Wetzig** last month!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our upcoming monthly meeting is on Saturday, October 18, 2014

Dr. Rhonda Hill will be discussing "Preparing for the Future"
ACT, SAT, ASVAB, Prepping for College

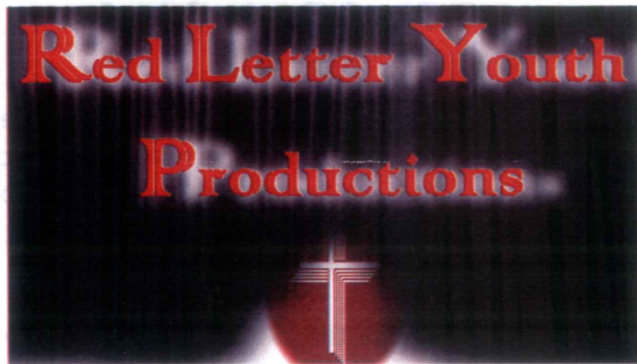
If you have any questions, or need directions to our meeting,
please don't hesitate to contact us at (843) 509-1653.

Thank you again for your prayers and support!



-Sheila Adams

Upcoming Events



We would like thank you for attending our special Youth Service at The Shield of Faith Church on Sunday, September 28th. We couldn't do this incredible event without your prayers and support!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



September 25, 2014—October 5, 2014

The streets sway with the captivating rhythm of African music, while the smell of Caribbean cuisine permeates the air during this 10-day celebration of Gullah culture named for the Swahili word meaning "one".

Contact for more information: (843) 724-7305
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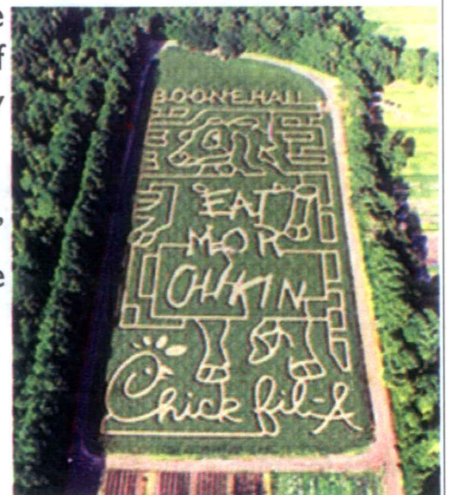
The Boone Hall "Pumpkin Patch" & Chick-fil-A "Corn Maze"

This annual fall festival draws visitors of all ages from all over the state with a variety of fall attractions, events, activities, and of course, pumpkin patch fun. And of course, there will be plenty of pumpkins available that are to be paid for by the pound.

The Boone Hall "Pumpkin Patch" and Chick-fil-A "Corn Maze" will be open everyday October 1-31. Hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 11am-6pm.

Admission will be \$10 each for ages 3 and up for all

Contact for more information: (843) 884-4371



Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

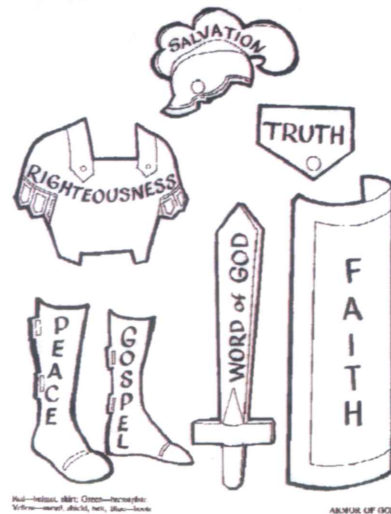
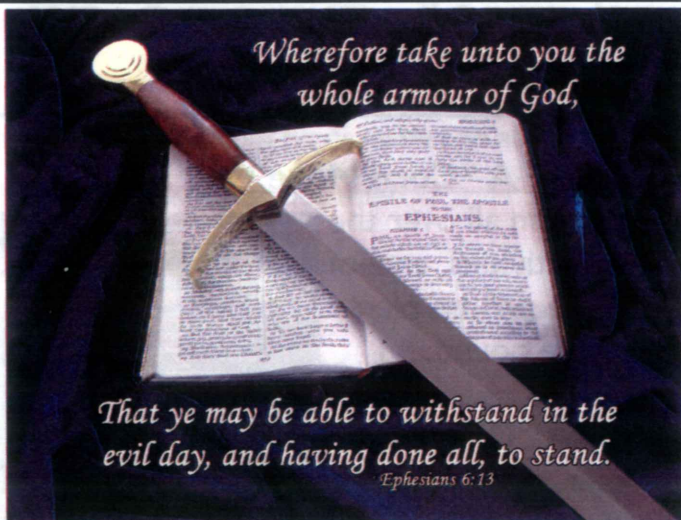
Ages 6-11

For the month of October, the children's Sunday school class will spend some time "Getting to Know Our Bibles". This topic will be our focus this month. I have felt the need to go back to the roots of discovering what all our Bibles (swords) have to offer. We have been doing speed drills for some time now, but I want this process to flow easier and for them to have a better understanding of where to locate books, Scriptures, table of contents, concordances, etc.

We spent quite some time learning our books of the Bible, but we have some new students, so we are going to review them again as well. The leaders of the youth and children in this church want our kids to have a love and desire to dive into the Bible on their own, and not just when we are having Sunday School. It takes practice and time in the Word to find Scriptures quickly. Our prayer is that they will feel comfortable in their Bible and have a "burning fire" within them to discover all the Word has to offer. And I will let them know that it is okay to mark up their Bibles! A tattered Bible often leads to an untattered life!

So, along with this "Getting to Know Our Bibles" session the kids will still be doing speed drills (just more of them), Scripture memory, and books of the Bible memory. It is VITAL that your kids come equipped with a Bible that includes all the books and scriptures (different versions are fine). Again, I can't stress the importance of bringing your kids to Sunday School. Most kids never get the chance to talk openly to a teacher about God and the Bible. Take advantage of what God has to offer your children. You will be blessed in return. Luke 10:21 says, "...Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure'".

-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 are in a new month and a new unit. The theme of this unit is **Dark Nights of the Soul**; which places emphasis on Honesty. **Lesson 5: The Rewards of Patience.** This lesson uses Habakkuk 2:1-5; 3:16-19. *The Lesson Focus* says, "Despite our troubles, we can choose to rejoice in the Lord." *In the Life Connection* we will discuss the types of responses that we have in our times of trouble. *In the Bible Exploration* we will study how Habakkuk matured in his response to God about troubled times. *The Bible Interaction* will help us to examine how we should respond to troubled times. *The Life Response* will show us how to confidently rejoice in the Lord despite the troubles that come.

Sometimes we can have a mega list of things that are going on in our lives; however, we can choose to dwell on our circumstances or we can look past them to the Lord who loves us. No matter the circumstances or the situation, we can always trust and rely on and in the Lord. It's easy (or non-challenging) to rejoice in and trust God when things are going good or the way we expect/hope they would; however, the challenge comes during those difficult and trying times to look to/trust God and what His Word says about the situation. Even in the midst of those troubling times, God wants us to trust in and lean on Him.

We have to remember that we are people of faith. We are not to be moved by what we see or our circumstances. Faith and God's strength will enable us to rise above our trials and rejoice when rejoicing does not seem possible. Faith is what will allow us to rejoice in the God of our salvation, in the worst situations when deliverance seems like it is no where in site. We have to get to a place where we learn to rest in God and His sovereignty. We must rise above questioning and complaining to faith and trust and praising the God of our salvation and rejoicing in what He will do for us. **"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4."**

-Yolanda Wilson



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

July

Psalm 100:5 (KJV)

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

September

Psalm 91:1 (KJV)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

August

Psalm 55:22 (KJV)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

October

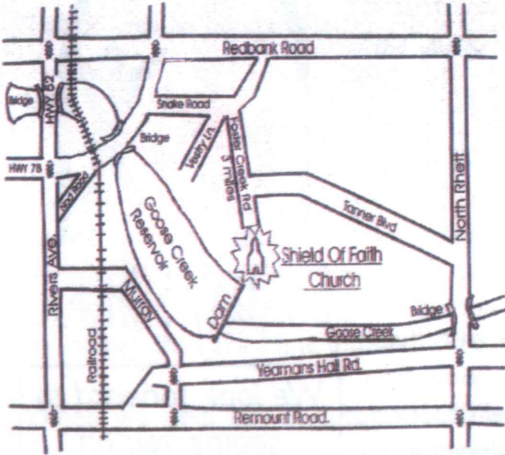
Psalm 91:2 (KJV)

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

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Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, October 15th

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