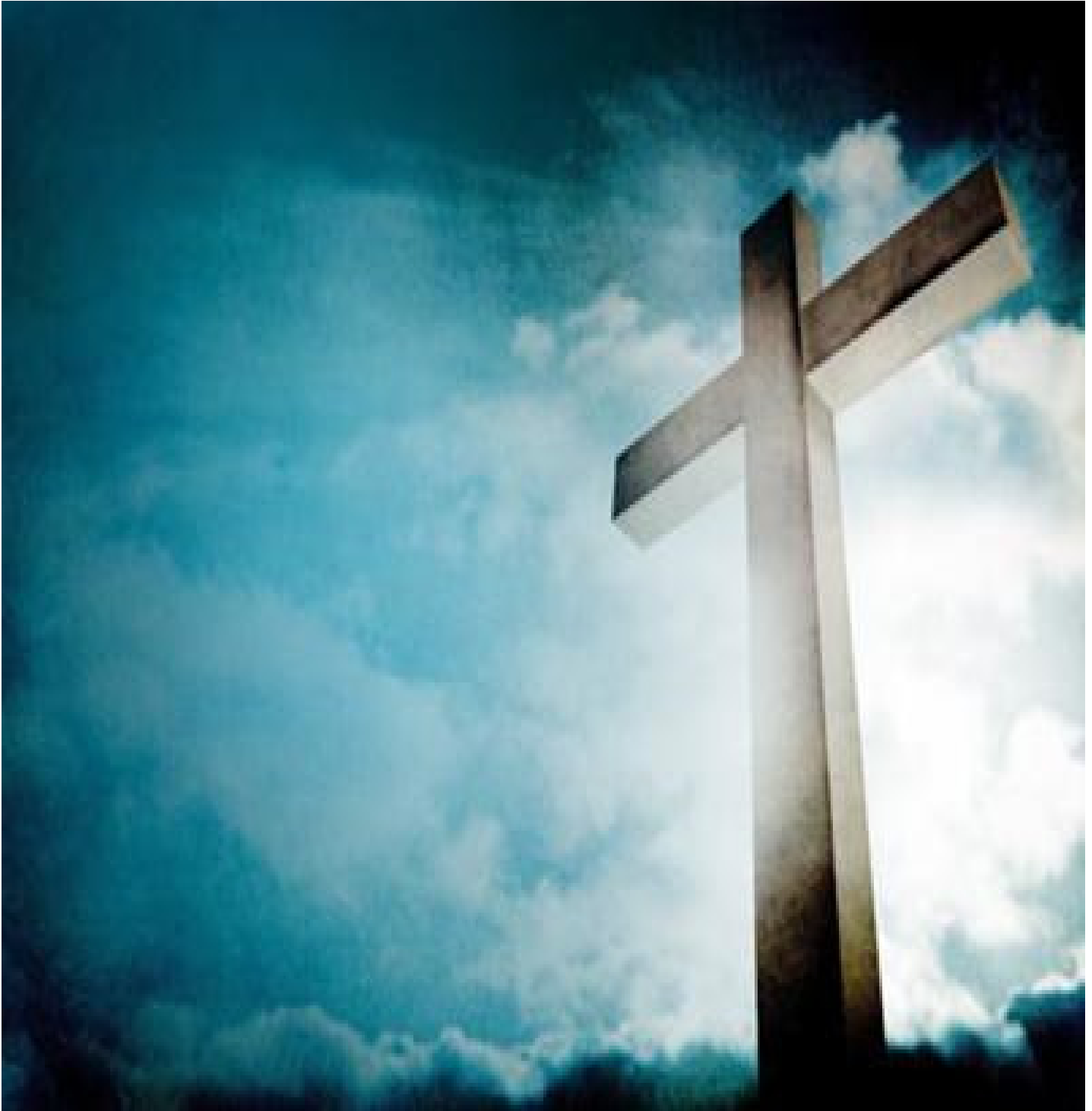


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Spiritual Child Abuse

One of God's greatest gifts here on earth is a child. In Proverbs 22:6 it states "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Child abuse is growing at an alarming rate in this world. It is very hard to understand how people can abuse a child. There are thousands of people that want a child, but are unable to have one. I would think that rather than abuse a child, give it to someone that wanted it. The ultimate form of child abuse is to abort it. Millions of children are aborted each year, and that is the worst thing you can do to a child is take his or her life. Give it to someone that wants a child, don't take their life.

Now on to spiritual child abuse, physical child abuse will end. When a child grows to an adult, they will get tired of all the abuse and leave. But spiritual child abuse may have to be endured for all eternity. As a born again Christian, when I had children, one of my main concerns was of their spiritual condition, because our life here on earth is soon passed and behind us. Our spiritual condition when we leave this earth will lead us to Heaven or Hell, which we will have to endure for all eternity.



So now you might ask, how do I keep from spiritually abusing my child? In Hebrews 10:25 it states: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." So Paul is commanding us to go to Church and learn the word of God. Get your children in a gospel preaching Church and Sunday school so they can learn the way of the Lord.

In Deuteronomy 6:4-7 it states: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

So a spiritual education is the most important thing you can give your child. So train up a child in the way he or she should go and have a relationship with Jesus Christ. And when they leave this earth they will have a home in Heaven for all eternity. So you need to make sure that you're not guilty of spiritual child abuse. We are living in such an evil world today because many adults were not spiritually educated as children. Taking a life is no more to some people than shooting a wild animal. They were not taught how sacred a human life can be. You only learn that life is sacred in the house of God. The government has taken God out of our public schools so unless they are taken to Church; you are spiritually abusing your child. Ephesians 6:1-4 says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." So here it states that our children need to obey their parents. If a child needs to be chastened we are directed to do just that. Proverbs 19:18 says; Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying. We live in a strange world. If we are seen spanking our children, some people are screaming abuse. If we abort a child, that is fine and the world has no problem with that. The Bible says to train him, teach him and chasten him while there is hope. So a little swat on the behind when your child is acting up can do him or her good. A disciplined child will drive the foolishness out of heart. An un-disciplined child will think they can get away with anything. It says in Proverbs 29:15 "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

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When God Is Silent:

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Have you endured a trial feeling that God was no where to be found? Why would God suddenly withdraw when He promised to never leave or forsake you? Many people, including myself, have experienced this silence. I have suffered through many trials over the past two years, while God has seemed DISTANT. Instead of being in the driver's seat guiding me through His Spirit, I feel as if I am driving alone in the dark. His silence has been DEAFENING. I have read every post on God's silence I can find on the internet, but none have helped me. I know God is working all around me and through others, but sometimes I feel He is no longer working through me. Have you ever felt like this?

Over the past two years, I have suffered from foot pain, bursitis, neck and back pain. Sometimes only one of these ailments hurt, but other times they all hurt. Being a chronic pain sufferer for over 15 years, I have had these problems before. The only difference in this two year trial has been God's silence. I have learned to deal with the chronic pain, but God's silence has made the past 2 years difficult. Even though God seems silent, He has answered some of my prayers, but I long to hear His still small voice. I want Him to tell me what to post on this blog. I want Him to tell me the direction I am to go with my ministry. So what have I done during this silent period? I have learned to wait. One of my 5 New Year's Resolutions is WAIT.

Even when God seems silent, He has lessons to teach us. I have learned that His silence can be just as sweet as His voice. God's silence has taught me how to listen in a different way. I am going to teach you what to do when God seems silent, because He promises to never leave you or forsake you ([Hebrews 13:5](#)).

What to do when God is Silent

READ THE BIBLE

When God is not answering your prayers or is silent about the direction for your life, look to His Word to seek instruction. God will always speak through His Word. You might not find the answer you are looking for, but you will hear the Holy Spirit guide you as you read. You can also learn how others have handled God's silence. I recommend reading the Psalms during this time. King David experienced silence from God on many occasions. In Psalm 10, David asks the Lord why He stands afar off? Even though God does not answer, David still prays. Never stop praying during times of silence.

God is also silent with Job as He goes through his suffering. Job lost his children, his livestock, and his servants. Then, Satan attacked his body with boils, yet Job stays faithful to God. Even when God finally answers Job at the end of the book, God never tells him why he suffered. Even though this is an unpopular topic in many churches today, God will allow you to suffer. He will also allow you to suffer more than you can bear, because He wants you to learn to lean on Him. The trials in life allow us to become more Christ-like. It also produces endurance. Many of my trials last longer than I want them too. They can go ON and ON and ON and ON and ON and ON. Get the picture!!

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 (NASB)

CONFESS ALL KNOWN SIN

When I experience silence from God, I always confess my sins to the Lord. God's silence is not necessarily caused by sin, as you can learn from the book of Job, but it is a good place to start.

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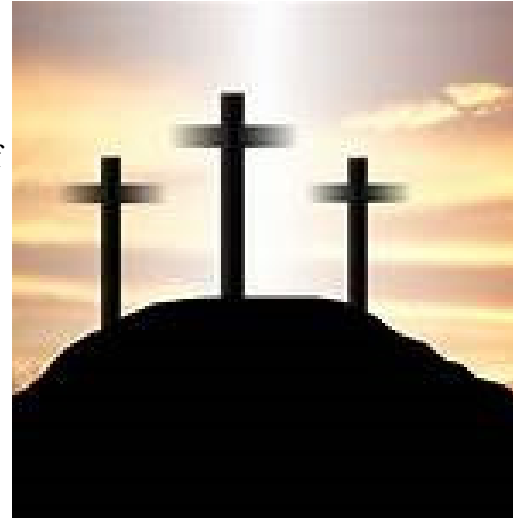
Are You A 24/7 Christian or a 9-5 Christian?

This story *“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.”*

(Jeremiah 23:23-24)

It's comforting to know that we serve a God who is a 24/7 God and not a 9-5 God. Imagine needing to speak with God and knowing that He wasn't available until 9:00am. What would we do? He is our rock and our rock can't talk to us or help us until the next morning! What if He took vacations and we weren't able to reach out to Him when we needed Him? Talk about chaos!

Now, how about us? Are you a 9-5 Christian or a 24/7 Christian? Can God reach you anytime of the day or night or is it just when you have the time, which for many may not be much at all. Are you in leadership? If so, are you a 9-5 leader or a 24/7 leader? I know what you're thinking... "I can't be available all the time". True but, and really examine your heart now, do you sometimes say no when you should say yes because it's an inconvenience, you're tired, you have plans to watch a movie, etc. I have to examine my own heart because sometimes I'm tired and the day has been stressful and I've not completed my own work when the call comes in to listen to someone, to be somewhere to help someone, or to simply pray. There have been times I've woken up during the night knowing God wants me to pray but I'm tired and I lay there and have given a half-hearted prayer only to fall asleep and hear "Get on your knees!" Yes, I slide (literally slide at times) right on to my knees and begin praying.



We need to start taking our walk with Christ more seriously because time is short and we need now more than ever to remain close to Him and listen intently because darkness in this world is closing in. All we have to do is read the paper and we can see it... more murders and violence by young people, people are becoming more angry and lashing out, compassion is falling by the way side and vengeance is coming forward, sexual immorality is rising at alarming rates. This is a time when we need to be 24/7 Christians and be on our knees praying to God and interceding for this country, this world and for our families. We need to be turning our eyes upward and calling on His name:

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Do an inventory of yourself today and see if you are a 9-5 Christian and/or leader or a 24/7 one. Get with God and ask Him to show you where you need improvement. We all need improvement.

Lord, I humble myself before you and ask you to show me where I need to improve myself. I want to be a 24/7 Christian (or leader) and not a 9-5 one. Thank you for being a 24/7 God where I can come to you anytime of the day or night and you will be there. Thank you for being dependable and faithful. Help me to be just as dependable and faithful to You and to others. I ask it all in the name of Jesus...Amen.

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Share Your Story.



You watch them on social media, see them on the local news and sometimes a close friend shares them with you. They put a smile on our face, tug at our heart stings and maybe bring a tear to our eye. Those little uplifting stories that remind us that there is still good in our crazy world.

Here at Spirit Rock Radio 98.5 we absolutely love these uplifting stories. We've even been know to share them around the office. However, the ones we treasure the most, are the stories that come from you, our listeners. Every single one means so much. From a story of the right song at the right time to the ones that can only be labeled a miracle from God. We treasure them all.

That is why we are inviting you to share your story with us. It doesn't have to be a big life changing miracle for you to share with us, although we like those too. It can be as simple as a "Yeah God Moment" that you had all green lights on the way home from a hectic day at the office, or how a stranger purchased your coffee for you. We simply want to share these moments with you.

So please take a minute or two and share your stories and "Yeah God Moments" with us. And if you prefer that we keep them between us, just let us know.

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Your Calling Is Clear

Share this life experience of Joel's of how He was a new member in the Air Force, and the call of God on His life changed him forever. It also changed his destiny and his career focus and how he would spend the rest of his life. It started with an inward knowing to attend Bible School and how God opened the way for Joel to leave the Air Force and begin his journey to attend Bible school. Let's pick it up! Your calling is clear.

Joel was a career minded Air Force recruit. He wanted follow in his father's footsteps and be a career focused man. The Oswald family had a long history of its male members being in the military for their entire lives. Certainly, Joel was no exception to this generational history. Joel planned to work his way up the ranks and make it to the highest enlisted rank he could before he retired from the service. Joel had prepared for the rigors of the service by keeping up a grueling exercise regime which consisted of jogging, weight-lifting and swimming. He was a devoted Christian but never considered his destiny to be in ministry full time. Air Force blood ran in his veins and that was his focus in life.



All this changed when the call of God caught Joel's heart off guard. Joel was stationed at McLellan Air Force base in hot, sunny Sacramento, California. Joel was assigned to the research department of the base. Joel jumped into his new assignment with both feet running on the ground. He quickly made friends and joined a couple of bible studies. He found a local church he felt very home at as well. He was a year into his assignment when he noticed a change in his focus on life.

He began to wonder what it would be like to leave the Air Force and attend bible school to study to be a minister. Joel had always had a love and deep reverence for God's word. He always enjoyed studying it and memorizing whole books of the bible. Lately, his desire to study God's word intensified and he had an insatiable hunger to study it on a full time basis. But he still wanted to spend the rest of his life in the military and retire with a generous pension. The conflict within between bible school and the Air Force grew and grew until Joel became very confused about his priorities in life.

One Sunday night as Joel was longing in his room listening to his favorite Christian CD'S, the thought to leave the service and attend bible school gradually entered his mind resonating through his spirit that he should leave the Air Force and attend bible school in Santa Cruz, California. He thought how in the world could I do that when I am committed to the military for three more years. (It was not like he could just give his two week notice and walk through the gates and leave.) He quickly offered a prayer to God . Lord if this is you make a way. A short time later, he visited his career counselor for his annual career assessment. This meeting would be a life experience Joel would never forget.

Joel and the advisor exchanged greetings and settled in for their meeting. Joel what do you want out of life? (Joel thought this was a really philosophical question for a career assessment meeting.) I plan on spending my career in the Air Force. Have you thought about leaving the Air Force and pursuing a career in the clergy? Joel's ears started burning and every muscle in his muscular body began to twitch. His deep blue eyes stared coldly back at the advisor. I started thinking about leaving it to become a minister. You really should get out and follow your dreams. You can get out and enroll in a program called Palace Chase. I can? Yes you can but do not tell anyone I told you to do this. I won't when can we start the process? Now he replied. Let's get the ball rolling! Your calling is clear and will change your life forever!

For many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14

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“We are laying every burden down at the foot of the cross.”

Jesus you always come to our rescue...there is no other name by which we are saved. Our heart belongs to You and is Yours for life.

So many friends of ours are going through major crises right now...all hurting in-

side from their situations. Some issues have been physical in nature. Whereas some have been emotional...and some have been both.

The Christian friends are faring a lot better than the others. The ones with great faith pull through adversity with a tenacious and calm demeanor. The others, not so. “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

The ones who lay their burdens down at the foot of the cross, and give it to the Lord ease forward...with hope and trust. And, with the hand of Jesus Christ holding them all the way. The Lord hears their cries...but He hears all the cries of His children. He wants to help them, He wants to hear them call out to Him. He waits and watches, and winces in pain as His children ignore Him.

The fortunate ones who have had their ears and eyes opened are at a distinct advantage from others who have their ears and eyes closed. Their trials are a lot harder to endure, their hope is distinguished, and their future bleak.

The ones filled with great faith lay “their burdens down” and know and trust that the Lord will sustain them...will provide water for their thirst, while providing for all their needs. So when we cast our burdens, we are surrendering and give full rein to the LORD, knowing He provide and never let us be moved.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. (Psalm 56:11)

“Cast your burden on the Lord. And He shall sustain you: He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.” Psalm 55:22 (NKJV) The Lord will take your burden from you.

I feel such compassion for those who are going through their trials and issues...I too have been there, as no doubt, those of you reading this have as well. It is knowing God on an intimate level where we can reach into His word...and feel His love come alive. It is through the fire that He will save you and lift you higher when you are “low” and in distress. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29 (NKJV)

God in His amazing grace and love does not want His chil-

dren to feel anxious or nervous. He told the crowds on the Mount, “Do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or What shall we wear?...Therefore do not worry about tomorrow.” Matthew 6:31-34 (NKJV). He wants us to give ourselves and to surrender knowing He will take care of us. And, always for the best...therefore never doubting.

The Lord created a perfect love in us...and perfect love knows no fear. “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:18-19 (NKJV)

Those of my friends who are anxious and fearful...embrace the Lord and feel His love and strength as you walk through your “fire” and face “your Giants.” He that created you is perfect...and as He states in His love letter to us, “there is no fear in love.” God loves us...Rejoice.

I lift you all up in prayer my friends in Jesus’ name. He knows your issues and your Giants and the fire you are facing. He will ease your burden, He will guide you and hold you. Love for God is not merely a “good feeling” and “happy feeling.” God is a living active force in our lives, that can change who we are...and how we handle our Giants and fires.

Jesus Himself forever connected loved for God with love for people. (Matthew 22:37-40)

The Lord loves us so much and wants to “ease our troubles.” Jesus Christ came to die, to become the sacrificial, substitutionary and all-sufficient atonement for our sins. He battled death and won. He is the author of salvation...his resurrection our eternal gateway to heaven. Isn’t this a God you want to “know better?” Isn’t this a God that you want to “love” and “honor?” Isn’t this a God you want to “thank?” Isn’t this a God you “trust with all of your heart?” And, love?

He has made the biggest sacrifice for us. And, yet...He wants to do even more in our lives if we let him. “Lay your burdens down at the foot of the cross.” Your anxiety and fear and doubt, be gone... “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16-NKJV) Isn’t this a God worthy of your love?

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17 (NKJV)

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already...” John 3:18 (NKJV)

“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.” Colossians 2:6 (NKJV)

Pastor's Pulpit



How to Walk in the Will of God

Many times, you will hear your parents and your pastors and teachers at church talk about "walking in the will of God."

What that means is to trust in God's plan for our lives, and obey Him. It sounds simple, doesn't it, kind of like two plus two equals four.

Most of the time, it is simple, unless we try to make it hard. There are many ways to discover and walk in the will of God. The main way is to study the Bible and follow it. It is God's Guidebook for Successful Living. Sometimes the Bible does not give us specific direction, such as whom to marry or what car to buy, or whom to have as a close friend. But the Holy Spirit Who is God leads us by peace in our hearts. If the peace leaves and does not come back--or is missing to start with--then the LORD is usually warning us away from something or someone.

One of the easiest ways we walk in the will of God is to trust and obey those people He puts over us, such as our parents, teachers at church and school, and other leaders--unless they are telling us to do something against God. This is another reason we must know what the Bible says, so we'll know the difference between right and wrong. Sometimes we may not understand why they are telling us to do something, or not do something, and we may not even like it. We may think we know a better way.

It is usually okay to very respectfully tell our parents and other leaders what we think about something, and to ask questions. But we must remember that God put those people in authority over us and that He knows best, and it is His will for us to obey them. This is called submitting to authority.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ***"Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*** [Eph. 6:1-3](#)

Submitting to authority will continue all your life, no matter how old you are. It is the excellent plan of God, for we all must submit to authority. Even Jesus submitted to the authority of God the Father. He never did anything other than what God told Him to do, and He never said anything other than what God told Him to say.

So Jesus said, ***"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."*** [John 8:28-29](#)

Most important, Jesus submitted to the authority of God when He agreed to go to the cross and die to pay for the sins of every person that would ever be born. Jesus did not want to go to be beaten and made fun of and spit on and killed, especially since He had never done anything wrong!

He even very respectfully asked God the Father if there was some other way to save all people from the horrible death of hell because of their sins.

But God said no. So Jesus walked in the will of God by submitting to the authority of the Father; He went to the cross and died for our sins, so we don't have to. Hallelujah!

Then God gloriously rewarded Him, for there is always a reward for walking in the will of God by submitting to authority. Some of the rewards Jesus received were that He came back to life and will never die, seized again the leadership of the universe from the devil our enemy, and lives forever as the awesome and perfect King of kings.

But His best reward is that He became the Savior; He provided a way for every person in the world who will believe and accept that He died for them and rose again, to know Him and come live with Him forever in Heaven! So it was definitely worth the LORD Jesus walking in the will of God by submitting to the Father's authority.

Thank goodness He did, or none of us could be saved!

We all like rewards, and walking in the will of God by submitting to authority will bring us blessings better than we can dream. And, the very best reward of all is that our best Friend Jesus gives us the happiest life on earth and a glorious life in Heaven with Him when we walk in God's will!

He's More Than What We Are By K Reynolds



In the movie, "The Hiding Place", there is a conversation that takes place between Corrie ten Boom and her older sister, Betsie. Corrie, convicted by Betsie's ongoing message that we must love and forgive our enemies, confesses her hatred for the Nazis.

Her hatred is understandable. Millions of innocent people had been slaughtered. She and her family like so many others had been arrested for giving aid to the innocent and helpless. Not only had they been arrested and imprisoned; they had been tortured and placed in inhumane conditions.

She had seen people being beaten and killed simply because they existed. She had seen the gleeful faces of their torturers and executioners. In order to commit such crimes against others, one must push down and imprison any feelings of love, kindness, compassion, etc or they will go utterly

mad... and many did. Unable to continue to mute the screams of their victims, many eventually took their own lives.

How could she possibly forgive these people who bore more resemblance to savage monsters than they did to human beings? Surely God did not love them and if He did, He certainly would not, could not expect her to do the same!

I watched the "Hiding Place" again last night and Betsie's response was driven deep into my heart. She said,

We can't be more than what we are.

When people live in a society that not only embraces but encourages and even rewards evil, the moral veneer is stripped away and we see who people really are. Unfortunately it usually isn't very pretty. The "nicest people" can suddenly turn into blood-thirsty fiends willing to do whatever they have to do to benefit themselves, even at the expense of others including their own families. That is who we are without Christ and as long as we are without Christ, we can't be more than that. Oh, we can't paint a pretty mask and put it on for awhile. We can hide behind it and fool everyone, including ourselves. We can fool everyone except God, that is. We can't be more than who we are.

And yet, even in that place of endless horror and torture, the Light penetrated the Darkness. There were those who remembered who they were. The Old Man was dead and they were alive in Christ. Sin no longer had dominion over them. Though physically imprisoned, they walked in freedom and they could face all things, endure all things, overcome all things because of who they were in Christ. That is who they were and that is who we are.

We can't be more than what we are so remember who you are in Christ

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In Our December Issue

Where's Your Faith

by Patrick Lennox

Living by faith is a multi-faceted endeavor. Trusting in the all-sufficient redeeming work of Christ is where we begin a life of faith. From there, the brilliance of this glorious reality is reflected and displayed in every area of our lives. Or at least it ought to.

We know that without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6), and we know that all people do not have it (2 Thess 3:2). Faith is not a natural endowment embedded in the DNA of our souls; rather, it is a bona fide supernatural gift of God (Eph. 2:8). It is given to his children, in measure, with the expressed purpose of laying hold of the otherwise unattainable — salvation, even Christ Himself. Without it we are lost. With it we Where is Your Faith?

by Patrick Lennox

Living by faith is a multi-faceted endeavor. Trusting in the all-sufficient redeeming work of Christ is where we begin a life of faith. From there, the brilliance of this glorious reality is reflected and displayed in every area of our lives. Or at least it ought to.

We know that without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6), and we know that all people do not have it (2 Thess 3:2). Faith is not a natural endowment embedded in the DNA of our souls; rather, it is a bona fide supernatural gift of God (Eph. 2:8). It is given to his children, in measure, with the expressed purpose of laying hold of the otherwise unattainable — salvation, even Christ Himself. Without it we are lost. With it we can move mountains.

True faith, although indestructible, has the potential of increase or decrease, until perfected. Lack of faith is a denial of the sufficiency of Christ as Redeemer and Provider. It is distrust of who He is and His promises. When we distrust the spiritual realities promised to those in the faith, it will be revealed in our mundane earthly lives.

Consider the disciples' response when they were in the boat during a fierce storm (Luke 8:22–25). The Lord of Creation was resting peacefully in their midst. Fearing for their lives, the disciples rushed to wake Jesus, and cried, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Pause for a moment and consider: Did they really believe that Jesus was their Savior, and that He was going to die that night in a boating accident? Their lack of faith led them to unwarranted thoughts and actions.

No matter what the life situation, whether common or crisis, how we react to it is a testimony of how much faith we possess. Every moment is an opportunity for either growth or atrophy. When you doubt your salvation, do you take inventory of all your pious deeds with the hopes of merit? Or do you consider the redeeming

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Cooking With Our Friends

Cheesy Ground Beef Skillet

Recipe courtesy of "Always Eat After 7 PM"

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 38 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 3/4 cups water
 - 1 teaspoon sea salt
 - 1 cup white rice
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 pound extra-lean ground beef
 - 1 yellow onion, chopped
 - 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
 - 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
 - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1 teaspoon dried basil
 - 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/2 cup tomato sauce
 - 1 can (15 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1/3 cup fresh parsley, minced
1. In saucepan over high heat, bring water to boil. Add salt and rice; stir once then cover pot and reduce to low heat 18 minutes.
 2. In large skillet, heat olive oil. Stir in ground beef. Cook and stir until beef is crumbly and no longer pink. Drain and discard excess grease. Mix in onion and garlic; cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Add bell pepper, oregano, basil, red pepper, sea salt and black pepper; cook and stir until bell pepper is tender, about 5 minutes.
 3. Stir in cooked rice, tomato sauce and kidney beans. Reduce heat and cover until vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Remove pan from heat, sprinkle cheese over top and garnish with parsley.

Nutritional information per serving: 399 calories; 14 g fat; 36 g carbohydrates; 816 mg sodium; 4 g fiber; 30 g protein; 3 g sugar.

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Audrey Lee Watkins's Testimony



All Things Work Together For The Good.

For most of my childhood I suffered emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. As the enemy would have it as I got older I began to act out in all the ways predicted for a person who suffered the kinds of abuses that I suffered. Low self esteem and self worth led me to look for and accept love from all the wrong people and places. I can't say that anyone around me had a personal relationship with God so all that I witnessed were dysfunctional, unhealthy, adulterous, abusive relationships and so I began to believe this was the norm.

Also as predicted, as a young woman I began to want to escape from my own pain, thoughts and memories and I found that escape, (or so I thought) in the form of drugs and alcohol. This led to a period of addiction that spanned for almost 30 years ending with me addicted to crack cocaine and losing everything including my husband and children. Time after time I tried the Twelve Steps and time after time I failed in my attempts to stop using drugs. Almost everyone except my beautiful daughter Nicole had given up on me.

I kept trying, and my attempts led me to a long term treatment facility run by the Salvation Army. I tried this once and because of my intellect I could not receive God as the spiritual help that I needed to succeed. I felt like I was smart enough to follow all of the steps given me by the program and remain drug free. I thought I could do it all on my own. Little did I know that on my own I was no match for the devil and his antics.

Six months after I graduated from the facility, I relapsed and began using drugs again. This time, I admitted to myself and to God that I couldn't do this alone. I acknowledged that I needed God's help. I asked the administrators at the Salvation Army to come back to the program and go through it again. They accepted me and my children back into the program and I made a conscious decision to allow God to take control over my life. In the mean time my daughter Nicole had gotten saved and started to share her salvation experiences with me.

On December 22, 1999 I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and began my journey toward God's perfect will for my life. Thirteen years later, I am an Evangelist with a MBA, I am an Addictions Counselor and I teach Addiction Recovery at my local ministry. By the grace of God I am good at my job because of all the things that I suffered. Today I truly know that all things work together for the good of them that love God and to them that are called according to His purpose. Look for Part 1 of my story, On The Way Here ~ The Path That Chose Me.

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Doug Buchanan's From Satan To Christ Testimony



I was raised Mormon, in an abusive household. It seemed boring and lifeless to me, and I couldn't respect a religion my abusive father belonged to.

Growing up, I had emotional, behavioral, and developmental problems. Among them: Asperger's Syndrome, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, and PTSD (as a result of the abuse). In addition I had a low immune system and chronic migraines.

When I was 13, in a search for power and personal development, I began experimenting with the occult and Satanism. After I was freed from a possession, I turned to Wicca, which I saw as lighter and safer and filled with love, which I now realize to be a lie and a disguise.
When I was 16 I came out to my parents as bisexual.

My parents kicked me out of the house when I was 19, in the beginning of December. I remember being heartbroken and scared, thinking I was going to die alone on the street. I managed to get a hotel room for a few nights before catching a bus to Idaho to live with a friend. Her landlord kicked me out after two weeks, as I was not on the lease.

From there I went to a homeless shelter and saved up enough money to go to Casper, Wyoming, to be with my long-distance girlfriend of 1 1/2 years, where there is a Christian Rescue Mission for homeless people. I was scared they would try to convert me. They didn't. I lived there for 3 months.

Near the end of the first month, my then-girlfriend cheated on me and I fell into a major depressive state. I was walking at night, and my left foot was run over by a pickup. I went to the hospital and got X-Rays. I was blessed (though at the time, in my ignorance, I attributed it to the Wiccan Goddess rather than the true God), as there was not even a hairline fracture. I was in a walking boot and crutches for two weeks.

At the library a nice Christian lady asked to pray for me to recover from my injury quickly, and I accepted. The next morning I had no need of the boot or crutches. Still I denied Christ.

One day I felt a need to go to the library and go to the second floor. While there, I met a Christian (not Mormon) girl, Danae, whose plans to travel to Texas that week had been cancelled due to unforeseen difficulties. We now believe God planned that.

We quickly became friends, and started dating shortly after. I asked to attend her church's youth group with her, merely to spend more time with her. Then I went to church with her that Sunday. At my second youth group with her, I felt something stirring in me. My third, I felt the urge to tear off my pentacle necklace.

After that youth group, as she was taking me back to the Mission, I asked her to pull over in a secluded area so we could talk about youth group. She agreed. I shared with her my feelings, and told her about a dream I had had the previous night which seemed to suggest I would convert. We prayed. I pulled out my pocket knife and cut the string to my pentacle necklace, throwing the pendant across the street and as far away from me as I could.

That week, at church, Pastor was praying and said "And God, please bless the person in this room who has been dabbling in witchcraft. Release him from his bonds." Nobody in the church besides Danae, her mom, and our friend Noel knew about my history of witchcraft. I felt God's spirit in me then.

After church, Pastor sent out his weekly newsletter to members of the ministry, which included Danae's mom. She told me part of the newsletter, which detailed how Pastor had felt God telling him as he prayed to pray for the one dabbling in witchcraft. He thought it was strange at first, but knew he had to obey God.

My passion for God had ignited suddenly and powerfully. I obtained a Bible and a cross necklace and strove to learn everything I could about God and the Gospel. Over the next few weeks I attended church and youth group every week. I asked God into my heart, multiple times as I felt like I needed to show God how passionate I was about Him. Finally, only 2 short weeks ago, I was baptized. It was the most wonderful experience of my life. Even if the water was freezing!

I had been baptized when I was 8, like any Mormon child, but as I didn't choose to do it on my own and as I had left Christ completely, I felt like it was important to do it on my own.

I just turned 20 only three days ago. My journey to Christ has happened fast, and been completely life-changing. I am no longer homeless, and I no longer struggle with depression or homosexuality of any form. Danae and I are still going strong, and the only one I love more than Danae is God. I thank God every night in my heart for bringing Danae into my life and using her to bring me to Him.

†-God bless you all. I love you all.-†

Words From God-By Web – Pastor

**I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT WITHIN YOU; I WILL TAKE THE HEART OF STONE OUT OF YOUR FLESH AND GIVE YOU A NEW HEART OF FLESH. I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU AND CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN MY STATUTES, AND YOU WILL KEEP MY JUDGMENTS AND DO THEM.
(EZEKIEL 36:26-27 *NKJV)**

Brother & Sisters, this verse proves that GOD did the very first heart transplant. In fact HE has been doing transplants for thousands of years! Even better than that the heart that GOD gives to us is filled with the fruit of the spirit! And; **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.
(GALATIANS 5:22)**

Brother & Sisters, remember when you invited GOD into your life. Think about how hard your life was before that day! Also think about how your life has changed for the better since then!

Now just in case you haven't received that new heart yet, Today would be a great day to ask GOD for it! No appt is needed, and HE won't leave you in the waiting room for two hours, reading last years magazines either! By the way you won't need health Insurance to pay for it because it is a free gift from GOD as well.

So why not ask GOD for that new heart today, if you haven't already? For HE has said; **"THEN I WILL GIVE THEM ONE HEART, AND I WILL PUT A NEW SPIRIT WITHIN THEM, AND TAKE THE STONY HEART OUT OF THEIR FLESH, AND GIVE THEM A HEART OF FLESH THAT THEY MAY WALK IN MY STATUTES AND KEEP MY JUDGMENTS AND DO THEM; AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD."
(EZEKIEL 11:19)**

Now Brother & Sisters, may you; **GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE GLORY BOTH NOW AND FOREVER! AMEN. (2 PETER 3:18)**

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**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and
lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Healing Scriptures

James 5:14-15: "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.."

Isaiah 53:5: "He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Mark 11:24: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Matt 9:35: "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

Luke 6:19: "And the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all."

Mark 5:34: "He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Exodus 23:25-26: "So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days."

Deut 7:15: "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known..."

Deut 30:20: "That you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to

Him, for He is your life and the length of your days..."

Joshua 21:45: "Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass."

Psa 89:34: "My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips."

Psa 103: 1-5: Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Psa 107: 19-20: "Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. 20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions."

Psa 118: 17: "I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD."

Prov 4:20-23: "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life."

Isaiah 57: 19: " Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

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You can make choices that will help you live in the anointed zone.

None of us choose our birth family or things that were done to us at an early age, but when we become adults, everything can change. Paul the Apostle wrote this amazing psychological observation: *“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”*

([1 Corinthians 13:11](#), When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. NLT)

Now that you are an adult, you can make choices that will:

1. Free you from abuse and lies
2. Heal you from the damage of others
3. Empower you to pursue your destiny
4. Enable you to transform the lives of others.

I needed to make these choices too. When I was twenty years old, I wanted to kill myself... Depression had darkened my mind, and I tried to cope through drugs, relationships and success. Nothing seemed to be working. The pain of my childhood had me trapped in a victim mentality until the Spirit of God started to fill my mind and transform my thinking.

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

([Philippians 4:8-9](#), 8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. 9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. NLT)

Brother And Sister What’s been blocking your anointing, gifts and passions? Is it fear or the pains of your past? Today is a good day to allow faith, hope and love to free you from your past. *“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”*

([1 Corinthians 13:13](#), 13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. NLT)

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the strength to overcome your past and choose a new destiny for your life. There is an anointing just waiting for you to grab, or you can allow it to sit on the shelf, neglected and unused.

Signs the Enemy is After You



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The Trickster is Near

The Enemy is a trickster and will use any tactic he can to get you to renounce Christ. He shudders every time you confess Christ. For practicing Christians who demonstrate a life in line with Christ, you are the Enemy's greatest temptation because he has an uncontrollable desire to shift you away from living a Godly life. Sometimes we don't even know when he's tempting us, because his attempts are so subtle. If you've ever felt like you were under attack by a negative force beyond yourself, that's the Enemy working to break you down. Here are six signs the Enemy is after you. It's important that you recognize these so that you are not defeated.

Broken Faith

Have recent life situations and occurrences caused you to drift off course of your spiritual journey? While many of us have busy lives and busy schedules, if you're constantly coming up with excuses for why you are no longer committed to being in active communication with God, you are probably being fed lies by the Enemy. The Enemy is a saboteur, one who deliberately destroys and obstructs. He will actively attempt to get you off course with God by telling you it's ok to deviate from God, sometimes in subtle ways. This could be the voice telling you there's no need to pray or stay in touch with God because he should know where your heart is. This could also be the voice telling you that there can't be a God, because if there was, you wouldn't be dealing with the situation you're in.

Depression

By definition, depression is having "feelings of severe despondency and dejection". It causes feelings of sadness and loss of interest and can be a major clinical issue. When we're going through a period of depression, the Enemy is whispering lies to create self-doubt and sabotage us. These feelings are not in line with what God wants for us. We are told this in Proverbs 16:20 "He that handles a matter wisely shall find good: and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he." James 4:7 is a great verse that reminds us to submit ourselves to God. If we focus on the positive and not our discouragement, the Enemy has no place. If we resist the Devil, he will flee from us.

Prayer Wall



- *Kristina - tranquility peace
- *Patrycia - cancer in her face
- *MG - cancer
- *Rosa - prayer for her family
- *Steve - for God to move in his life
- *Liz - pray for her family and cost of living lowers
- *Molly - loss of her beloved fur baby, salvation for Everett and her son and grandsons, financial blessings to be completed
- *Edward - prayer for his health and prayers for his family
- *Amber - kidney dialysis and her friend who is coming to the end of her life
- *Sherri - prayer for her daughters
- *Gloria - prayer for herself, her family and friends
- *Trudy - salvation of her child and grandchildren
- *Mary - prayer for her family
- *Roxi - insomnia
- *Anne - small stroke and God's healing power to flow through her
- *Paula - peace
- *Shawn - healing
- *Ricardo - God to open the door for training in leadership of chat group
- *Brigitte - cancer
- *Kimberly - finding a home church
- *Kenneth - salvation of family members
- *Pebbles - friend having open heart surgery
- *Diane - husband with congestive heart
- *Olga - salvation of family members
- *Christy - teenage son to get a job
- *May - friend going through struggles
- *Nancy - prayer for family members
- *Judith - healing and restoration
- *Lawrie - colon cancer
- *Richard - heart healing and restoration
- *Paula - daughter and granddaughter safety
- *Paula - family healing
- *Happy - ministry and aid to East Africa
- *Taffany - healing and restoration to walk and her ex-boyfriend for sobriety
- *Mark - healing of Astrocytoma grade 3 cancer
- *Scott - prayer for his children and his church
- *Paula - Jesus to be seen in her more
- *Donna - prayer for her children and grandchildren
- *Chuck - brain surgery on Tuesday
- *Nancy - daughter and son-in-law

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† The Bible is the only inspired and infallible and authoritative written word of God.

† There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

† In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his miracles, in his vicarious and atoning death, in his odious resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, in his personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years.

† In the Blessed Hope—the rapture of the church at Christ's coming.

† The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

† Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

† The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

† The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers

† In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life.

† In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH



How Do I Become Born Again?

Everyone is going to live forever. The question is where will you live? If you are not a born again Christian with your name written in the Lamb's book of Life then you will be cast into the lake of fire, hell. Many think they just need to be a good person and/or go to church. There is only one way into heaven and that is surrendering your life to Jesus Christ. You must be born again. You can go to church 7 days a week and give 10 million dollars a year to the poor and your acts will not get you there. We as people cannot do enough by works to reach heaven on our own because we are born into sin.

We must be washed clean of that sin in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

There are those that know they have not said the prayer and surrendered their life to Jesus, and those that aren't sure if they are saved and born again. If you're not sure you might as well make sure. All you have to do is accept the invitation from Jesus Christ to be born again. You don't have to do anything first. Come just like you are. He doesn't care where you are or what you're doing right now. He will help you get your life right after you fully surrender your whole life to Him. You must fully surrender everything to Him. Know there is nothing too big that He can't handle. You just have to give yourself to Him fully.

Hopefully you are here because you are ready to surrender your life and be born again, or maybe you would like to rededicate your life to Jesus. I would be honored to help. Just say this prayer and truly mean it and be willing to let Him change your life.

Lord Jesus Christ,

I come to You now ready to accept your offer to be born again. I admit I am a sinner and confess my sins to you. I choose to turn away from sin and surrender my life, my heart, my soul, and my body to You Lord. Take it all and make me a new creature in You. I accept that You are the Son of God that died on the cross to save me from my sins and was resurrected. Wash me in the blood of the Lamb and cleanse me Lord of all unrighteousness. I surrender all to You Lord and call upon Your Holy name and declare that I am born again, a child of the One True God, and have been washed clean of all my sin, saved by faith in You and the glory of Your sacrifice on the cross that day. I give You my whole life, past, present, and future and everything in it good and bad. I choose You and will follow You all the days of my life. Baptize me in the Holy Spirit and in the fire Lord. Fill me with You. In Jesus name, Amen

If you just said that prayer, please email us and let us know. We are honored to have you as a new brother or sister in Christ. We would be honored to help you with any questions you have. We would love to rejoice with you.

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**“The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.”
 Psalms 9:9 (KJV)**

Bible Verses related to trust

Bible verses related to Trust from the King James Version (KJV)

Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Psalms 56:3-4 - What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Proverbs 3:1-35 - My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

Psalms 13:5 - But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

Romans 10:9 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Psalms 40:4 - Blessed [is] that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Titus 3:5 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Psalms 31:14-15 - But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou [art] my God.

Job 8:13 - So [are] the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

Jeremiah 1:1-19 - The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that [were] in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

Proverbs 21:20 - [There is] treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

Proverbs 3:6 - In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 22:7 - The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower [is] servant to the lender.

Proverbs 13:22 - A good [man] leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner [is] laid up for the just.

Psalms 59:11 - Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

Psalms 58:11 - So that a man shall say, Verily [there is] a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

1 Peter 1:21 - Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Romans 15:13 - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Leviticus 19:31 - Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God.

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Do you Understand Love and Relationships?

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A 19+ week Bible Study for discovering, and applying Biblical precepts to the building of lasting, quality relationships through understanding His Love and Call

Introduction

This Bible Study was designed for small groups. It is divided up in sub- divisions, or "sessions," each with its own questions. The best way to go about this study is without time constants, to allow your group to process this information and the Scriptures at their own pace. Some groups need more time in a particular section than in another. It is best to honor the needs of the group, and go at the best pace for them. If you do have time constraints, just proceed with the study in each session per week, and what you do not finish, encourage your group to finish on their own. To save time, have the group read the sections and answer the questions before the study; there will be more dramatic discussions. This study is Part I of a five-part series on relationships, and what the Bible has to say to us concerning them.

The topic of *Love and Relationships* is a very hot topic on the Internet and in many of our churches these days. There is much misinformation at best and blatant heresy at worst. Therefore, we are going to devote this study to help you search and discover what the Word has to say! Some of the subjects to be discussed are focusing on how to prepare yourself first, what to look for, what is Fullness, Biblical love, and Kindness, which lays the foundation for the development of quality Biblical character. Then we will be better prepared to build quality relationships. We will even help you learn some keys for a stable and loving marriage!

This study is not just for young people, or singles! What we are talking about is for all Christians who desire to find, and make good, lasting relationships work. Even if we have done it all wrong, so to speak, God can, and will turn it around for good when our attention becomes focused upon Him, and His precepts--from His Word. We have to know what love is and what it is not before we can be effective in our relationships!

My purpose in this study is to point you in the right direction, and provide for you solid, Biblical insights from my more than twenty years of pastoral counseling and Biblical investigations in this subject. It is my prayer, and plan, to give you a general overview of relationships from the Bible's timeless perspective. This is not a work based on the latest trends in psychology; rather, the understanding of the underlining Spiritual principles we all need to know and follow. *A Field Guide* is meant to show you the right path to take you through the maze of what all of us are to do, and to be. Consequently, you can learn and gain the most from God's Word to become better in all of your relationships, and to glorify our Lord.

I did not just wake up one day free from that maze; I had to learn how to navigate it in light of God's Word. I, too, had to struggle to keep from getting myself lost, and in trying to find my way out of ruthless situations. I had to overcome my fears from intense teasing as a child, overcome learning disabilities, dyslexia, and a seriously embarrassing speech impediment that caused me to be the butt of many jokes while growing up. I was once engaged, and realized, after a lot of agony and pain, that this would be wrong. I have spent so much time in my pastoral career that I have had, at times, few, and sometimes no relationships of quality or depth. It is my intention to help you find the right path, so you can discover and build healthy, and quality relationships that are centered upon Christ as our Lord. We will begin by looking at how to prepare ourselves with the right mindset, knowing what real love is, and learning about attitude and character so we can be prepared to bring about and build relationships, as well as developing a good personality.

Bible study coming soon in November 2024


Bible Verses about Encouragement



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

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The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
Deuteronomy 31:8



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'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 7:16-17

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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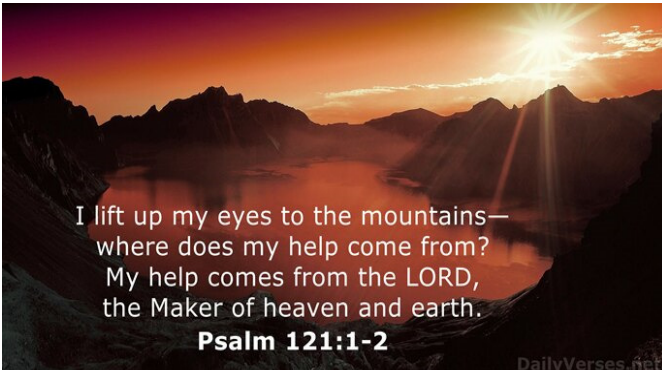
When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.
Psalms 94:19

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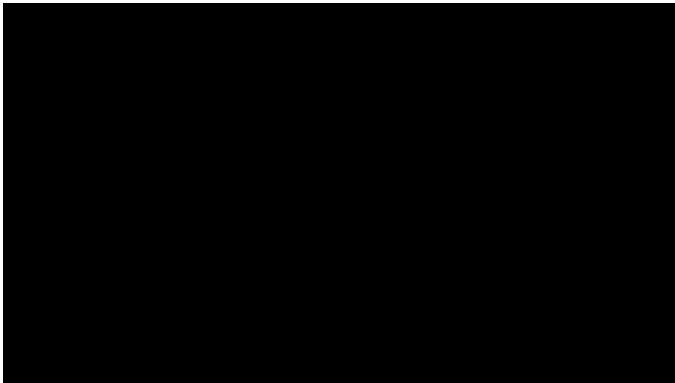
Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13

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I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalms 121:1-2

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Bible Reading For The Month Of September 2024

November 1st

JOHN 18:1-2
 MARK 14:32-42
 MATTHEW 26:36-46
 LUKE 22:39-46
 MARK 14:43-52
 MATTHEW 26:47-56
 LUKE 22:47-53
 JOHN 18:3-24

November 2nd

MARK 14:53-65
 MATTHEW 26:57-68
 MARK 14:66-72
 MATTHEW 26:69-75
 LUKE 22:54-65
 JOHN 18:25-27
 MARK 15:1
 MATTHEW 27:1-2
 LUKE 22:66-71
 MATTHEW 27:3-10

November 3rd

MARK 15:2-5
 MATTHEW 27:11-14
 LUKE 23:1-12
 JOHN 18:28-40
 MARK 15:6-15
 MATTHEW 27:15-26
 LUKE 23:13-25
 JOHN 19:1-16
 MARK 15:16-20
 MATTHEW 27:27-31

November 4th

MARK 15:21-24
 MATTHEW 27:32-34
 LUKE 23:26-31
 JOHN 19:17
 MARK 15:25-32
 MATTHEW 27:35-44
 LUKE 23:32-43
 JOHN 19:18-27
 MARK 15:33-41
 MATTHEW 27:45-56
 LUKE 23:44-49
 JOHN 19:28-37

November 5th

MARK 15:42-47
 MATTHEW 27:57-61
 LUKE 23:50-56
 JOHN 19:38-42
 MATTHEW 27:62-66
 MARK 16:1-8
 MATTHEW 28:1-7

LUKE 24:1-12
 MARK 16:9-11
 JOHN 20:1-18
 MATTHEW 28:8-15

November 6th

LUKE 24:13-43
 MARK 16:12-13
 JOHN 20:19-23
 MARK 16:14
 JOHN 20:24-21:25
 MATTHEW 28:16-20
 MARK 16:15-18
 LUKE 24:44-49

November 7th

MARK 16:19-20
 LUKE 24:50-53
 ACTS 1:1-2:47

November 8th

ACTS 3:1-5:42

November 9th

ACTS 6:1-8:1

November 10th

ACTS 8:1-9:43

November 11th

ACTS 10:1-12:5

November 12th

ACTS 12:6-14:20

November 13th

ACTS 14:21-28
 GALATIANS 1:1-3:23

November 14th

GALATIANS 3:24-6:18
 ACTS 15:1-21

November 15th

ACTS 15:22-17:15

November 16th

ACTS 17:16-18:3
 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5:11

November 17th

1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28
 2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-3:18
 ACTS 18:4-23

November 18th

ACTS 18:24-19:20
 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3:23

November 19th

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-7:40

November 20th

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-11:1

November 21st

1 CORINTHIANS 11:2-13:13

November 22nd

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-15:58

November 23rd

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-24
 ACTS 19:21-20:6
 ROMANS 1:1-32

November 24th

ROMANS 2:1-4:25

November 25th

ROMANS 5:1-8:17

November 26th

ROMANS 8:18-10:21

November 27th

ROMANS 11:1-14:23

November 28th

ROMANS 15:1-16:27
 2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-2:4

November 29th

2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-6:13

November 30th

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-10:18

Let's Go To Church

2 Kings 20:1-22:2

Acts 21:18-36

Psalm

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Acts 21:37-22:16

Psalm 1:1-6

Proverbs 18:11-12

July 4

2 Kings 23:31-25:30

Acts 22:17-23:10

Psalm 2:1-12

Proverbs 18:13

July 5

1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17

Acts 23:11-35

Psalm 3:1-8

Proverbs 18:14-15

July 6

1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4

Acts 24:1-27

Psalm 4:1-8

Proverbs 18:16-18

July 7

1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17

Acts 25:1-27

Psalm 5:1-12

Proverbs 18:19

July 8

1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81

Acts 26:1-32

Psalm 6:1-10

Proverbs 18:20-21

July 9

1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40

Acts 27:1-20

Psalm 7:1-17

Proverbs 18:22

July 10

1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14

Acts 27:21-44

Psalm 8:1-9

Proverbs 18:23-24

July 11

1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18

Acts 28:1-31

Psalm 9:1-12

Proverbs 19:1-3

July 12

1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17

Romans 1:1-17

Psalm 9:13-20

Proverbs 19:4-5

July 13

1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36

Romans 1:18-32

Psalm 10:1-15

Proverbs 19:6-7

July 14

1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17

Romans 2:1-24

Psalm 10:16-18

Proverbs 19:8-9

July 15

1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30

Romans 2:25-3:8

Psalm 11:1-7

Proverbs 19:10-12

July 16

1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32

Romans 3:9-31

Psalm 12:1-8

Proverbs 19:13-14

July 17

1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11

Romans 4:1-12

Psalm 13:1-6

Proverbs 19:15-16

July 18

1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34

Romans 4:13-5:5

Psalm 14:1-7

Proverbs 19:17

July 19

1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30

Romans 5:6-21

Psalm 15:1-5

Proverbs 19:18-19

July 20

2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17

Romans 6:1-23

Psalm 16:1-11

Proverbs 19:20-21

July 21

2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11

Romans 7:1-13

Psalm 17:1-15

Proverbs 19:22-23

July 22

2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10

Romans 7:14-8:8

Psalm 18:1-15

Proverbs 19:24-25

July 23

2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19

Romans 8:9-25

Psalm 18:16-36

Proverbs 19:26

July 24

2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22

Romans 8:26-39

Psalm 18:37-50

Proverbs 19:27-29

July 25

2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14

Romans 9:1-24

Psalm 19:1-14

Proverbs 20:1

July 26

2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34

Romans 9:25-10:13

Psalm 20:1-9

Proverbs 20:2-3

July 27

2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37

Romans 10:14-11:12

Psalm 21:1-13

Proverbs 20:4-6

July 28

2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21

Romans 11:13-36

Psalm 22:1-18

Proverbs 20:7

July 29

2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28

Romans 12:1-21

Psalm 22:19-31

Proverbs 20:8-10

July 30

2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27

Romans 13:1-14

Psalm 23:1-6

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