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PASTOR'S POINT

by Bro. Jeff Coffman

Dr. W. P. Macky a Scottish doctor gave this incredible testimony: "My dear mother... had been a godly, pious woman, quite often telling me of the savior, and many times I had been a witness to her praying for my soul salvation. But nothing made a deep impression on me. The older I grew the more wicked I became..."

One day a seriously injured man was brought into the hospital. The case was hopeless. He seemed to realize his condition, for he was fully conscious, and asked me how long he would live. I gave him my opinion the best that I could.

"Have You any relatives whom I could notify?" I continued.

The patient shook his head... his wish was to see his landlady, because he owed her a small sum of money, and also wished to bid her farewell. He also requested his landlady send him, "The Book..."

I went to see him on a regular basis at least once a day. What struck me most was the quiet, almost happy expression constantly on his face... after the man died, some things about the dead man's affairs were to be attended in my presence.

"What Shall we do with this?" asked the nurse, holding up a book in her hand. "What kind of book is it?" I asked.

"The Bible of the poor man... as long as he was able to read it, he did so, and when he was unable to do so anymore, he kept it under his bed cover."

I took the Bible and - could not believe my eyes. It was my own Bible! The Bible which my mother had given me when I left my parents' home, in which later, when short of money, I sold for a small amount. My name was still in it, written in my mother's hand...

With a deep sense of shame I looked upon... the precious Book. It had given comfort and refreshing to the poor man in his last hours. It had been a guide to him into eternal life, so that he had been able to die in peace and happiness. And this Book, the last gift of my mother, I had actually sold for a ridiculous price...

Be it sufficient to say that the regained possession of my Bible what's the cause of my conversion. Dr. Macky would later pen these words:

"We Praise thee, O God, For the Son of thy love; For Jesus, Who died and is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again.

He wrote the famous Hymn "Revive us Again"



Laughter is the Best Medicine!

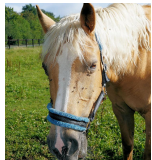


**Why is today the last day that one can see
82-year-old grandpa?
Because he will be 83 tomorrow.**

**What is grandpa's bedtime?
One hour after falling asleep in his rocking chair.**



**What confirmed the fact that grandpa should retire?
When he stopped lying about his age and switched to boasting about it.**



What do you call a well-balanced horse?

Stable.

What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie.



What do you call a grandpa whale?... A hunch back whale!

*When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."
"Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."*

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."



WHAT I AM LEARNING

By Judy Coffman

Are you an 'Unsung Hero'?

Oftentimes when I get up in the mornings, I ask God to "help me make a difference in someone's life today". Whether I consciously go through my day looking for opportunities or the thought completely leaves my mind, the prayer is still there and I believe the Lord gives us countless occasions to do just that, to make a difference.

Take a minute and think about how encouraged you are when someone does a kindness toward you. It may be as simple as opening and holding the door for them at the store or a simple smile and nod of acknowledgment as you pass down the street. Neither of these things cost you money or time. I bet if the shoe were on the other foot, it would put a smile upon your face.

During your quiet time with God's Word, have you ever tuned in to the unsung heroes in the Bible? I imagine the majority of the time; we simply gloss over these people deeming them unimportant because they were not named. My conviction is, we can be a light in the shadow hero.

1. Women of Tyre in Acts 21: 1-6. Paul and his traveling companions set sail and landed in Tyre so the ship could be unloaded. He eventually found himself in the house of Philip (an evangelist) and stayed with him. Philip had four unnamed daughters which ministered and showed hospitality. They also stopped what they were doing and accompanied Paul back to the ship and they prayed with him. Surely this encouraged his heart.
2. Titus 2 Women in Titus 2: 3-5. Titus (a Greek Gentile) traveled with Paul working with gentiles in the early Christian churches. They taught the importance of the older women training the younger in all things. While the younger women needed guidance, the older women desired to be useful and needed.
3. A sinful woman in Luke 7: 36-50. A Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus into his home for supper. While there, a woman came and sat at Jesus' feet. She wiped his feet with her tears and hair and poured expensive ointment on them. Simon knew who and what she was and spoke to himself that if Jesus was truly who he said he was, he would also know what kind of woman was at his feet. Jesus went on to tell Simon a parable about a creditor and who would love him most. Simon said the one who was forgiven most. Jesus pointed out the woman who had not ceased to kiss the feet of Jesus and that Simon had provided no comforts such as water to wash his feet. Jesus said, her sins which are many are forgiven; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
4. The disabled woman in Luke 13: 10-17. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue when he noticed a stooped woman. She had been in this state for 18 years, bent over and looking at the ground. When Jesus saw her, he said unto her, woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. Immediately she was made straight and praised God. What was remarkable about this particular woman, even in her condition and in her pain, she still went to church.

The Bible is full of people who did remarkable things, people who were not named, but were important enough to mention what they did. This is an example to us to carry on doing what we know is the right thing, even when we don't feel good and even when we have known sin in our life. We can make a difference and we can encourage one another. It is a choice we must make every day, a choice to be that hero and be Jesus to those around us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A MISSED OPPORTUNITY!!!

by Jonathan Flores

“for the full price” ~ I Chronicles 21:22 & 24 In a very short conversation King David makes this statement twice and it is a lesson on spiritual economics. Economics is a complicated creature. For instance, we all look around and gasp over the prices of everything. While the causes of inflation in the economy are easy enough to understand, it is the effects of it on the economy that are nearly unpredictable. How does the rise of a price over here translate to the rise of a price over there? King David found himself in the midst of a spiritual depression because he did not understand the economy of God.

David says what he says because of what he had just been through. It taught him an invaluable lesson in spiritual economics. There is too much to it to lay it all out here but if you would invest the time into this chapter and draw the connection between cause and effect you would learn about what God has done for you. The short of it is, David wanted to know exactly how many people were subject to him. As a result, the anger of God was kindled. Again, there is more than can be shared here but King David was doing something that only God Himself has the right to do. ***“And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them.” ~ Exodus 10-12***

Let's put it in New Testament terms. What David didn't understand was the institution of numbering God's people was reserved for only one purpose; to list "they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Only One has the right to look at that list, let alone even make it. ***“Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*** That list that David was so dead set on making came with "a ransom" demand for every "soul" that was on it. Not King David, not you or I could ever pay that "ransom". Only Jesus could pay "the full price"!

ON THE TRAIL OF MISSIONS

by Renee Copley

**MISSIONS...HEARTBEAT of the
CHURCH...LOCAL...WORLDWIDE**

2023 Verse of the Year: 1 Timothy 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

MOTTO: Fight the good fight of faith...

Little acts of support and commitment can go a long way for our missionaries.

Here are some ideas on how to do that.

***Help combat homesickness.**

A simple care package can communicate in outstanding ways.

Ask missionaries if there's anything from home that they miss. Possibly books, worship CDs, food, toys, games etc. Since there's the readiness of the internet, it's available to offer online goods like downloadable music credits, magazine subscriptions or ebooks.

***Commit regular financial support.**

Regular support shows commitment to their ministry in the long haul. They have enough to worry about such as cultural differences, language, limited resources, resistance, harsh living environments, etc. Without having to worry where the financial support is going to come from. Financially supporting missionaries blesses them as it ALSO blesses you.

***Pray for missionaries regularly.**

No matter what is going on with the missionaries in their ministry it is covered in prayer.

Continue to support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God bless

Renee Copley

Missions Coordinator

YE OLDE RECIPE CORNER

Northern Croatian Corn Cake (Medimurska Zlevanka)

From Tori Leslie (one of our missionaries in Croatia)

Ingredients:

4 whole med. Eggs

1 ½ c. sugar

1 ½ c. sunflower oil

1 ¾ c. corn meal

1 ¾ c. all-purpose flour

1 ¾ c. milk

2 tsp. Vanilla extract

1 ½ T. baking powder

Jam

Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix eggs, sugar, oil, corn meal, flour, milk, vanilla and baking powder and pour into a greased dish. Using a spoon, dot the jam every inch or so over the batter (don't skimp!). Bake at 350 degrees until it gets golden-brown on top. Insert a toothpick in the middle to see if it's baked through. Dust with powdered sugar before serving.

What's Happening in September:

1. Wednesday, September 6, 12:45 pm., Senior Food Box distribution
2. Sunday, September 10, Happy Grandparents' Day!
3. Tuesday, September 12, Ladies' Fellowship meeting, 6:00 pm
4. Friday, September 22, First Day of Fall!



Special Music for September



September 3: Judy Coffman
September 10: Berni Marts
September 17: Randy Cain
September 24: Janice Snell

Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because He trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26:3

An 86-year-old woman who had been a Christian for 79 years has tacked up in her room these words:

THESE THINGS HAVE I TRIED

1. Laughing at difficulties, and found them to disappear.
2. Attempting heavy responsibility and found it growing lighter.
3. Facing a bad situation and found it clearing up.
4. Telling the truth and found it most rewarding.
5. Believing men honest, and found them living up to expectation.
6. Trusting God each day, and found Him surprising me with His bountiful goodness.
7. Keeping my mind stayed on Him, and experiencing perfect peace.

The photographer had just taken a picture of an old man on his 98th birthday. He thanked the old gentleman, saying, "I hope I'll be around to take your picture when you are 100." The old man replied, "Why not? You look healthy to me."

The church's business is not to catch the spirit of the age but to correct it.

All the Faces

When Bro. Jeff and Randy look out and see All the Faces in church, we will be looking back at a lovely new podium!



THE HIGH COST OF MISSIONS

Submitted by Richard Coffman

In 1839, John Williams, dubbed the Apostle of the South Seas, and a missionary named Harris, sailed to the New Hebrides Islands and were clubbed to death by savages after a period of service for Christ.

Eighteen years later, General Gordon and his wife took up the work on these islands and were linked in 1861. Mr. Gordon's brother went to the same place and was killed in 1872.

A couple of missionaries named Turner and Nisbet later disembarked on the island of Tanna, stayed seven months, then fled for their lives by night in an open boat.

John Paton also heard the call of God to the New Hebrides. When he confided to his friend that he was going, he was warned, "You will be eaten by cannibals!"

Paton replied, "My friend, you are old, soon you will be put in a grave and eaten by worms. But if I can live and die serving the Lord, it doesn't make any difference to me whether I'm eaten by cannibals or worms."



So Paton left on his dangerous, but God-appointed, mission. He learned their language, won for Christ many savages and held his first Lord's Supper in 1869, with 12 Christian natives partaking.

Paton lived to see 16,000 South Sea natives sing of God's love. On the islands where savages killed and ate their enemies, now stands churches, schools, and printing presses, which print out all sorts of Gospel material. John Paton's love of God was greater than his fear of being eaten by cannibals.

WEAPON BANS

By Gene Shelburn

Did you hear the news report about the Connecticut mother who strangled her three children and then hanged herself? Police found her hanging in a shed.

Lawmakers want to ban guns because people get killed by them. Will they now add rope to that list of illegal threats?

Did a single week pass last year without a news report of innocent people being annihilated by some angry or crazy driver who targeted them with his car? Do we need to add automobiles to the list of deadly instruments that should be outlawed?

What about knives? I don't know the exact count, but an alarming number of subway murders in New York and other metro areas have been knife attacks. And last summer some out-of-control dude went on what Fox News called "a stabbing spree." He badly injured five young men, one of them fatally, when they were tubing on a Wisconsin river. Have you heard any lawmakers suggesting that we pass bills to ban knives? Or maybe box cutters, like the one the Times Square slasher used?



The problem is not the weapons. The mindless metal in the barrel of .357 magnum or in the blade of a dagger never targeted even one victim. We won't save lives by banning weapons of any kind. People who are made enough or crazy enough to murder others will find some tool to do it with. Always have. Always will.

Instead of banning weapons, maybe we need to ban video games that teach kids to kill and kill and kill again before they're three years old. Maybe we need to ban endless TV dramas full of bloody violence. Maybe we need to recreate a society where most kids have two parents they can honor, parents who model patience and gentleness and love to shape their offspring.

In every state we already have laws against deadly violence of any kind, regardless of the instrument used to kill another human. But those laws - even the ones with the stiffest penalties - do nothing to subdue the rage or hate or insanity of a person bent on killing. When Cain gets mad enough or jealous enough to murder Abel, even laws made in heaven won't stop him.



To put a lid on the dangerous mayhem of this generation, we don't need more laws. What we need is more people filled with God's Spirit and his fruit of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Against those traits, the Bible says, "there is no law."

REMEMBER!

A haunted day, September 11, here in the States that are still United in the wild idea that interdependence is possible and glorious. A shivering day. It always will be.

I pray it never becomes a mere anniversary, an event only to remember murder and terror and fire and fear—or even worse, a day only to celebrate vengeance. No, I pray it becomes a day to remember courage and grace and love. I pray that will someday be the story of September 11.



To remember right is to pray right, says my dad, and he knows about murderous souls; he fought against Hitler.

He says to remember the roaring courage of the people who rushed to help, and the people who helped others out of the fire and ash, and the people who used their last minutes on earth to call their families and say “I love you. I love you. I will love you forever,” is to pray for them and us and even for the poor silly murderers, themselves just lanky, frightened boys, in the end, bloody boys terrified of a free world.

He says to remember the firemen who ran up, knowing they would never come down, the passengers storming the cockpit, the sergeant who ran out of the Pentagon to catch women leaping from high windows is the way to erase the name of the chief murderer.

He says that if we remember right, if we pray with our hearts in our mouths, maybe someday no one will remember the architect of ruin, but everyone will remember a day when the courage and mercy and glory of human beings rose to such a tide that no one will ever forget. That could happen, says my dad, and who will gainsay my dad? Not I.

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