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There's Nothing the Lord Can't Fix in 2026

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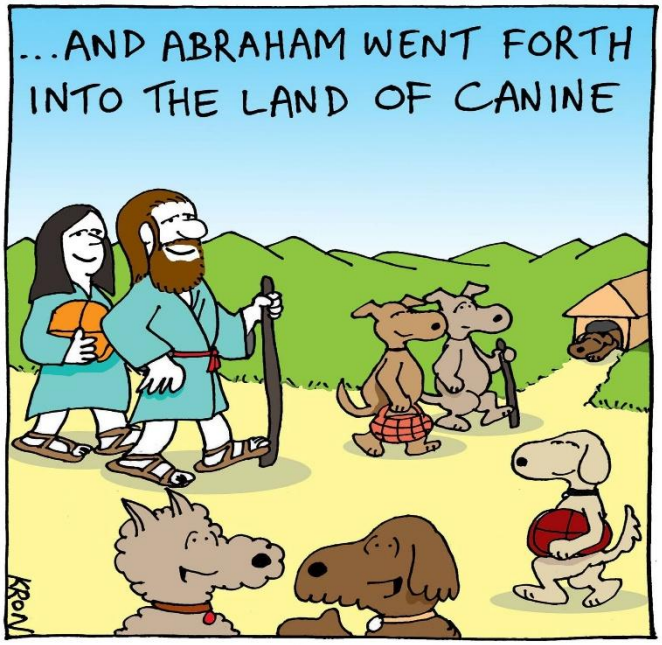
Message from Pastor Norman

Sunday Devotion

The last two Sundays I preached, I was reaching out to the congregation concerning our worship in the church. The first one was titled Have you made preparations to be in His presence. I reminded everyone of what the high priest had to do to be in God's presence. Have you prayed? Have you cleared your mind of distraction and focused on the Lord? The 2nd sermon was that the church needed fire, fire not just any fire but Holy Ghost fire. The church was born when 120 people were on one accord. The Holy Ghost came in as a mighty wind and appeared as tongues of fire settling on the saints. The church began to move and do miracles and other great things. The church began to move when the people decided to come together and prepare for worship.

I know many feel the old traditional ways of the church need to be changed. There are some things we need to retain. Instead of the beginning of church becoming a time for social interaction.

The choir should pray before they take the choir stand. The ushers should pray before they take the floor. The pastor, ministers, and deacons should pray before beginning to serve the Lord. If we begin service with devotion, entering into worship will be much easier



The CARTOON KRONICLES

Life Of the Prophet Hosea

By Rev. Ray Howard

Hosea is the son of Beeri. He is the first of the Minor Prophets. It is believed that he lived in the kingdom of Israel. It was believed that Hosea was a prophet in the kingdom of Israel. Hosea is the oldest prophet whose writings are in our possession, and he was a witness to the first captivity of the four tribes carried away by Tiglath-Pileser and the extinction of the kingdom of Samaria.

He makes strong attacks against the disorder which
prevailed in the kingdom of the ten tribes. During the period of the prophecy of Hosea, there were idols at Dan Bethel, and also in Samaria. He spoke to the Israelites as a people who were entirely corrupt and whose sins filled the land.

The prophet stands up against those who worshipped false gods at Gilgal.

He foretells that the people of Judah should still continue in their country after the captivity of the ten tribes.

The law has two parts: a promise of salvation and eternal life and a rule for godly and holy living. The third most important factor is that men who were called had not responded to their call, and they were to be restored to their calling by the threatening and reproofs of God.

Hosea prophesied for a period of approximately forty-five years before Ahaz began to reign. It is assumed that Hosea did prophesy for approximately sixty-one years.

The kingdom of Israel flourished in wealth and power when Jeroboam was enjoying his triumphs, and when prosperity was in the land. History tells us that God had, by Jeroboam, delivered the kingdom of Israel, though he himself was unworthy, and that he had increased the kingdom as he had become strikingly impressive to all of his neighbors, for he had gained great riches and power, and the people lived in ease and the luxury of life.

The prophet makes a declaration that seems to be incredible. “Ye are not the people of the Lord; ye are adulterous children, ye are born of fornication”. God no longer owns them as His children.

God will indeed avenge sins, and the prophet left no doubt in their minds that God will avenge sin.

Verse 7: “But to the house of Judah I will show mercy, and will save them by Jehovah their God; and I will save them neither by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, nor horses, nor by horsemen.”

The house of Judah does not seem to be very much, but with the mercies of God they are very strong. With God one can be assured that salvation is sure. Let us not forget that where the Lord’s favor is, there is life. So, it is God alone who is abundantly sufficient to preserve the faithful.



.He Gathers Every Tear

Submitted by Elaine Mitchell

Regardless of the circumstance, regardless of the fear, regardless of the pain we bear, regardless of the tear, our God is ever in control, performing as He should, and He has promised in this word to work things for our good.
But as a loving Father would, He sometimes lets us cry to cleanse the hurt out of our heart, to wash it from our eye.
Yet gently gathers He the tears within His hands to stay. Until He turns them into pearls and gives them back some day.



God's Presence

Even on the hardest days, take a deep breath and remember: you are upheld by a power greater than yourself. Let faith guide your mind toward peace.

Isaiah 41:10 says: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

This verse is a promise of God's presence, strength, and support. It reassures believers that they need not fear because God Himself sustains and protects them.

Key Themes

- **God's Presence:** "I am with you" emphasizes divine companionship.
- **God's Strength:** He promises to strengthen and help His people
- **God's Protection:** Being upheld by God's "righteous right hand" symbolizes security and victory

Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you. He will NEVER permit the righteous to be moved.
Psalms 55:22
Submitted by Ramon Norman

TO THE WORLD, YOU MAY BE ONE PERSON; BUT TO ONE PERSON, YOU MAY BE THE WORLD!

The most destructive habit ……. Worry
The greatest joy…… Giving
The greatest loss …… loss of self-respect
The most satisfying work ……Helping others
The ugliest personality trait …….. Selfishness
The most endangered species …Dedicated leaders
Our greatest natural resource …… Our Youth
The greatest "shot in the arm"……. Encouragement
The greatest problem to overcome ….. Fear
The most effective sleeping pill……. Peace of mind
The most crippling failure disease …. Excuses
The most powerful force in life ….. Love
The most dangerous pariah ….. A gossiper
The most incredible computer …. The Brain
The worst thing to be without ……. Hope
The deadliest weapon …….. The Tongue
The two most powerful words ……. "I Can"
The greatest asset …….. Faith
The most worthless emotion …… Self-pity
The most beautiful attire ……. A Smile
The most prized possession ……. Integrity
The most contagious spirit …… Enthusiasm



Four Kinds of Bones

Shared by the late Sis. Bobbie Mitchell

Someone has said that membership in every association is made up of four kinds of bones.

There are **Wish Bones** who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are **Jaw Bones** who do all the talking but very little else.
There are **Knuckle Bones** who knock everything that anyone ever tries to do.

And finally there are the **Back Bones** who get under the load and do the work.

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee ou t of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt. " His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



The Fifteen Funniest Church Bulletin Bloopers!

1. The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00. Please use the back door.
2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
3. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
4. Ushers will eat latecomers.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
6. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
7. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
8. Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.
9. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
10. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
11. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
12. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
13. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
14. Announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."
15. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help. Whose hope is in the Lord his God.
Psalms 146:5



Matthew 6:19-20

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven…

Heaven isn't a credit union. Treasure there will not pay the electric bill — though you have to admire the ask.

Pray for wisdom to handle money well. Just don't confuse the desk with the vault. Earthly treasure ends. Heavenly treasure doesn't. You build that one by faithfulness: honest work, generous hands, a heart that isn't owned by the bills.

Be money-wise today. Keep Heaven in view. Where is your treasure actually living this week — the desk, or the place thieves can't reach?



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Bible Trivia:

1. What prophet was instructed not to marry nor have children?
A. Ezekiel
B. Isaiah
C. Jeremiah
D. Hosea

2. **Who built a city and named it after the name of his son, Enoch?**
A. Cain
B. Lamech
C. Jabal
D. Terah

3. **What did John eat in his vision of Revelation?**
A. honey
B. a scroll
C. locusts
D. an olive

4. **Who said to Jesus, `Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net`?**
A. John
B. Peter
C. James
D. Thomas

5. **The four chariots emerging from between two mountains of brass, seen by Zechariah, symbolized what?**
A. East, north, west, south regions
B. Babylonians, Medes, Grecians, Romans
C. The four spirits of the heavens
D. Four successive Grecian kings

6. **What attitude did Paul have in regard to suffering for Christ and the church?**
A. He mourned
B. He complained
C. He became bitter
D. He rejoiced

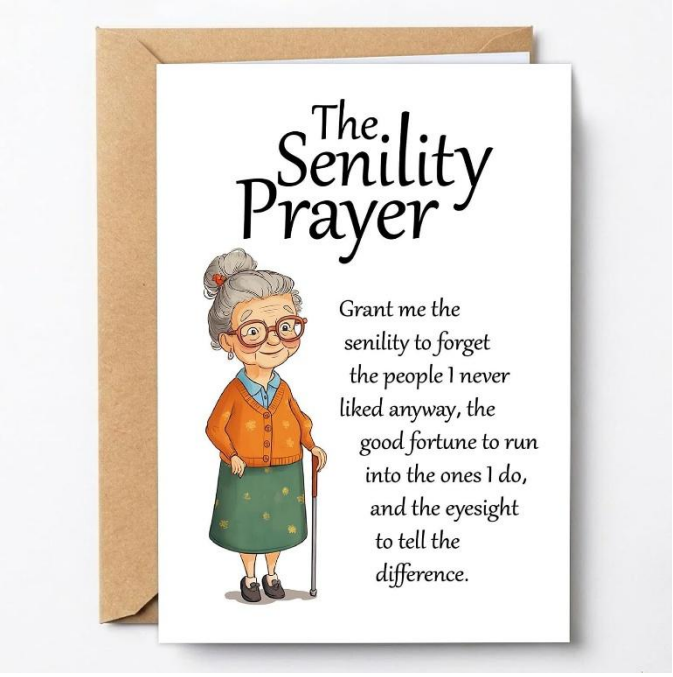
7. **In which book is this verse found? "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."**
A. Colossians
B. Hebrews
C. John
D. Proverbs

8. **To what city did the LORD ask Jonah to go?**

A. Nineveh
B. Babylon
C. Tarshish
D. Joppa

Answers:

1) Answer: "...**C**
   See: **Jeremiah 16:1-4**
2) Answer: **"A" Cain**
   See: **Genesis 4:17**
3) Answer: …"**B" a scroll**
   See: **Revelation 10:9**
4) Answer: **"B" Peter**
   See: **Luke 5:5**
5) Answer **"C" The four spirits of the heavens**
   See: **Zechariah 6:1-5**
6) Answer: **He rejoiced**
   See: **Colossians 1:24**
7) Answer: **"D" Proverbs**
   See: **Proverbs 9:10**
8) Answer: **A. Nineveh**
   See: **Jonah 1:1-2**



"The peace of God which transcends all understanding. Will guard your heart and your mind." Philippians 4:6-7



"For to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You." Psalm 86:4-5

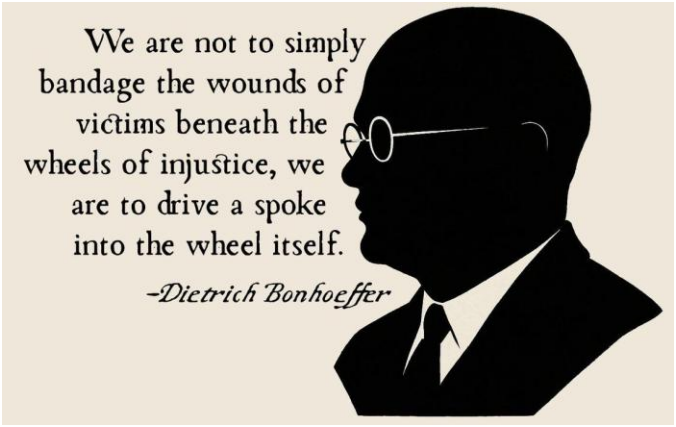
God, you are abounding in forgiveness, mercy, and goodness I cannot understand in this life. I worship you with my heart and soul.

As I sit in regret and guilt over past sin, remind me of your forgiveness. Please let me feel your mercy. Fill me with it so I can give it to others I encounter today.

Walk closely with my family so they can know your grace. Lift their burdens and point their faces toward you.

I give you thanks for the grace I do not deserve and your mercies, which are new every morning.

In Christ's name, amen.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer's words continue to inspire courage, faith, and moral responsibility, emphasizing active discipleship, love, and standing against injustice.
Quotes on Courage and Responsibility

- "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." – Emphasizing the moral necessity to resist wrongdoing

- "We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice; we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself." – Advocating active intervention against systemic harm

- "To be courageous means to take the risk of acting." – Courage involves stepping out of comfort to make a positive difference

Quotes on Faith and Discipleship

- "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." – Highlighting the sacrificial nature of true discipleship

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- "Only he who is obedient believes, and only he who believes is obedient." – Connecting faith intimately with lived obedience

- "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves… Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ." – Critique of superficial spirituality; costly grace demands real commitment

.**Reflection and Endurance**

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- "We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God." – Embracing divine direction amid life's unpredictability

Daily Word

Prayer is not a duty or attitude for every breath, every moment of life, every experience, a habit, but a pouring forth of the heart in gratitude for every breath, every moment of life, every experience.

- Sue Sikking, A Letter to Adam

I'm grateful for all life.

Fred Ball's Life Lessons: Four Pillars

Fred Ball's blueprint for a "World-Class Life" illustrates how true fulfillment requires equal stewardship across the four core pillars of Salvation, Relationships, Health & Fitness, and Finances. It contrasts these foundational principles with conventional status symbols, explaining why Ball views career advancement and formal education as secondary tools rather than primary measures of success. He emphasizes that Spirituality or Salvation is the foundation of all the other pillars.

By Dr. Paul Matthews

Lord, I just want to thank you for the many differing experiences we encounter in our lives because each experience reveals to us that your omnipresence is greater than our imagination.

We have seen the Grand Canyon, the Tokyo Tower, the vast oceans that flank us, and the majestic purple mountains that stand above the fruited plains.

Lord, we now realize that You see all these things all the time. And we learn that You see us all the time! We thank You, Lord for our fears, because through them we learn that all power is in Your hands.

We thank You for our sicknesses and infirmities, for through them we learn that You heal all of our diseases.

We thank You, Lord, for our troubles, because through them we learn You are our deliverer. Lord, You are our strong tower. We thank You for our appetites, for in times of hunger we learn You are the Bread of Life.

Lord, we thank You for family and friends, our church, for through them we discover that You are Love.

Lord, we even thank You for our grief; time after time we learn that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Lord, we thank You now for Jesus and everything He told us that he came to seek and to save. He told us that He would die and rise again. He told us that all power in heaven and earth is in His hand. He told us that He has gone to prepare a place for us, that we may dwell there.

Now, Lord, we have learned that everything He said was true. He has gone to prepare a special place where fear can't come; sickness and infirmities have no resting place. There is no such thing as grief, and we can sit at His table from now on.

Lord, we thank you now that we can face tomorrow and life is worth living.
LORD, WE THANK YOU.



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