

Seeking Out The Old Paths

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IT'LL GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER

Have you ever had a series of catastrophes happen, and you just knew the forecast was, "things are going to get worse before they get better?" That has probably happened to all of us at one time or another, but eventually things did get better.

When things look bleak, and we feel like quitting, the Lord may be just on the other side of the valley with the answer we need.

This could have very well been the case with Moses when God told him to lead His people out of Egypt. Moses entreated Pharaoh to let the Israelites go three days into the desert to worship God. Instead Pharaoh made their work harder. Things were getting worse before they would get better.

We don't understand why God does things the way He does. We don't have to understand or question why. All we need to do is fully trust in Him. Sometimes God leads us into situations where we

see no way out. Why does He do this? Because the biggest lesson God is trying to teach us in life is to fully trust in Him, and only Him for *EVERYTHING!*

Moses could see no way out of Egypt, but God had a plan before even sending him there. God has a plan for you also. It doesn't matter what the problem is, it's not too big for God. We try to analyze our problems and come up with a way out, but we see no way. God comes to our rescue and we often think, that was so simple why didn't I see that, but his ways are above our ways.

And so the Lord brought His people out of Egypt with a mighty hand, only to bring into the desert with the Red Sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind them. The people are complaining that God had brought them this far to leave them. No, this is the creator of the universe that even the winds and sea obey Him! Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of

the LORD, the LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace, Moses told the people. And Moses lifted his rod, and stretched out his hands over the sea. The waters departed and the children of Israel crossed on dry ground in the midst of the sea! What a loving and caring God we serve! There is nothing He wouldn't do to help us.

There are countless stories in the Bible of God's great power. The widow of Zarephath, the Shunammite woman, and the three Hebrew boys, just to mention a few. But in every situation things got worse before they got better. Don't throw in the towel. Your answer may be just over the next hill. Read these scriptures in the Old Testament, and remember they were people just like you and I. The Lord moved greatly for them and He is still the same God today, He has not changed. So when it looks like things are going to get worse before they get better, hang on! God is getting ready to move for you!

The Editor

"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Numbers 10:29

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School - 10 A.M.

Morning Worship - 11 A.M.

Evangelistic Service - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

Youth Service - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 10 A.M.

THURSDAY

Family Service - 7:30 P.M.

“Where A Warm
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In This Church We
Teach Holiness Too...”

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Prayer List

Please remember the following people in our church who need a touch from the Lord.

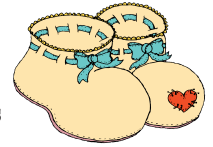
Patsy Roberts, Verna Williams, Edna Pelfrey, Demia Abner, Vee McElhaney, Marty Hatcher, Pam DuHamel, Rebecca Lakes, Bessie Richmond, Jean Sheldon, Evelyn Houston, Donna Maggard, Wil-lidean Curtis, Opal Houston, Odie Boggs, Sharon Whitley, Rachel Thompson, Flodie Baldwin, Don Wheeler, Steve Phillips, Carl Henson, and Ray Driscoll.

Steve Griffitts will be leaving Iraq and arriving in the states around the first of March. Please pray for his safe return.

Continue to pray for Matthew Rank who is stationed in Afghanistan.

We extend our sympathy to the following families in our church who have lost loved ones. The Rice family at the passing of Brother Bob Rice's father, Brother Raleigh Welch at the passing of his mother, and Brother Taylor Hill on the passing of his brother.

New Births



Congratulations to Jeff & Alison Liette on the birth of their son. Parker Edison Liette was born January 21st.

Congratulations to Rodney & Sarah Boyd on the adoption of their little girl, Grace Victoria.

February Birthday's

Denny Blevins	3
Shirley Welch	8
Holly Ward	11
Jacob Bishop	13
Karan Hatcher	14
Frank Estes	17
Wayne Farmer	20
Courtney Spencer	21
Kim Templeton	25
Phyllis Burr	29

Anniversaries

Richard & Tina Travis	12
Rodney & Sarah Boyd	13
Shane & Lisa Hasty	14
Jeff & Holly Ward	20

Exercise daily.
Walk with the Lord.

Life with Christ is an endless hope; without Him, a hopeless end.

Do You Have An Altar?

When I was asked to write an article for the newsletter, I decided to write about something I know a little about, and that is young people.

It breaks my heart when I look around and see young people backsliding. The most terrifying thing about it is, we are so close to the end time and people are turning back. The reason that many of them are turning back is not because the standard is too high. It is because they do not have a desire to serve God in their hearts. They have lost their communication with God.

Once a person stops talking with God their experience will begin to go downhill. How can a person have a relationship with another person and not talk to them? It can't be done. So it is with all people. Their altars that once burned with fire now are covered in ashes.

Many times I have found myself losing contact with God. I have had to come back and rebuild an altar so I can stay in touch with God. This is what our young people need today. Not a shout, another dance, or another song leader. What we need is a genuine old fashioned altar. An altar we can go to in the midnight hour. An altar we can go to when trouble surrounds us. An altar we can go to when peer pressure takes its toll on us. That's how Daniel made it through the lions den. Everyone was pressuring him not to pray. In spite of the odds, Daniel had faith and went back to his altar.

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Just a Little While

We don't get to keep 'em! They're only on loan!
But our Heavenly Father let's us call them our own!
We are given the responsibility to love and to train,
To share in their joy and be there in their pain!

We must give them Godly principles by which to live,
And teach them to be unselfish and to forgive!
We watch in awe as they grow,
And how we love them so!
But we must let them go,
In just a little while

Yes, in just a little while it seems,
We share with them all our hopes and dreams,
While our heart within us screams,
"It's for just a little while!"

They are just ours to love and to hold,
And to sometimes correct and scold,
But, they too will grown old,
In just a little while!

Friend, each one of us is just "passin' through,"
And like those gone on before we'll end our journey too!
But, when we've traveled our last mile,
There will be no more trouble or trial,
We shall hear God's voice and see His smile,
In just a little while!

Robert F. Dotson

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So the only way we as young people can make it in this world is to keep the fire on our altar. We must have heaven on our minds and holiness in our hearts. Always keeping in our minds that great goal and desire of going to God's good Heaven. Also, keeping our holiness convictions that come from the Holy Ghost, which will separate our hearts from the world.

Andrew Blevens

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Joseph Bayly, in his book "The View From A Hearse," tells of what he said to offer hope to a woman whose small son was dying.

"It's good to know, isn't it," I spoke slowly, choosing my words with unusual care, "that even though the medical outlook is hopeless, we can have hope for our children in such a situation. We can be sure that after our child dies, he'll be completely removed from sickness and suffering and everything like that, and be completely well and happy."

"If I could only believe that," the woman replied. "But I don't. When he dies, I'll just have to cover him up with dirt and forget I ever had him."

It is sad, but more often than not, this woman's words express the

hopeless plight of so many people all around us.

Hell is the place where one has ceased to hope.

A family was entertaining the pastor and his wife for Sunday dinner on a hot, blistering day. When all were seated, the man of the house turned to his six-year-old and asked him to say grace. "But, Daddy, I don't know what to say," he protested. "Oh, just say what you've heard me say," the mother chimed in. Obediently he bowed his little head and said, "O Lord, why did I invite these people here on a hot day like this?!"

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