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**DARREL LEE**, Superintendent General

John Baros grew up in the Timis province of Romania, the same area where the Apostolic Faith Church was first launched in that country in 2000. He is the fourth of eleven children born to Christian parents who brought them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Both at home and in church, Brother John heard and recited “The Lord’s Prayer,” a subject he focused on in a recent sermon (see page 13). His parents carefully taught that the manner in which we approach God matters.

In 1986, the Baros parents along with their nine children (the two youngest were born later) immigrated to the United States in pursuit of religious freedom. They settled in Sacramento, California, and then in 1989 and began to attend the Apostolic Faith Church there. That year, when Brother John was twelve years old, he attended our church youth camp. He had gained a head knowledge of prayer as a child, but during the week of camp, he applied that learning in a manner that resulted in a change of heart. He testifies, “God began to speak to me in a very special way through the cabin devotions,

camp lessons, and chapel services. Most impactful to me was the camp theme song, ‘Behold, What Manner of Love.’ The Lord used that song to convince me of how much the Heavenly Father loved

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me personally. Though I had been brought up in a Christian home and had attended many church services, I had never before experienced God’s presence and love in such a gripping way as I did during that week of camp.


“On the third night of camp, as I stood in the doorway of the chapel, one of the counselors asked me to pray. At that time, despite my upbringing, I really did not know how to pray, nor did I understand much theology. Nevertheless, as I knelt, the Lord began to melt my heart. I could hear that several people had gathered around, and as

I heard them praying, their words became my prayer. That night, it was the grace of God working through those praying with me that helped me to offer a prayer of repentance and total surrender to

God. The Lord answered and saved my soul. He changed my heart and my desires in an instant. As I continued to pray that night, God also sanctified me and filled me with His precious Holy Spirit.”

From that time to this, Brother John has proved that when we approach God in the appropriate manner, He answers our prayers. Brother John’s teaching and this entire magazine are designed to inspire you to experience God for yourself. May God bless you and help you put into practice what you read.



A young boy with light brown hair and a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of surprise or awe. He is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt under a grey herringbone vest. He is holding an open book with both hands, looking directly at the camera. The background is a solid dark color.

# *from the* **WORD**





# KEEP RUNNING

HOW TO  
APPLY THE  
**PRINCIPLES  
OF FAITH**  
TO OUR  
**SPIRITUAL  
RACE.**

FROM A SERMON BY  
**DARREL LEE**

*A*ll of us are on a journey through life—a journey that Hebrews 12:1 refers to as “the race that is set before us.” With the start of a new calendar year, we are in effect looking ahead to a new year in this race. We cannot tell where our journey will take us in the coming year, or what we will encounter along the way. While we will enjoy blessings, we likely will also meet with adversity and challenging circumstances beyond our control. We must have the kind of faith that will take us not just from year to year, but from day to day, and from experience to experience, whatever those experiences may be.

God has indicated in His Word that we are to run this Christian race with faith and perseverance, in order to finish well. In Hebrews chapter 11, we find a catalog of individuals who persevered by faith in the face of enormous challenges. Their accounts teach us that at times, faith experiences deliverance from adversity, and at other times, it refuses deliverance. Enoch was delivered from death when he was translated. Noah was



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delivered from the Flood. Abraham was delivered from idolatry. Sarah was delivered from barrenness in her old age. Joseph and his family experienced deliverance from famine. Moses and Israel were delivered from the Egyptians. So, there is a faith that experiences deliverance. Hopefully, we have shared in that faith.

However, there is also a faith that refuses deliverance. Chapter 11 also tells of those who were tortured and did not accept deliverance, who were mocked, scourged, imprisoned, and stoned. Others wandered in deserts, in mountains, or found themselves hiding in the dens and caves of this earth. These were ordinary people who

cloud of witnesses; we are to lay aside every weight; we are to run the race with patience; and we are to look to Jesus and to consider Him.

### SEEING THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

We need to observe—to take note of the cloud of witnesses who persevered in the face of adversity, including the Biblical individuals just named. We have other examples of those in Scripture who overcame immense odds as well. They triumphed in circumstances that were insurmountable by man, though not by God.

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WE DO NOT WANT TO BE LIKE LOT WHO PITCHED HIS TENT TOWARD THE WICKED CITY OF SODOM; RATHER, WE WANT TO BE LIKE ABRAHAM WHO REFUSED TO GO THERE.  
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experienced extraordinary challenges, but they stayed in the race of faith to the end.

Hebrews 11 is a record of what happened in the past. Continuing on to chapter 12, we find what could be considered an application for the present. The writer, assumed by many to be Paul, begins that chapter by saying, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto 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. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds” (Hebrews 12:1-3).

Notice the opening word, “Wherefore . . .” The writer was implying, “Based upon what you have just read . . .” which was the catalog of faithful saints listed in chapter 11. Then he proceeded to give some instruction regarding actions we are to take in order to apply the principles of faith to our own lives. We are to see the

We also have seen examples in our lifetimes—people who walked by faith. We have witnessed at least some of what they encountered, although no doubt we were aware of only a fraction of what they went through. Yet, they made the goal! They proved that we can choose to fight circumstances we cannot control, or accept and benefit by them. Faith embraces, learns, and grows from difficulties.

Their lives also bear witness to the fact that we can persevere and make the goal as they did. They refused to give up. Nothing caused them to waiver in their faith. We are strengthened in our own faith and determination when we observe that great cloud of witnesses. By the grace of God, we can triumph as they triumphed.

### LAYING ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

Next, the writer of Hebrews instructs us to “lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us.” Unnecessary weights slow us down. We cannot imagine successfully running a race in an overcoat. In every era, no matter what the normal attire for one participating



in a race, a serious runner dresses down. He removes anything that would slow his progress. And that is what we must do—we must put aside anything that impedes our spiritual progress.

What is the “sin that doth so easily beset us”? Some understand besetting sin to allude to carnality—a reference to those who are saved but not yet sanctified, and thus are battling that inward propensity toward sin which caused them to choose wrongdoing when they first became accountable to God. Others think that “besetting sin” refers to the fact that there is sin all about us in the environment of this life. Whatever the case, we must distance ourselves from ungodly influences. We do not want to be like Lot who pitched his tent toward the wicked city of Sodom; rather, we want to be like Abraham who refused to go there. We are in the world, but we do not want to be of the world. We must determine to not be influenced by the wickedness around us, but to set ourselves apart from it. As we dedicate ourselves to God with a determination to live for Him and to persevere no matter what our surroundings, He will help us.

## A PACE FOR THE RACE

This verse does not say, “Let us run the race that is set before us.” It says, “Let us run *with patience* the race that is set before us.” At first glance, running and patience could seem to be in conflict. However, while we might assume a runner always tries to run as fast as possible, that is only true of a short distance sprint. For any race longer than a quarter mile, a runner must pace himself so he will not burn out before the finish line. It takes patience to set a sustainable pace and stick with it. And in the Gospel as well, we must run with patience.

We cannot serve God in a hurry. We cannot read the Bible in a hurry; if we try to do so, we probably will not get much out of it. We cannot pray in a hurry, except possibly in an emergency. Our daily time spent with God cannot be rushed and still be productive.

This Gospel race demands patience, which also implies constancy or endurance. Patience is needed when circumstances are against us. When circumstances are favorable, we do not need patience! Even the impatient can be patient in those circumstances. When we face adversity, though, our faith is measured more accurately.

One thing we know about patience is that it typically involves waiting. Most of us do not like to wait. My wife Debbie and I went on a drive yesterday. We pulled up to a coffee shop, but there were many cars in line at the drive-up window. I prefer not to wait in line so I parked and went in. I have generally found that there is less of a wait when I go in, and my wife and I are both happier. We make every attempt to avoid waiting! In our walk with God, we tend to want answers now. God gives the answers but He may not give the answers we want, and He may not give them immediately. Either way, patience is necessary. We will need patience during the coming year. In fact, we may need patience before the day is out! Are we determined to persevere even if it means waiting? We have a cloud of individuals who bear witness to the fact that they persevered, and we can too! If they did, we can also.

## FOLLOWING THE COURSE

The admonition to run with patience “the race that is set before us” suggests a course. The North Umpqua River flows behind the property where I grew up and where my parents still live, just outside of Roseburg, Oregon. The river starts about seventy miles east of Roseburg in the Cascade Mountains. It follows a channel that winds near Roseburg and then to Garden Valley where it meets the South Umpqua River and becomes the Umpqua River. Then it goes on for another one hundred miles or so, meandering through the Coast Range to Winchester Bay and into the Pacific Ocean. Its course is not a straight line, even though a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. The river’s course is circuitous.







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We are on a course through life, and that course will not be a straight line, in part because God does not design it to be so. He designs it to include experiences and circumstances not of our choosing. No matter what twists and turns life takes, no matter what the grade or incline we must climb, no matter what obstacles we face, we must keep running. This race takes a lifetime to complete.

When I attended Joseph Lane Junior High School in Roseburg, I participated in cross-country running. Back in those days, I was skinny and fast! In school competitions, we knew where the race started and finished, and approximately how long it would take. The course went through a country setting on the hill just above the track and the football field, and ended up lower. Our Christian race begins when we pray through to salvation, and it will end in Heaven with our glorification. However, we do not know how long it will take to complete this race. We do not know what is between the starting point and the ending point. But one thing we do know is that we can finish! We can persevere. That is our goal. We are going to keep running, and we are going to overcome all along the way.

Our spiritual race includes training. In verses 6-8 of this chapter, we find a reference to “chastening” of God. We read that this chastening is evidence of sonship. When our earthly parents disciplined us, that discipline was not always intended as punishment. At times, it was simply for training. The same is true in our Christian lives. If we are being tested or chastened, it is evidence that we are God’s children. He has determined that training will be beneficial for us.

The writer of Hebrews acknowledges that discipline is not enjoyable, saying, “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness

unto them which are exercised thereby” (Hebrews 12:11). Therefore, when trials come, we can rejoice in the fact that this training will help us be stronger and better children of God.

## LOOKING TO JESUS

We are to look “unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” Our faith began in Him, and it will end in Him, so we are to keep our eyes focused on Him. Trained runners do not glance over their shoulders to see how close the runner behind them is. They focus on that tape which indicates the finish line. In our spiritual race, we do not need to be the first one; we just need to get across the line! We do so by keeping our eyes on Jesus. If we start looking at ourselves or those around us, it will slow us down. We must keep our eyes on Jesus.

Verses 3-4 instruct us, “Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” We have not encountered what others encountered before us. We have not even encountered what many of our peers have endured in life. We have seen others go through difficult times and persevere; we have seen them cross the line and finish their courses.

We do not know if the end of our personal race will arrive during the coming year or not. It will for some; perhaps it will for all of us. If the Trumpet sounds, we will look back and rejoice in the fact that God helped us stay true to the end. In the meantime, we are going to observe the cloud of witnesses. We are going to lay aside the hindrances. We are going to run with patience this race. We are going to remember to look to and consider Jesus all along the way. As we do, we will find that God’s grace is readily supplied, and He will be by our side to see us through.

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# WE ARE



FROM A SERMON BY NATHANIEL SEGRES, JR.

Every Fourth of July, I am reminded of the soldiers who fought and died for the freedoms we have and enjoy. And now as world threats turn more dangerous and terrorism is on the rise, I think about the soldiers who remain alert and prepared at all times to protect those freedoms. They must always be ready to face the enemy.

Christians are in a similar position, and in a way, we are soldiers too. We must be alert and prepared at all times to protect our salvation, because we have an enemy, the devil, who is on the job twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Bible says he is like a roaring lion, walking about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).

We need not be afraid, however, because God has provided a type of armor—spiritual armor—for our use. Paul listed the pieces of this armor in his letter to the Ephesians. He admonished them, “Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:13-17).

Those who will avail themselves of the spiritual armor God has provided will be able to withstand the devices of the devil and obtain eternal life. Here is a closer look at what comprises that armor.

## LOINS GIRT WITH TRUTH

In verse 14, we are told to gird ourselves with truth. The word *gird* means “to encircle with a belt.” Therefore, we





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are to be encircled with the truth of the Gospel. The Roman soldier of Paul's day wore a loose, flowing outer garment, and when it was time to go into battle, he took that and tucked it under his belt. This gave him the freedom to move about and take on his adversary. Likewise, our belt of truth gives us freedom. We learn from John 8:32 that if we know the truth, the truth will make us free. When the devil first appeared on the scene in the Garden of Eden, he deceived Eve with a lie. He said, "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). We don't have to fall for the devil's lies. If we study the Word of God and surround ourselves with the truth of the Gospel, we will recognize a deception for what it is. If you want to be able to stand, know the truth.

## BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The same verse speaks of putting on the "breastplate of righteousness." For the Roman soldier, the breastplate was a piece of armor that covered the body from the neck to the thighs. It shielded the vital organs, including the heart. We might think of the heart as representing love. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 4:23 to protect our hearts "with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Righteousness speaks of integrity, or holiness in our actions. This suggests that living a moral and upright life will be a shield for our hearts and will protect the love of God in our lives.

The message of the Gospel is one of love; God gave His only Son to die for our sins that we might live. As recipients of that love, we have a responsibility. The two greatest commandments we have been given are to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and to love others as ourselves (Mathew 22:37-40). When we return God's love and share it with those around us, our lives reflect the Gospel message. It is of the utmost importance that we put on the breastplate of righteousness, which has the power to preserve God's love in our hearts.



## FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Verse fifteen says that we are to have our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. Roman soldiers wore thick-soled shoes that covered the feet and ankles and extended up the leg. They had hooks on the bottoms for gripping the ground and providing leverage for pushing. Soldiers were trained never to retreat or even look back, but to be continually pushing forward. Christians, too,

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know God loves me."

must keep their eyes on the goal of Heaven and be continually moving in that direction.

Obstacles will come, but with God, we can face adversity and triumph. Don't be distracted by the things that are behind you; look forward, keeping your eyes on Jesus. If you find that you cannot move forward during difficult times, do just as Paul instructed in verse 14 and stand.

I used to play football and there were times when I was supposed to block someone, but couldn't move him, so I would just dig in and hold on to him. That player couldn't move to the left, couldn't move to the right. If the devil has placed something in your path that you are not able to push through, dig in and stand firm with all your might. Obstacles can be intimidating, but we can overcome them. Dig in to God's Word, dig in with prayer, dig in with fasting. Say, "I am going to stand firm until God moves this obstacle out of the way." Don't let the devil cause you to cower! God does not give us a "spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

To push through the trials of life and keep moving forward, have your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

## SHIELD OF FAITH

Paul advised the Ephesians in verse 16 to use a "shield of faith . . . to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Roman soldiers used two shields during battle: a small one for close combat, and a larger one for approaching the enemy. The larger one was called "the door." Measuring three feet by six feet, it was large enough that a man could hide behind it. When the devil starts to throw the fiery darts of doubt and fear your way, stand behind your shield of faith.

If you are carrying a small shield, remember that your faith can grow. Romans 10:17 tells us that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." To grow your faith, read the Bible and attend church; go to Sunday school and study God's Word; quote Scripture out loud while you are praying. The more you hear the Word of God, the more your faith will grow.

We want to have big shields to stand behind, so that when the devil throws a doubt our way, the shield will block it. When he tells us God doesn't care, we can stand behind our shields of faith, and say, "I know God loves me." When he says a situation is hopeless, we can tell him that with God, all things are possible. For protection against doubts and fears sent by the devil, take cover behind the shield of faith.

## HELMET OF SALVATION

The helmet of salvation, named in verse 17, protects the mind, which is the gateway to the soul. At salvation, we are renewed in the spirit of our minds (Ephesians 4:23-24). Then it is our responsibility to maintain those pure thoughts. We must be careful about what we let into our minds through our eyes and ears. Be cautious, for example, when using the internet or social media. Ask God for wisdom and discernment in what to read and watch.

Wrongful actions begin with wrongful thoughts. If our thoughts are drawn toward the world, we need to renew them. The Bible says in Romans 12:2 not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. We can do this by





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following the advice of Philippians 4:8 and purposing to think on “whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report.”

It is also good to find a quiet place to pray on a regular basis. Go into a secret place, a closet perhaps,

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and close the door. Then forget about everything else that is going on and let God search your thoughts to reveal how they can be realigned with the Gospel. He will help you guard the access to your mind.

### SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

The pieces of armor named to this point are all for defense. The last item is an offensive weapon. Verse 17, tells us to pick up the “sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He chose to use the sword of the Spirit to resist the devil’s ploys (Matthew 4:1-11). After fasting for forty days and forty nights, He was tired and hungry. The devil came to Him and said, “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” Jesus did not react by turning the ground beneath the devil into quicksand. Instead, He resisted by quoting Scripture. He said, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

The devil did not give up right away, but took Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple, where he tempted Him again saying, “Cast thyself down: for it is written, He

shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.” Again, Jesus used Scripture saying, “It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”

The devil tried a third time, taking Him to a high mountain and saying, “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.” Jesus answered, “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

When the devil comes to attack you, pick up the Word. Choose a Scripture and start quoting. You don’t have to know a lot. Throw what you know at the devil or find a promise in the Bible and read it out loud. The devil can’t stand against God’s Word. The truth cuts him to the heart. If you want the devil to move out of the way, hold up the sword of the Spirit—find a promise in God’s Word, and stand on it.

### ARE YOU EQUIPPED TO STAND?

We hear a lot of testimonies in our services from Christian soldiers who are equipped with the armor of God and ready to stand against the devil. This is what is needed for every one of us. God has strategically placed us in locations around the world to do battle with the enemy in our communities, in our schools, and on the job. We are to resist the devil and spread the Gospel, and we can do that if we use the armor and weapons God has provided.

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"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

– Matthew 6:9-13

# HALLOWED

*be Thy*

# NAME

FROM A SERMON BY JOHN BAROS

THE OPENING PETITION OF **THE LORD'S PRAYER** TEACHES US VITAL TRUTHS ABOUT **HOW WE SHOULD APPROACH GOD.**



## FROM THE WORD

The sixth chapter of Matthew is an instructive chapter in which Jesus shared with His disciples a number of aspects of righteous living. In verses 9-13, He taught them what we now know as “The Lord’s Prayer,” which remains the model prayer for believers today. Entire books have been written about it, but we will not attempt to dissect every detail. Instead, I would like to closely consider the opening portion of His prayer, especially the first petition. In order for the rest of the prayer to be offered correctly, the opening must be offered correctly first, so this is a key part of the prayer.

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer is something we encourage children to learn and memorize, and as adults, we also pray these words. Yet prayer must go beyond a simple reciting of words. In fact, before Jesus gave His prayer, He addressed this issue directly. In verses 7-8 He said, “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” It is not that the more times we say these words, the more we will be heard. Nor is this prayer some type of mystical spell where this particular combination of words has special power. Rather, when we talk to God it must be with an honest and sincere heart, and then if we follow the example given by our Lord, our efforts will be that much more effective.

Jesus’ model prayer consists of three parts. First is the preface in verse 9, followed by six petitions in verses 9-13, and then the conclusion in the latter portion of verse 13. The preface is the opening address, “Our Father which art in heaven.” This reminds us that we approach God as our Father. We are His children; He cares for us and loves us. Yet, He is not just an ordinary father—He is our Father which is in Heaven. He is an eternal, unlimited God, and He sees things differently than we do because we are limited. It is always important to begin our prayers to God remembering that we are addressing our loving Father, and also recognizing that He is not from here but Heaven.

Of the six petitions in the Lord’s Prayer, the first three relate to God and His honor: “Hallowed be thy name,” “Thy kingdom come,” and “Thy will be done.” The last three petitions have to do with our needs and concerns: “Give us this day our daily bread,” “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,” and “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” The conclusion, “For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen,” reminds us that God is sovereign, and therefore deserves all praise.

### THE MEANING OF “HALLOWED BE THY NAME”

As we consider the significance of the first petition, “Hallowed be thy name,” we need to understand what these words literally mean. To begin, the word *be* indicates a wish or desire. In modern vernacular we might instead say “may your name be hallowed.” The word *name* is often used in Scripture to symbolize a person. For instance, in Proverbs 18:10 we read, “The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.” We understand in that verse that “the name of the Lord” represents God himself, and when we run to Him we are safe. Likewise in the Lord’s Prayer, we are not asking that only God’s name be hallowed, but God himself.

The word *hallowed* means “to be made holy, sanctified, or held sacred or in high esteem.” This word is used frequently in Scripture; the Levites, for

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example, were hallowed to God, as was the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and the Temple and its instruments. All of these were hallowed or sanctified—set apart from profane or even common use, to be used only for sacred purposes. So this is a petition for God to be set apart from any common usage and to be holy.



Of course, God is infinitely holy; He cannot be more holy than He already is. That means the intent of this petition cannot be to somehow make God holier. Rather, the words are for our benefit, and this is a hint to us that prayer has more to do with changing us than changing God. We are asking God to make Himself holy in our hearts and in our minds. We want to recognize the reality of His holiness, and for Him to be glorified and magnified in our lives. Thus, when we pray, “Hallowed be thy name,” we are praying, “May You be made holy in our lives.” That is what “Hallowed be thy name” means.

## A MATTER OF PRIORITIES

Once, I heard a story of a man who liked to talk about himself often. One day he was speaking with a coworker and talked about himself for about an hour. Then he said, “I’ve talked about myself long enough,” and he turned to his coworker and asked, “What do you think of me?”

We don’t want to be that type of coworker, and we also don’t want that scenario to happen in our prayer lives. Jesus provided a model for prayer that we ought to follow, and in His model there is a hierarchy of priorities—the petitions about God come first, and then the petitions for us follow. The point is that when we begin our prayers, our attention should first be on God, not ourselves. Our prayer is not about us, or who we are, or who we are not. It is not about others, or what they are or are not. It is not about what we have or have not done, and it is not about what others have or have not done. From the start, our focus and our attention is on God and His name.

People are usually really good at praying, “Give us this day our daily bread.” That petition is about our physical, earthly needs, and most people are very comfortable bringing these to God. It is not bad to bring our needs and concerns to God; James 4:2 says, “. . . ye have not because ye ask not,” so we know that asking is something we ought to do. But before we go into our personal concerns, of which we have many, we should say, “First of all, God, my attention is on You. May Your name be holy in my life. May You establish Your kingdom. May we do Your will here on earth as it is done in Heaven.”

## THE RESULT OF PUTTING GOD FIRST

As we direct our prayers to God in the model of the Lord’s Prayer, focusing on His holiness and sovereignty, we are reminded of how great, how mighty, and how loving He is. Praise comes naturally from our hearts, and that praise brings Him glory. Jesus said, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” He was speaking specifically of the Cross, but also as we lift Him up in our praises, He draws everyone to Himself.

Psalms 22:3 says God inhabits the praises of His people, so as we praise Him, He comes closer to us and we get a glimpse of His holiness. We gain a greater sense of who He is and where we are in relation to Him. In Scripture we read of a time when that happened to the prophet Isaiah. Chapter 6 of the Book of Isaiah records how he got a glimpse of God and cried out, “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts” (Isaiah 6:5). Isaiah realized his unclean condition; he saw his need for cleansing, and as a result, his iniquity was taken away. This happens to us, too. When we get a glimpse of God’s holiness, it causes us to cry out, “God, make me holy! Change me that I might bring You glory.” That is a prayer God will certainly answer.

## MORE THAN WORDS

Prayer is not just words that we say; our prayers represent our sincere desires and beliefs, and they are embodied in the way we live. When we say, “Thy will be done,” our entire beings are wrapped up in that prayer—we want God’s will in every aspect of our lives and we are committed to doing His will with His help. In the same way, when we pray, “Hallowed be Thy name,” our whole being is concerned with honoring God and His name.

Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Through our conduct, we want to shine the light of the Gospel and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. We could ask ourselves, Am I making the Father look good? Am I hallowing



## FROM THE WORD

His name and bringing glory to Him? We hallow God's name with our edifying words and pure conversation. We hallow His name in our thoughts throughout the day as we keep our minds stayed on Him. We hallow His name through our conduct in our families, in our marriages, and in our relationships; at our jobs and at school; with our money and time—we honor Him with everything we have. When we pray “Hallowed be thy name” we are saying, “Father, may Your name be made holy through my life. May my life be a light that gives glory to You, and may those who look at me see that You are holy, and that it is possible to live holy and righteously in this present world.”

### THE RIGHT APPROACH

The Bible is practical, and through Jesus' prayer, we have a practical model of how to approach God. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to come to God with our attention fully on Him and who He is, so that He can change us into His own image, bringing glory to Him. We may have many topics we want to talk to the Lord about, and many burdens on our hearts that need God's intervention. Yet, before we bring up those things, we want God to know that our first priority is Him: “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”

When we approach God that way, we will find we won't need as much time to tell God about our troubles. Once we have put God in His rightful place in our hearts, all we have to say about the rest is, “Lord, You know all about it.” May we approach God as Jesus instructed, that God would be glorified in all of our lives.

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# ETER INH

When I was born, my mother was extremely sick. In fact, after her third child was born, the doctors told her, “Don't ever get pregnant again; if you do, we won't have anything to do with you.” But lo and behold, I came along as child number four. My mom needed some assistance after the birth, and her sister and brother-in-law (who had no children) came to help out. They cared for me for ten months, and by the end of that time they wanted to take me home for good, but my parents did not let them.

After I was grown and married, I remember visiting that aunt and uncle, and he was talking about how much they loved me. He told me, “You never would have wanted for anything in this world if your parents had given you to us.” They were well-off financially, and some in our family thought they were going to leave a lot of their possessions to me. However, I'm glad my parents did not send me to live with them. When my uncle spoke of the earthly goods I might have received, my heart welled with praise to Jesus because I knew that by growing up in a godly home, I was given a far greater inheritance, which my aunt and uncle never would have given me. That night, I left their home blessing God and praying for them. Thank God, they did come to the Lord later on. And do you know who received the



# NAL ERITANCE

FROM A SERMON BY MARJORIE REID

## A WONDERFUL PLACE IS RESERVED FOR YOU.

inheritance they left behind? They gave it to Jesus by donating it to the work of the Lord.

No doubt, many of us have inherited things in our lifetimes. An inheritance is something that we do not earn and probably do not deserve; it is simply passed down to us as a gift. It is a blessing, even when it is an earthly or temporal inheritance. However, there are problems with an earthly inheritance. One is that it can run out. It is also a finite amount, usually divided among a number of individuals. I've actually heard of people who were disappointed because they thought they were going to get a bigger inheritance than what they received.

In contrast, there is a spiritual inheritance for each of us, and I can tell you on the authority of God's Word that it will never disappoint. First Peter 1:3-5 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again

unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." We have an assurance from the sovereign God of the universe that if we will surrender our hearts to Him, we will receive the inheritance of eternal life in Heaven. Heaven will never run out of space and it will never fade—it is incorruptible! It is one-hundred-percent secure. Nothing in this world is secure, but that which comes down from Heaven is secure beyond any threat because Jesus has paid for it with His own shed Blood. We could never have done it for ourselves, but He took the necessary actions to secure our reservation in Heaven. It is a real inheritance awaiting us someday. What a thrill that is to know!

### CLAIMING OUR RESERVATION

It is notable that the Scripture from 1 Peter says that our inheritance is "reserved in heaven." Making a reservation for something is not a guarantee that we will actually use that reservation. Think of a place on earth that you would love to visit. You can make arrangements to go there, and even pay to book your place, but if you don't show up at the appointed time, that reservation is forfeited. We will not enjoy any benefit from a reservation if we do not show up and claim it.



# AN INHERITANCE IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO NOT DESERVE; IT IS SIMPLY

Likewise, our reservation in Heaven requires action on our part. Jesus came to this world to make a way of salvation for all mankind, but there is something we must do to receive it—we have to wholeheartedly embrace His offer of salvation, falling down before God and repenting of our sins. We do not deserve the inheritance God has reserved for us; it is a free gift. Yet, we still must claim it before it can be ours, and we do that by obeying what God has commanded us to do.

## A WASTED INHERITANCE

It is possible to waste an inheritance. In Luke 15 we find an example of this in the familiar story of the Prodigal Son. He was a young man who had a great inheritance coming to him. We understand that in his day and culture, a son could ask for his inheritance even before his father had passed away, and that is what the Prodigal Son did. He took his money and lived it up by the world's standards. As long as his money lasted, he had lots of friends. He was probably considered a popular person among his friends, and he did everything that many young people wish they could do. But, he wasted his inheritance and eventually he had nothing. No family, no friends, no parties, and nothing even to eat.

This parable is relevant today because the deception experienced by the Prodigal Son is still happening to people. The same deceiver who was lying to young people in Bible times continues waging war today, and he wants us to waste our spiritual inheritance.

That is what will happen if we neglect God's instructions to us. Instead, we can ensure we will

receive what God has prepared for us by obeying His commands. We must take the teachings in His Word and claim them for ourselves, applying them to our lives.

When we hear the preacher preaching, we should not think, Wow, that fits perfectly for somebody I know. No, that is not how the Gospel works. Everything in the Word of God fits us! It fits me and it fits you. In order to be sure that we are on our way to our eternal inheritance, we have to apply Scripture to our lives. This starts with salvation—repenting of our sins and placing our faith in Christ as our Savior. Then we continue to seek to know and do God's will every day of our lives.

If we just think about the love of God and the offering that Jesus Christ made for us, it is easy to go to Him and surrender our lives. Rather than listening to the lies of the deceiver, we can claim the true promises in God's Word. The Prodigal Son's inheritance only lasted a short time, but our inheritance in Heaven will last forever. It is not something we can afford to waste.

## TREASURING OUR INHERITANCE

We need to place great value on what Jesus has done for us. The Son of God has reserved an eternal place for us in Heaven, and we will inherit it one day! If we want to better understand and appreciate what Jesus has done for us, we ought to think about it often. Meditate on the goodness of God toward us; doing so will help us deal with the hardships in life. In fact, that was what Peter was doing in his message about our Heavenly inheritance. His letter was for a group of believers who were being persecuted, and he lovingly and powerfully reminded them that their hope and victory in time of



# WHAT WE DO NOT EARN AND PROBABLY PASSED DOWN TO US AS A GIFT.

trial was the great expectation of Heaven after this life is over. An inheritance awaits the children of God, and it is secure!

Peter's message was not only for the recipients of his original letter, but for the entire Church of Christ. What a blessing to have these words as a sweet assurance from God! It puts things in the right perspective and encourages us to keep going, that we might receive our inheritance. Life can become crowded with many different influences, but we want to think on Jesus. When we choose to focus on Him, He will keep our perspective right and will lead us in the way we should go.

Moses was one who chose to embrace his inheritance, because he considered the reward from God to be far superior to the riches and pleasures of the world. We need to be like Moses, valuing what we have been given and standing up for it. It is more than the world could ever give us! It remains reserved for us in Heaven, but we must treasure it.

## NO REBOOKING

Two years ago, I flew to Fredrickton, New Brunswick, Canada, to pick up some of my grandchildren who were coming with me to the Portland camp meeting. I had booked tickets for three of us to fly from Fredrickton to Portland, and we got up very early in the morning to go to the airport. Upon arrival, the attendant told me, "We only have a reservation for you; we don't have these other two passengers." I pulled out my paperwork and explained that I had booked three tickets months before. I told them I

was desperate, and I really was desperate. We needed to get on that plane! But the flight was crowded and they said, "We're sorry; the computer is not showing your reservation." We were out a lot of money, but we were able to rebook and they put us on the next flight.

That day, I was grateful that our family was able to make a new reservation and still go to camp meeting. However, our spiritual reservation will not be that way. The Rapture of the Church, when the saints of God are caught up to Heaven, will happen without a moment's notice. As believers, we can hardly wait for that moment to come; we feel in our hearts that Jesus is coming soon and we want to go! But we want more people to make their reservation, too. If you have not yet made the decision to follow Jesus, you need to make your reservation for Heaven, and you need to do it now. You will not be able to rebook if you miss your opportunity. Don't lose what God has reserved for you. Don't forfeit your inheritance that was paid for by the Blood of the Lamb. God is calling you to be wise and claim it.

Recently I heard a song that said, "If you ever got a glimpse of what's waiting over there, you'd never want to stay down here." We do have a glimpse of it, because we have been told in the Word of God about that wonderful place. Our reservation there is secure if we have claimed His promises as our own and continue walking in obedience to Him. We are looking forward to seeing Him there some glorious day.

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# THOUGH A CHILD, I KNEW WHAT GOD DID WAS REAL

BY CARRIE KEJU

*T*he family I was raised in was one where Christian testimonies were lived out before me. However, our home did not start that way. Both of my parents had been raised in Christian homes, but as they grew older, they left God and the faith of their childhoods. When they met and dated, neither one was aware that the other had once walked with God and known a better way of life than what they were currently living.

God is faithful and He continuously called after my parents' hearts. Through the misery of Holy Spirit conviction, and as their relationship with each other deepened, they came

to learn of each other's knowledge of God and current disregard of His instructions. After my backslidden grandmother returned to God, my parents occasionally went to church with her. One Sunday evening, shortly after they were married, they attended again. Unbeknownst to them, it was the last night of a week of special services. God's convicting Spirit rested heavily on them as the sermon concluded, and with a simple nod confirming their shared desire, they moved forward together to the altar of prayer. That night, through repentance they each had a born-again experience with Jesus Christ.

## NO LONGER SEPARATED

Because of that night, I was raised in a Christian home. It was a home where a personal relationship with God was taught and emphasized; where Jesus was an ever-present Guest. Not only were my parents faithful in taking our family to church, but they also brought the church into our home by establishing a family altar. Before bedtime, my mother would read from the Bible, my father would add a comment or two, and then each of us would pray.

Of course, that environment did not make me a Christian. It did, however, bring me into an increasingly strong





awareness of the separation between God and me that was caused by my sin. From a very young age, I knew that I stood completely separated from God. I knew that; I felt it. And even at that tender age, I experienced Holy Ghost conviction when I initially rejected the loving call of God.

In addition to attending church regularly, the five of us children would also play church at home. We would pretend to testify, preach, and pray. At times when we did this, the Holy Spirit would speak to my heart, and I would hope my siblings wouldn't see the tears in my eyes when the play-acting had become real for me. I also remember playing hide-and-seek, and I would hide in the bathroom because it had no windows so it was very dark; no one would find me there. Yet, the Holy Spirit found me, and conviction would bring misery to my heart. The Holy Spirit also spoke to me as a young girl walking to school. I would go to the far side of the street, next to the woods where nobody else was walking, because the Spirit was speaking to my heart. Looking back on those times, I am thankful for the conviction I felt and for God's faithfulness in dealing with mankind. He cares enough for even one soul to persist and persist, to try and try, to give and give, in hopes of seeing that lost soul saved.

In the fourth grade, I prayed an earnest prayer. Oh, I had prayed before—even squeezed out tears and made restitution to my parents. However, I had never prayed a prayer of faith that resulted in salvation. That day, all I wanted was to be a child of God; to know that I was a friend of Christ's as He was already a Friend to me. I desperately wanted the conviction to be gone and that separation between myself and God to be removed. Though just a young child, that morning as I prayed, I felt myself to be the greatest of sinners. Even though I had not committed any "terrible" sins, I knew to do good and did not do it. Therefore, the separation between God and me was as big as it is for anyone.

God did not disappoint my heart that was so hungry for Him. After only a few moments of earnest repentance with faith in Jesus, God's wonderful experience of salvation became mine—and I knew it was real! No one else was with me; it was just one nine-year-old girl and a loving, forgiving Heavenly Father. He filled my heart with joy and peace and confidence that I was forgiven.

## A COMPLETE SURRENDER TO GOD

A few months later, at a summer camp, I heard other young people testify that they were "sanctified." I did not know the definition of "sanctification" nor any doctrinal statement about it. I only knew that there were others as young as I who had received this second work-of-grace experience from God—and I wanted it too!

In childlike faith, again I prayed. This time, my prayer was much longer and not as simple. Rather than repenting to and accepting from God, now I was giving—giving all I had, and all I would ever have; giving



*Carrie and her husband, Dial, in 1989.*

all I wanted, and everything I would ever want; giving beyond the limits of what I knew. It was a complete and unconditional dedication of myself to God, forever. It was not a surface vow of commitment to do something for Him, but instead a depth-of-being setting aside of self to belong entirely to Him. As I prayed with faith believing, a transformational experience occurred in my heart and I knew God had sanctified me.

## BECOMING PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

Once I was told that salvation is about Jesus giving Himself freely for us, sanctification is about us giving ourselves entirely to Jesus, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit is about us giving ourselves for God's use so that others might know Jesus. It is a simple explanation, but one that resonated with me.



It wasn't until after high school that I was stirred with a hunger for more of God and to be used by Him to impact others' lives. I proceeded to seek the infilling of God's Spirit with deep prayers for many years. I believed that I did so with full faith. Yet, the truth is, my heart was full of questions, and more pain than praise. I wondered, Could God use me? Would God use me? Did I have anything to give for His use? I felt somewhat like the child on the school's playground waiting to be picked for the team. Unlike the experiences of salvation and sanctification, I was making this experience about me and my abilities, even while I said and believed that my faith was in God.

One day a friend asked me, "Carrie, do you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" I opened my mouth to

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respond with the story of my seeking when the Holy Spirit checked my heart, pointing out to me that it was a simple yes-or-no question. This caused me to realize how much my seeking was self-centered, when God had faithfully promised to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to me. I understood that the baptism truly is a gift, even as the other experiences had been!

After that realization, in my mind's eye, I drew a line in the sand. I said right out loud, "Satan, you are on that side and God and I and all He has given me, including the promise of the Holy Spirit, are on this side—and you can't touch us!" And then God did it—He filled me with His Holy Spirit! The experience was unimaginable, and the fruit that followed in my life was very real. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Before receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that verse always caused me anxiety and sorrow—how could believers go boldly to the throne of God? But after the Spirit's infilling, I understood, and my

prayers became not only more confident, but also more purposeful.

Some might say these three foundational spiritual experiences would be expected for a child raised in a home such as mine. Perhaps some would say I was brainwashed as a child, and that is why these events happened to me. However, these experiences were definite, and in addition, the greatest blessing has been God's presence in each day of my life. He sheltered me from the daily peer pressure of my school years. He was with me in college and led me into a consecrated marriage. And He showed Himself strong time and again on our behalf while my husband and I lived overseas, away from our church family. Those experiences were not one-time events; they are still real in my life and God is still with me every day.

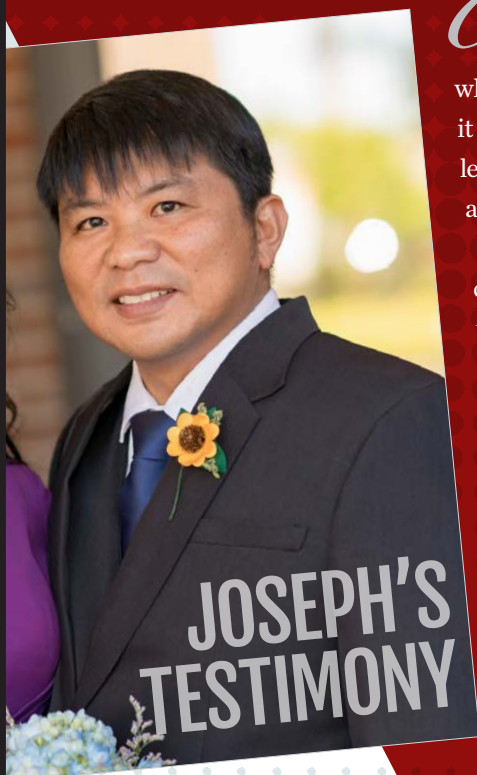
The overseas country where my husband and I lived was very poor, and that was the first time in my life that I saw the ramifications of genuine poverty. It was that experience which motivated me to return to school to study Economic Development. I felt that I could no longer simply have a career focused on monetary gain; life is too short, the gift of God's love too powerful, and the world's need too great for me to do that.

For more than twenty-five years now, I have worked internationally in poverty alleviation. I have traveled a lot, and the Lord has always guided and protected me. More important than the economic impact that I may or may not have made, I have been blessed to share Christ's love around the globe with non-believers, as well as enjoy the fellowship of other believers. In fact, I do not see myself as having a career, but rather what I have is a passion. My sole desire is to live for God and to bring my all into His service—to be a vessel of honor appropriately equipped for the Master's use. My hope is to touch hearts with the fingerprints of His love, even as He has touched mine.

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**JOSEPH'S  
TESTIMONY**

*M*y parents were both faithful members of the Apostolic Faith Church when I was born. As a young boy, I attended church services regularly, mainly because it was a requirement in our home. Now, I am so thankful for that because it helped me learn about the Bible through the Sunday school lessons, and later I also learned to apply those lessons in real life, though I was too young to take it seriously at first.

When I was nine years old, a film entitled “Burning Hell” was shown at the church. While watching it, I was so afraid and heard a still, small Voice saying that I needed to repent of all my sins or else I was going to Hell. After the film, the leader asked us to kneel and pray for forgiveness of our sins. The floor was gravel, but that did not stop me from praying because of the great fear inside me. I prayed deeply that night and asked Jesus to forgive all my sins, and in His mercy He forgave me. It felt so good to have the assurance that I was ready for Heaven.

Life was not easy, however. It seemed that the other young people in our village could do anything they wanted, and I felt restrained. I started to envy them, which led to me backsliding. I tried smoking and gambling in places where no one from the church or my family could see me. At home, I would do household chores and attend church services to look good and responsible, but away from home I was not good and was so irresponsible.

When I reached high school, my situation became worse. I began to steal

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**GENEVIEVE'S  
TESTIMONY**

*G*rowing up, I went to a Catholic church every Sunday with my mother. As a child, I looked forward to church services because afterward, we would go to the market for our weekly supplies and my mom would buy me my favorite comic book. Later as a teenager, I started attending mass on Saturday afternoons instead of Sundays, so I could be with my friends. While in college, attending the Saturday evening mass in a small chapel near our house became more convenient. My older brother was a member of the Catholic Youth Organization and a choir member at that time, and my sister-in-law and I were assigned to do the first and second Bible readings before the sermon.

I was the youngest of five children and the only girl. My brothers did not love studying, but my parents had great anticipation that I would become a medical doctor. They wanted that to be my focus, so I was not allowed to have a boyfriend



money from my mother's wallet and before long, I became more involved with what my friends were doing. I pretended to be saved even though deep inside I knew that I was not. When it was time to go to college, I purposely chose to study away from home to give myself freedom from the church and my family. During my college years, sometimes I would pray, but I continued living in my own way. My life became like a rollercoaster ride with many ups and downs.

At the age of twenty-two, I got married and was already expecting to become a father. I found a job in my wife's village, and due to distance, we mostly attended church just at holidays. Our marriage had its share of difficulties, but in mercy God helped us even though we weren't following Him.

In 1998, my parents asked me to help in the management of our family business. I was hesitant at first, but my father convinced me to accept the job. And almost without realizing it, I started to attend church

services again. God's Spirit called after my heart, and I am so thankful that when I asked God to forgive me once more, He showed His faithfulness to someone like me who had been so unfaithful to Him. He gave me another chance to serve Him.

After God saved me, I was given the opportunity to join the church choir, and to start teaching children in Vacation Bible School and young people in Sunday school. It was really fulfilling and a complete turnaround from my previous life. The Lord also helped me to make some difficult restitutions, to my mother and also my wife.

As I continued in my spiritual walk, God sanctified me. I really cannot explain that experience, but at that moment I lost the eagerness to see the old friends I had parted with before I was saved, and instead wanted to enjoy the company of my wife and children at home. Also, in our family business I had an opportunity to earn millions of pesos working with the government, but the Lord led me not to participate as it involved

# REJOICING

BY JOSEPH &  
GENEVIEVE RUIZ

until I turned eighteen. I obediently complied until I met my husband. We started dating when I was seventeen and that first rule was broken.

Joey was raised in the Apostolic Faith Church, but he was not living by Biblical standards and we did not honor God in our relationship. During my second year of medical school, I found out I was pregnant, and that brought a lot of heartache to our families. I felt especially bad for my parents, because I knew how carefully they had tried to mold their little girl according to their understanding of God's Word.

During that time, I would not talk to anyone about what was going on because I felt so guilty, and God became my refuge. We had a civil wedding in September of 1995 and I decided to take a leave of absence from medical school. Our son was born in

November, and in December, at the Apostolic Faith camp meeting, someone encouraged me to pray at the altar. There I met God more personally. All of the expectations I had failed to meet and all of the disappointments I had caused were looming large in front of me, the biggest of which was disobeying God's Word. I felt so sorry for committing those sins against the Lord. As I laid down everything before God, I felt a heavy burden being lifted, and God saved me that day.

Immediately after getting saved, I also asked forgiveness from my parents, and the following year I decided to go back to medical school to fulfill their dream. I told myself that I would do my best. Being a wife, mom, and medical student was tough, but God helped me. I didn't know how I would even make it through, but I ended up at the top of our class, which is just how God works!





corrupt practices. He reminded me of Mark 8:36 which says, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

In 2005, the Lord baptized me with His Holy Spirit. I will never forget that day! I was praying hard, making consecrations, and really expecting to be filled that day. But after praying a long time, I left the prayer meeting feeling a bit disappointed that I had not received. On my way out, I saw my wife being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in a language she did not know. I tried to continue to leave, but when I reached the door, I said, “Lord, why not me also and not only my wife?” With conviction and hunger, I began to pray again. Not long after that, the Lord filled me with the Holy Spirit. It was so good!

Later, I was asked to become a minister and started preaching in different branch churches. From 2006 to 2012, almost every weekend I would travel eight hundred kilometers, preaching seven sermons in five of our

churches. It was a bit exhausting but really fulfilling. God provided me with a good car, and I was thankful to see people get saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

I was also the leader of our young people’s group, and for years I had difficulty explaining the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to them. But one youth camp, God showed us His glory. As we prayed and sought Him, He poured out His Holy Spirit in a mighty way. Young people were speaking in Korean, Chinese, Japanese, and other languages. Others were singing “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” in languages they did not know. It was truly an encounter with Jesus, almost like seeing Him face to face. One pastor knew some Japanese and interpreted what was being said in that language as praises to the Lord. Several of us knew just a few words in Korean, and we recognized that a young lady was saying, “I love You, Lord.” Since then, any doubts or questions our young people had regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit have been gone.



After my graduation, everyone expected that I would do my internship at the best hospital in Manila, but I decided to transfer to my husband’s hometown, where he had begun working in his family’s business. My internship was in a hospital that almost no one in my class had ever heard of, but living there allowed us to attend church more regularly. And amazingly, that government hospital gave me the best experience as an intern. I was able to deal with many charity patients

and that helped me understand why God had put me in this profession. For my residency, I also spent four years in the same hospital training in pediatrics. Since then, all of my career plans have been made while seeking the Lord as well as godly advice from our ministers, and everything has gone well.

In 2005 God sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. God taught me a lot of things as I consecrated my life more and more to Him, and He’s



In 2017, our entire family was able to go to Portland, Oregon, for camp meeting and to attend the wedding of my brother. I was praying for my children and especially for my eldest son to get saved. One youth meeting while at the altar, my son came to me apologizing and I knew he had been saved. He continued praying and was sanctified, and then started speaking in another language as he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Truly it was a bounty from the Lord that day, and I am so thankful! I remember telling God, "If only I could understand what my son was saying; if only someone would hear and interpret." Before we left the church, a lady approached us saying he had been praising Jesus in Hindi. Not only my son and I were blessed that day, but also that Indian lady who had thought it was an Indian man praying! My daughter also received a reanointing that camp meeting. A Korean brother came and asked me if she had studied Korean, and when I said she had not, he said she was praying in perfect Korean.

Recently, we had a very difficult situation with our family business due to some false accusations made against us, but God assured me that everything would be alright. When I was at the point of giving up and thinking we would lose our business, one of our young people came

to me during our youth camp and said that God had given her a message for me: "Jesus said, 'I love you.'" Later that day, another young person came to me a bit concerned. She said she'd had a vision of me speaking to Jesus, talking and talking like I was pleading my case. She said she could not understand what I was saying, but that Jesus' answer was very clear: "It's going to be alright." That was so encouraging! Just a few days later, inspectors from different government agencies came to our office for a surprise check of our operations, and they all agreed that everything was okay and we were allowed to proceed. That happened to be on my birthday, and what a great gift that was!

I am thankful for everything the Lord has done for me—in my life, for my wife and children, in our churches in the Philippines, as well as in our family business. To God be the glory!

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been with me during the good times and the difficult times.

In 2003 my mother started attending camp meetings with us. My father would only come to church on special occasions, but in December of 2006, just a few days before he passed away, he asked my husband to pray with him. Joey told him that he needed to accept Christ as his personal Savior, and he eagerly answered, "Yes, I do accept Him" so we have hope that someday we will see him in Heaven. Then, at our summer camp meeting in 2008, my mother was also saved.

One recent time of trial was in 2016 when my mother had a stroke which paralyzed the right side of her body. God gave us a miracle because, though she is

eighty-two years old, she easily recovered and can now walk with only the assistance of a cane. Though I'm a medical doctor, I believe that most of the time prayer is the main reason someone recovers from illness. In my clinic, I have a cross-stitch wall hanging of praying hands and "God answers prayers" to remind my patients that it's not me but God who can heal them.

Today, I am a practicing pediatrician, Sunday school teacher, choir member, pastor's wife, and mother to four God-fearing and talented children who are also laborers in the Lord's vineyard. God has been showering me with so many spiritual blessings, and He keeps on surprising me. I will forever be grateful to the Lord for all of His goodness toward me.





# PERSEVERANCE & PUMPKINS

Our efforts in the Gospel are a lot like newly planted seeds—it takes patience to see the harvest.

BY KAREN  
BARRETT

It was spring, and planting season was upon us. My young grandson and I were browsing the aisles at a home and garden center while waiting for my husband to purchase supplies needed for a yard project. We passed by a colorful display of seed packets and paused to study the amazing variety of herbs and vegetables that someone willing to invest the time and effort could grow.

Our grandson had shown an interest in gardening, so on a whim I told him, “You pick out a packet of seeds and Grandma will buy them for you.” Of course, that offer precipitated a much more in-depth scrutiny of the options available. Should he choose a Rainbow Carrot mix? How about that Carnival Radish Blend . . . or Kentucky Wonder Beans . . . or Sugar Ann Snap Peas . . . or Tiny Tim Cherry Tomatoes . . .? Grandpa made his purchase and came to find us, so a final decision was required. We went home with our prospective farmer excitedly clutching a packet of giant pumpkin seeds in his hand.

Now, I will admit that I was a bit skeptical about whether we would ever see any pumpkins in the backyard, giant or otherwise. However, my grandson surprised me. He was diligent about caring for those pumpkin seeds! His grandpa helped him poke them into small peat containers filled with potting mix, and in time, the first tiny green seedlings appeared. Each time we went to their house, we were invited to see how the baby plants were doing in their spot on a windowsill. Eventually, Grandpa determined that the seedlings were big enough to be transplanted into larger pots, and finally into the soil along the side of the house. The two of them accomplished those tasks together.

I supposed that the cliché “out of sight, out of mind” might prove true when it came to baby pumpkin plants, but once again, I was wrong. Our grandson tended those plants as if they were his own children! Daily he would get a pitcher from the kitchen, carefully fill it with water, and head out to the yard to give his plants a drink. Evidently, the plants appreciated his loving care because they grew. A number of weeks later, there were blossoms . . . and at last, some tiny pumpkins. Then there were frequent trips to the side yard so we could see how big the pumpkins were getting. And they DID get big! Eventually, our grandson harvested a respectable





number of good-sized pumpkins, and happily sold them (via his mom's Facebook post about his entrepreneurial endeavors), netting a nice little sum to put in his piggybank. His patient efforts had paid off!

My grandson's pumpkin growing project made me think of the Apostle Paul's admonition to the Galatian church members, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). Paul used this general principle about harvest as a way to encourage the Galatians to keep on doing what was right, trusting God for results even when there was no immediate evidence that results would occur.

Experience has taught me that perseverance—which clearly is what Paul was encouraging—is not always easy. I tend to like quick results, or at least some evidence of progress! Since patience is an area I am still working on, I decided to delve a little deeper into this verse. I wondered, What does "weary" refer to in this context? What are potential causes of weariness? What are some examples of "well doing"? What will we "reap" in due season? And when is the "due season"?

A study of surrounding verses revealed that Paul's exhortation was part of his explanation to the Galatians regarding life in the Spirit. While this instruction was directed primarily toward those who restore the fallen and share the burdens of others, the principle has a broader application: it encourages patient continuance in spiritual endeavors, no matter how difficult that may be.

## THE MEANING OF THE WORD "WEARY"

One of my first thoughts about the word "weary" in the phrase "let us not be weary in well doing" was that as a mother of five, I knew all about weariness. Checking into the meaning of that word in the original language, however, was illuminating. It does not refer to fatigue or physical tiredness, but rather to faltering in spirit—to becoming discouraged in our efforts, or losing heart.

Even brief reflection will lead to the conclusion that as human beings, we have regrettable capacity for losing interest in things we once considered wonderful. Think of something you were enthusiastic about recently. Has the joy faded? Remember that first day of vacation at the coast? The waves were spectacular, the sky was a vivid blue, and the warm sand under your feet was delightful. By the end

of your stay, though, perhaps you hardly noticed the waves, sky, and sand anymore. I have heard that millionaires get tired of money (though I can't verify that from experience). I do know that grandkids get tired of toys—even that exorbitantly expensive little Fingerling monkey "that delivers all the fun interactions and motions kids love." Could it be that Christians get tired of doing good? Evidently Paul thought that could be a danger.

## REASONS WE CAN BECOME WEARY

What might be the causes for this type of weariness? Likely the reasons vary from individual to individual. The enemy of our souls knows our weaknesses and he will not hesitate to attack in those precise areas in an attempt to undermine our diligence and commitment. Perhaps we face opposition to what we are attempting to do. Maybe we feel overwhelmed because there is so much to do—so many demands on our time. We may be disheartened over what we perceive to be a lack of results. Perhaps we have experienced ingratitude or outright rejection of our efforts.

It is true that attempts to help can be misunderstood, motives misrepresented, kindness abused, and hopes for success treated as visionary and absurd. And most of us are probably impacted at least occasionally when mechanical routine gradually steals into our service. No doubt Paul and the saints of Galatia faced similar situations in their era. However, in the face of every potentially disheartening factor, the Apostle still encouraged the Galatian saints not to be weary in well doing. He knew they would need patience in striving to maintain spiritual momentum when the realities of life brought weariness.

## EXAMPLES OF "WELL DOING"

I went on to ponder the meaning of the word translated "well doing"—a reference to faithful continuance in actions and behaviors that are just and approved in God's sight. Multiple examples came to mind, because throughout my life, I have been blessed to be surrounded by people who were (and are) stellar examples of faithfulness.

There was the quiet and unassuming mother of one of my friends during my teenage years. After a long history of





participating in numerous but mostly “behind-the-scenes” ministries in the church, her husband was stricken with a progressive neurological disease and became bedfast. She quietly and faithfully cared for him over a period of years until he passed away, rarely even making it out to church. During that time, though, she also made literally hundreds of knit caps for children in India!

An older retired man in our Portland congregation came to mind. In a period of life when many his age are looking forward to enjoying leisure time activities such as hobbies and travel, he has devoted months at a time to visiting branch churches to help on a variety of construction and maintenance projects. He frequently testifies about what a privilege that has been.

I thought of a single mom who faithfully and cheerfully cares for her son who has disabilities, another friend who spends hours tending the flowerbeds on our church campground, and a group of young moms who support each other by providing meals when one of the young mothers in the church has a baby.

Then my mind went back to a time years ago when I was personally blessed in multiple ways by the help of people of God who had not allowed themselves to become “weary in well doing.” While I was hospitalized and away from home for a number of months during a serious illness, they rallied around my family. Ladies came and cleaned house for my husband while he was away at work—since we had five young children, that help was greatly appreciated! Others brought in meals, took our kids for outings, visited me and sent uplifting messages, and generally carried us through that valley. Our children—all adults now with homes of their own—still look back and recall the kindness showered upon our family during that time.

## WHAT WILL WE REAP?

Finally, I spent some time considering what it means to “reap.” Paul was saying there will be a reward for faithfulness. I recalled that he penned a similar message to the believers in Corinth, writing, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Here again, he was pointing out that God is

aware of efforts made in His Name, and there will be a recompense.

Sometimes we reap the harvest in this life. When we sow acts of love, we reap a harvest of returned affection—sometimes far beyond what we feel we deserve. When we give generously and sacrificially to the needs of others, we reap a harvest of satisfaction as we see needs being met. When we sow the seed of God’s Word in hungry hearts, we experience (at least at times) the joy of response. However, we need to remember that reaping a harvest almost never happens on the same day as sowing the seed. We may not even see a harvest in this life! Nevertheless, Paul’s exhortations, along with many other Scriptures, indicate that we must never give up.

## WHEN IS “IN DUE SEASON”?

Paul’s promise indicates that our Master will reward those who have been faithful in “due season”—at the appointed time. God’s actions are part of a deliberate plan, and amid all the apparent conflict and confusion of human events, He is working out that plan. At the time appointed by Him, rewards will be given. And it seems clear that His “Well done!” in that day will not be proportioned to the measure of visible success in the eyes of man, but to the devotedness, diligence, fidelity, and perseverance of the doer.

What a source of blessing and encouragement this promise in Galatians is! The principle of reaping applies to our attempts to support, comfort, encourage, and edify each other in the Gospel just as it does to raising giant pumpkins. Our Heavenly Father sees and knows of each effort.

Few things are more difficult than waiting. Our grandson learned that his pumpkin harvest did not come immediately after the seeds were sown; he needed patience, and he had to keep on providing what was needed for his plants to grow. In the same manner, we must learn not to lose heart as we invest ourselves in well doing. Some day we will reap a reward for our efforts!

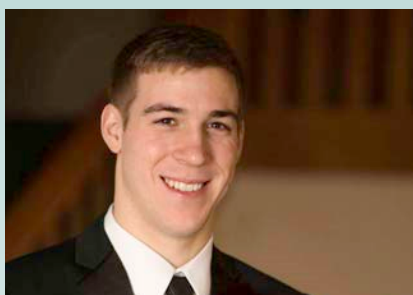
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# EVIDENCE

**L.J. BARLEY • PORTLAND, OREGON**

When I was twenty-one years old, I was saved at a youth retreat. I wasn't expecting to get saved that weekend, but just showed up to have a good time playing basketball with some friends. Then, that Saturday night during the testimony service, I felt so convicted. I was in the back row—in fact, a buddy and I had made our own row behind everybody else. I



was hoping no one would see me there, but during the testimonies, it felt like everyone was looking at me. Nobody actually was, but I was under so much conviction, I thought everyone was staring at me. My heart was beating fast during the sermon, and after the service I knelt down to pray. I couldn't do it by myself, though, and wanted someone to help me. I kept looking up toward the minister, thinking if I could just pray with him, maybe I could get saved. This went on for some time, and then I looked up and he wasn't there anymore. I thought I had missed my chance, but then a chair plopped down next to me. It was the minister, and he helped me pray. When you feel you can't do something, God will make a way.

It has been a while since I received salvation. Now I have the opportunity to attend youth retreats as staff, and it has been such a blessing. God has also blessed me with a beautiful Christian wife. I give Him all the praise.

**BETTY LAMBERT • YAKIMA, WASHINGTON**

My mother taught me the Word of God, and from a very early age, I wanted to give my life to the Lord. One Sunday at the Sixth and Burnside church, I knelt and gave my heart to Jesus. We had been in a little room singing, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." That was my start in the Gospel. I went home and told my siblings that I had been saved. They said, "Well, you need to act like it." Out of five children, I was the youngest, and it seemed I was the only one with the desire to serve the God my mother served. God is merciful, though. About eighteen years ago, my sister was saved on her deathbed. More



recently, in March, my brother died at the age of eighty-six. Shortly before that, my husband and I had been talking to him about the Lord and noticed a change in him. He

was interested in serving the Lord. A few weeks before he died, we went to see him. He was not awake, but the nurse said, "He will be awake tomorrow, because it is Sunday and he loves to go to church." I was stunned, because he hadn't been in church since he was a young boy. Not long after that visit, he told his wife he had given his heart to Jesus. I am so thankful for God's mercy.

**MASON CHASTEEN • PORTLAND, OREGON**

I am thankful I am saved, and on Tuesday night God sanctified me.



A couple of sermons this week were aimed toward sanctification, and me. After the sermon on Tuesday I went to the altar and prayed. I told God that if He would sanctify me I would testify about it, and He did. Afterward, I went out with my friends. When I told them what had happened, they said they had noticed because I was acting different. I am thankful I was born into a Christian home and brought to this church. I hope to see God one day.





## WITNESS

CYRIL AGUNU • LAGOS, NIGERIA

Jesus beamed His light my way, and I am glad that I received it. I came from an extreme Muslim home, but was asked to pray and did. I prayed through to salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.



The Lord has been good to me and I appreciate Him. He has given me a lovely wife, and beautiful children and grandchildren.

On Tuesday as my wife and I were about to step out of our cabin and go to the evening service, we received a distressing message from back home. Armed robbers were on a rampage in our village. I reminded myself that the Name of the Lord is a strong tower, and our safety and security are guaranteed in Him. I also remembered that the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him. My wife called our district overseer in Nigeria, and he assured us that the Lord was in control. We went to the evening service and took time to pray afterward. By the time we finished, there were several messages waiting for us. We bless the Name of the Lord that He shielded our home. All of the homes were raided except ours.

RACHEL HALL • MEDFORD, OREGON

When I was a teenager, the Gospel came to our home through some folks from this church who came to southern California to witness to my parents. Dad had just gotten out of prison, and they had gone through an ugly divorce and were trying to make their marriage work again. My parents did not receive the Gospel message, but I was in the same room listening and liked what I heard. I watched those people and wanted what they had. Not too long after that, while I was visiting in Medford, Oregon, I got on my knees and prayed, and the Lord wonderfully saved me. He set me free from condemnation and all the sins that were attached to my life.

However, my story does not end there. My mother was devout in her church, believed her prophet, and was faithful to her country, serving in World War II as a nurse. I prayed for her for decades, as did many people. I was never



allowed to give her my written testimony, but I believe we are a book read by all men. We walk the walk and talk the talk, and how we live our lives matters. When my mother was eighty-three years old and on her deathbed, she asked

some serious questions. She had no peace, and I was able to share with her that you can have peace with God. She repented of her sins and was wonderfully saved. Then she said, "Rachel, kiss your mother good-bye." She kissed me again and said, "I am ready to go." It was heartbreaking, but I was so happy. Don't stop praying for your loved ones!

ELADIO RETAMAL VASQUES • LIMÁVIDA, CHILE

At the age of twenty-four, I was invited to an evangelistic service in someone's home. I decided to go and took my guitar. That day, I made a decision for the Lord. God saved me, and I have never turned back.

I married in the following year and God has blessed us with two children. When our first child was born, our situation was very difficult. People did not want to give me work, because I was different from them. Many asked, "What is wrong with him?" and, "Why does he go to that church?" We lived through some very difficult years. At one point, I thought about going away to work near the capital. However, after talking with my wife, I decided to stay in order to support a pastor who was going to hold services near us in Limávida. The week after we made that decision, God showed me in a dream four families of bees in four thorny coverings, and a Voice said to me, "They are for you." From that day, God started to bless me in the bee business, giving me many jobs.



When people closed their doors to me, God opened doors elsewhere. When there were no jobs where I lived, work came from other towns. This was one of the great blessings God did for us. I continue to earn a living from bees; it is what has sustained us. I thank God that He never fails to supply our needs.



There have been many other blessings, including healings. One time God healed me when I had a fever and pain in my neck and bones. I did not want to go to a hospital, and one morning, God woke me up at about two and said, “Get up and pray.” I got up and prayed, and was healed.

On many occasions, I have seen the hand of God move. I saw a woman healed of a toothache while several of us were praying for her. We prayed for another woman who was crying out because of kidney stones and God healed her, too. I have seen God do great things and am thankful for all that He has done.

I am also thankful for God’s mercy. He protected me when I was travelling to Chillan in the south. I was taking my bees to a flower field and got in an accident in San Gregorio. My vehicle turned around

in the middle of the highway, but God helped me escape without harm. He also spared my vehicle—only one mirror was broken! Afterward, however, the city had to replace twenty-four meters of the guard rail on the highway, and they filed a claim against me in court. When I went to the San Gregorio courthouse, I was charged with twelve violations committed during the accident. I thank God that the judge ruled in my favor.

Soon after, I was also charged with a traffic violation in the Chillan court. There, too, God gave me favor. When the judgment was settled, a letter came saying the matter had been settled, but not saying who had won. I called the court and was told that the outcome was in my favor. I asked, “Are you sure?” and the court assistant said, “When you came to court, we told you it had come out in your favor.” However, I had never been to the court in Chillan; they never saw me. I told her, “Miss, I never went,” but she insisted, “Yes, you came.” I thank God that He sent someone to take my place.

I am thankful to God for His mercy and for all He has done in my life.



RACHEL FRIESEN • SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

There are so many things that I could testify about, but lately I have been thinking about my sanctification. When I was four years old, the Lord came into my bedroom one night and I felt His presence for the first time. I asked Him to be with me, and He was; He became my Friend. Then, when I was seven and at camp meeting, my aunt asked, “Would you like to be sanctified?” I said, “Yes, I would.” I knelt down and prayed and afterward said that I had been sanctified. I thought that I had been, but there was never a transaction with the Lord that took place in my heart. There wasn’t a moment when I knew He had done that for me. Several years later, when I was twelve, I was at camp meeting in a young people’s service. I had a strong desire to please God, and in the sermon, I learned that Solomon pleased God by asking for wisdom, so I decided to ask for wisdom. When I did, the clearest transaction with God took place in my heart. I knew in that moment that the Lord had set me aside for His use. He showed me what He wanted from my life. I didn’t realize it until many years later, but that was when the Lord sanctified me; it was when He actually did something in my heart. Since then, He has given me the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and He is with me every day.





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## SOUTH KOREA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year's South Korea camp meeting, which took place in Seoul on August 2-5, was an anniversary celebration of the beginning of the Apostolic Faith work in Korea, and included the installation of Jeong Min Kim as the new Korea District Superintendent.

Fifty years ago, missionaries Harold and Sally Barrett held the first Apostolic Faith service in a small upper room of their rented home in Busan, South Korea. The "roots" of that first little gathering were in an outreach ministry to seafaring men by members of the headquarters church in Portland, Oregon. The Barretts were among the workers who visited ships that came into the Portland harbor to invite men to church services. Brother Barrett recounted, "Many times the Korean seamen would ask me if we had a church in their country. They would say, 'Why don't you come to Korea?'" In time, God opened doors for that to happen, and in 1966, the couple traveled to Korea as guests of the Korean government and spent seven months there. A few months after their return to Portland, they accepted the challenge to return to Korea as missionaries.

After more than a year of making contacts with families of the Korean crewmen they had entertained in their home, a retired crewman came to the Barretts' house one day and said, "Brother Barrett, why don't we begin to hold meetings?" There were only three present in that first gathering, but they held a church service. In time, others began to join them one by one.

The second floor room of their home where the growing group assembled was only about ten by fifteen feet in size. Brother Barrett related, "We called it the 'Upper Room Church.' We did not have beautiful pews. I did not even have a pulpit to preach from, but we started inviting the seamen who came to see us. Soon we had several dozen people attending, sitting on the floor around me as I preached a simple Gospel message. The Lord gave me such a love for the souls of



these people, and tears would stream down my face as I preached. Before long, many of them truly gave their hearts to the Lord. We found an army chaplain who was trying to learn English and he was our interpreter. God talked to his heart through my simple messages and he was saved. He later became a minister."

Many in the growing Busan congregation faced opposition for the stand they took for the Gospel, but their devotion to the Lord and desire to tell others about His love caused the numbers in the little upper room gathering to swell. In one letter home, the missionaries wrote of a group of girls who worked in the factories of Busan. "They work twelve hours a day, seven days a week. Then they lay down their tools and without any dinner, ride the bus for one hour to come to church. They make seven-and-a-half cents an hour, and those young girls pay tithes! They make those sacrifices willingly because they love God. Sometimes by the time they arrive, the sermon is almost over, but they fall on their knees at the altar. If only you could see the puddles of tears as they pray! God meets with them there, and though they are tired in body, they are refreshed in their spirits."

Fifty years later, the Apostolic Faith organization now has six churches in South Korea: in Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Daejeon, Okpo, and Akyang. Among the church workers are some of those same factory girls who attended services in the Barretts' home. They have raised their children in the Gospel and now are watching their grandchildren being raised in this faith. Families of some of the seafaring men who once visited Portland are among the attendees; in fact, thirteen members of one of those families participated in the Christmas concert of our Seoul church last year. Today, there are third- and even fourth-generation





(Above, clockwise from top left) A camp meeting prayer meeting; Recognition of special guests from the United States; Laying on of hands for the new Korea District Superintendent; Leaders of the work in South Korea. (Below) Missionaries Harold and Sally Barrett.

Apostolic Faith members attending our churches in that country.

At the camp meeting this year, Reverend Bill McKibben, Director of Asia Work, and his wife, Lori, joined with the Korean saints at the anniversary celebration. Also present were Rich Barrett, youngest son of the missionaries who pioneered the work there, and his wife Karen, of Portland, Oregon.

Music was featured in all of the meetings. In the first evening service, one of the Korean pastors and his wife sang a vocal duet. She was saved while just a middle-school student, becoming one of the first attendees in Busan; she also directed the choir in several of the services. In each meeting, a small orchestra provided an instrumental prelude, and there were musical specials from choirs, ensembles, youth groups, and soloists representing the various branch churches.

Reverend McKibben commented during the camp meeting that the Apostolic Faith in Korea is blessed to be a multi-generational church. The testimonies proved that, ranging from older saints reminiscing about Harold and Sally Barrett and the early days in the work, to young people sharing recent blessings and victories.

Rich Barrett was only sixteen when his parents made their first trip to Korea. He and Karen testified in the services about visiting Korea as a newly married



couple in 1971. On that trip, Rich started the first orchestra in the Korean Apostolic Faith, and they attended services in the first church building rented by the missionaries for services after the congregation outgrew the upper room location. Over the years, the two of them have made a number of trips to Korea, and have learned to love the Korean saints as his parents did.

Each morning of the camp meeting began with prayer, followed by a Bible teaching service. In one teaching,



the Busan pastor spoke about Lazarus being raised from the dead and Christ's resurrection, bringing out the need for all to prepare for eternal life. Another teaching covered a survey of Psalms 1-3, reminding those present that there are two ways to live—God's way and all others. In the evenings, sermon themes included a challenge to have a broken and contrite heart before the Lord and redemption through Christ.

A Korea Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, and a pastors' meeting on Friday afternoon. Between services, the saints gathered for meals prepared by teams of church ladies in the fellowship room on the third floor of the Seoul church. Babies toddled past groups seated on the floor around communal tables, old friends visited with each other, and warmly attentive saints pressed Korean food on the guests from the United States. Eating together at each meal meant that great fellowship was shared not only in the church services, but throughout the entire camp meeting.

Reverend McKibben recounted, "On Saturday afternoon, we were thrilled to gather with the saints to observe the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing. The Saturday evening service included the installation of Jeong Min Kim, pastor of the Seoul church, as the new Korea District Superintendent. The Korean Board of Trustees had ratified his appointment earlier, and during the installation service, they laid hands on him and prayed along with the congregation in acknowledgment of God's call on Reverend Kim as the new leader of the work in South Korea. He preached on Saturday evening, and a very sweet prayer meeting followed." Reverend Kim has a life-long heritage in the Apostolic Faith work, as his mother was one of those factory girls who attended the early services in Busan.

On Sunday morning, the church was full as attendees gathered for the final church service. Reverend McKibben preached about the Jewish Year of Jubilee, highlighting four principles of that bi-centennial celebration: rest, reflect, restore, and rejoice. He compared that ancient event to the fifty-year anniversary of the Apostolic Faith work in Korea,

pointing out that the Jewish people used the year of Jubilee to rejoice in God's goodness, freedom, and provision. They were not to live in the past but were to honor God in each new generation. He challenged the congregations in Korea to continue to proclaim liberty to all who are in spiritual captivity, and to encourage each successive generation to enjoy their spiritual inheritance.

On Sunday afternoon, following the morning worship service and a last meal together, the Korean saints and U.S. visitors gathered for the formal fiftieth anniversary celebration, which featured a media presentation of slides and video clips of early days in the Korean work. The audience clearly enjoyed glimpses of the missionaries in their home, Harold Barrett preaching and praying around the altar, children participating in special programs, and beloved faces of old-timers in the work. The audience provided a spontaneous and clearly heartfelt background of chuckles, appreciative comments, and murmured names as image after image appeared. Brother Kim concluded the anniversary gathering by having several Korean pastors and their wives present the U.S. visitors with flowers and gifts from the Korean saints. These gifts and words of appreciation on behalf of the entire group were not only to honor them for their visit and dedication to the work in that country but also to acknowledge the sacrifices made over generations by Harold and Sally Barrett and many others who have supported the Korean work over the past fifty years.

The anniversary weekend was a precious time of fellowship and spiritual growth. It was also a time to remember the past and pay tribute to the Gospel veterans who have labored in the Korean work over the years, while also looking forward to the future. ■





# SHORT TAKES

## NEW SOUTH AFRICA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLED

THE RETIREMENT OF Reverend Eddie Sadike as South Africa District Superintendent was announced on Sunday, October 28, during the South Africa camp meeting in Bapsfontein. Appreciation was expressed to Reverend Sadike and his wife, Ruth, for twenty-three years of service in this office, beginning on December 7, 1995. Under his leadership, the work has grown and remained stable even in

times of adversity.

His successor was named as Reverend Confidence Nemaungani, whose father, Gerson, had held the same office until his death in 1995. Reverend Nemaungani was raised in this Gospel, received salvation as a young man, and has served the Lord in many capacities since then, including as a Sunday school teacher, interpreter, finance chairman, and board

member. He and his wife, Monica, have three teenage children.

The support from the congregation for Reverend Nemaungani was overwhelmingly positive; a spontaneous roar of

approval went up and reverberated throughout the tabernacle for some minutes. The formal installation then took place with the ministers gathering to lay hands and pray for him. ■



*The new South Africa District Superintendent, Reverend Confidence Nemaungani, with his wife and their three children.*

## 2018 AUSTRALIA CAMP MEETING

THE 2018 AUSTRALIA camp meeting, held annually in Sydney since 2015, ran from September 30 to October 7, and

was marked by fervent prayer. One visitor prayed through to salvation on the opening day, and later in the week received

sanctification.

This year's theme was "Fortified," and the morning teachings reflected this with such messages as "Fortified by the Blood of Jesus" and "Fortified by Love." The afternoons were reserved

for special services and activities including a children's meeting, youth service, and barbeque. The evening meetings included evangelistic services, the annual concert, and a slideshow of photos from last year's





camp meeting and special events.

The weekend following the camp meeting, special meetings were held in Melbourne, and the atmosphere of prayer continued. Reverend Sam Ajayi, Director of Australia Work was there and reported, “The Sunday morning devotional service began with a prelude which included the song ‘I Made a Covenant with My Lord.’ As the congregational singing followed with ‘Revive Us Again’ and

‘We’re Marching to Zion,’ the Spirit began to move, and when the saints sang ‘The Old Rugged Cross,’ tears flowed. Then the person who was asked to lead the opening prayer was also overcome, and the service was halted for a time while everyone went to their knees. What a wonderful time of revival in prayer followed!”

The work in Australia began in 2003 and now includes a church in both Sydney and Melbourne, as well as a newer group in Perth. ■



(Above) A young sextet at the Australia camp meeting; (Below) A new believer is water baptized at Melbourne special meetings.

## A NEW SENIOR PASTOR FOR PORTLAND CONGREGATION



*The Lamberts and Lees on Rev. Lambert's first Sunday in Portland.*

ON MAY 27, Reverend Darrel Lee announced to the Portland congregation that the Board of Trustees had approved his recommendation to appoint a Portland senior pastor, a position separate from that of superintendent general which Rev. Lee will continue to hold.

He explained the decision saying, “As the work has expanded over the years, demands for the superintendent general’s time and attention have grown, at the expense of devoting attention to the Portland church. It is challenging to adequately oversee the worldwide work and simultaneously give this congregation the attention it deserves from its pastor. This

dilemma will only grow and further press future superintendent generals. Of even greater concern is that it will also adversely affect the next generation of Portland congregants. Therefore, after patient and prayerful consideration, I have concluded that now is the appropriate time to appoint a senior pastor.”

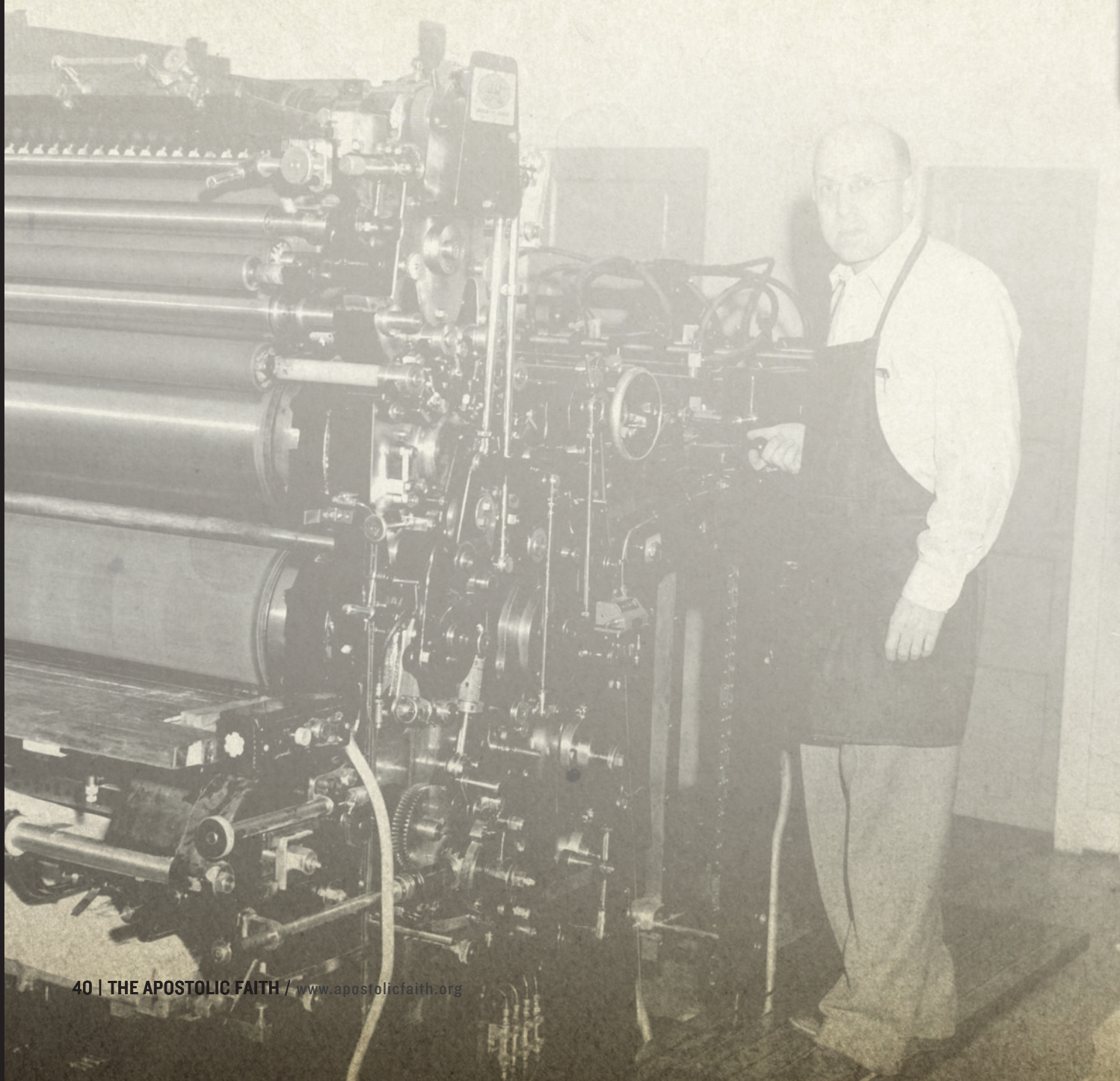
Reverend David Lambert and his wife, Rosie, were asked to move their family from Woodlake, California, where he was serving as pastor, to fill the vacancy in Portland, and they agreed. The Lamberts moved with their two daughters and Rosie’s mother, and the official transition took place on September 23, 2018. ■






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# SAVED IN PEACETIME PROTECTED IN WARTIME

FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH CHESTER BROWN

*C*hester Brown was the grandfather of Debbie Lee, wife of the Superintendent General. In an interview with his pastor, Norman Allen, in April of 1976, he described his conversion, along with some of his experiences as a soldier during World War I.

Chester recounted, “My folks taught me to reverence God, and that there was a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. They told me of many of the grosser sins of life, and that you can’t do those things and make Heaven your home. They also told me about being born again. I knew that I didn’t have that experience, but the Lord showed me that was what I needed.

“I called myself a Christian, but as the years came and went, the more unhappy and miserable I became. When I was about seventeen or eighteen years old, some [church] workers came over the mountain in the wintertime, when the snow was on everything, to hold meetings in the little community where we lived back in the hills. And the more I heard of that Word, the more conviction settled

down on my soul. God was faithful, and He showed me what was wrong. I needed a change of heart! As I would go about my work, something seemed to be saying over and over again, ‘Except you make your peace with God, you’re lost—eternally lost!’

“Well, I began to pray. Out in the barn one morning, where I had gone to feed the animals, I got down on my knees and called upon God from the very depths of my soul. That morning I felt like I was the worst sinner that had ever lived. I said, ‘Oh Lord, save me, a sinner,’ and I promised the Lord if He would save me, I would serve Him the rest of my life. I don’t recall all I said, but right then the glory of the Lord came down. It seemed like a beam of light just pierced through that old shake roof, and went down to the depths of my soul. Every bit of condemnation, every worry, every care was gone, and the joy of another world filled my soul. I was as happy and free as the birds of the air! There was wave after wave of joy, and I had that sweet assurance that I was a child of the King.”





During World War I, when Chester was about twenty-five years of age, he went into the military. He described how he and a group of other soldiers completed their training and prepared to head overseas, recounting, “We went down into New York, right down in the light of the Statue of Liberty. The light up there just lit the bay all up. There were fourteen boats in our flotilla. We got together that night, and the next morning, bright and early, we started out. A bunch of them were seeing us off: planes and big zeppelins went out a little way with us and then turned around and went back. One gun boat, a big man o’ war named the USS San Diego, went with us about three days toward the other side.”

Their flotilla continued across the Atlantic Ocean until they were close to Europe, where the

He described the night before they were to move to the front lines in the Argonne Forest, saying, “The boys were waiting for daylight to come. There was cursing and carrying on, but I felt like I wanted to pray. I would look away to the star-lit sky; it seemed so peaceful up there. Down below was such turmoil.” He told the Lord that if it was His will, he knew God could

see him through safely. Right there the Lord dropped a promise into his heart, “A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee” (Psalm 91:7). He related, “I felt the mighty arm of God bared in my behalf.”

After nine days on the front lines, his unit was called back to an area where they were supposed to rest up. He said, “We thought we’d fix ourselves up real comfortable. Our pup tents were just a piece of



## CHESTER NOT ONLY WAS PART OF THE VICTORIOUS ARMY OF WORLD WAR I, BUT HE ALSO WITHSTOOD THE ATTEMPTS OF HIS SPIRITUAL ENEMY.

vessels separated and sailed to different destinations. The men on Chester’s ship disembarked in Scotland for further training before traveling down through England and across the English Channel to Le Havre, France.

In October, his unit was called to the front, and by the time they got there, cold weather had set in. “We just had our light underwear, and we began to feel the cold pretty strong,” he related. “We had to dig in, and I just about like to froze. We would dig a hole wide enough for two. We had oversize caps inside our helmets, and to sleep, we would pull them down over our heads and put our heads right up in the helmet, then butt the helmet up against the bank. That would act as a pillow. I never had my shoes off for two weeks and my socks just about grew to my feet.”

canvas held up by a pole, but you could fasten them together with another pup tent and that enclosed the space. So we got a lot of grass and stuff in there—fixed it up so comfortable.

“Our feet were just burning up, but there was a nice cool creek running along there, so we just got down there and put our feet in the water. Oh, it felt so good, and then here comes the sergeant and says, ‘Boys, you’ve got to roll up and get back to the Front.’ So it was back to the battle.”

At various times during the war, Chester went through heavy combat with many casualties occurring all around him. Once he and his unit came under machine gun fire. He was lying in a shallow depression in the ground, and the machine gun bullets were chewing up the dirt around



him. He recounted, “The captain wasn’t one of those who stayed back and looked through the glass to tell you what to do; he was right up there. I was scout for my half of the platoon, so he and I were ahead of the rest of them a little ways, just crawling along toward a big orchard there. The captain says to me, ‘Get yourself ready and make a run for one of them trees.’

“Well, I got on my feet and at first it seemed I couldn’t get my legs to going, weighted down as I was. I had my belt full of ammunition and bandoliers on each side of me; I was really loaded down. I finally made it to the tree all right, but one of the gunners nearly got me; the bullet made the old helmet ring and went right through the tree. Our captain didn’t make it; he was a casualty.”

After fighting for a time in France, their unit relocated to Ypres, a town in the province of West Flanders in Belgium. Ypres occupied a strategic position because it stood in the path of Germany’s planned sweep across the rest of Belgium and into France from the north. The First Battle of Ypres had already occurred, and Chester recalled, “My, that was a shot up place! All the limbs were shot off the trees and what were left of the buildings were just wrecks. We hiked all day to get out of no man’s land, one shell hole after another.”

Of his time in Belgium, Chester reminisced, “Once we had to dig in right out in a turnip patch. It was kind of

handy; I could just reach out and get hold of a turnip to eat whenever I wanted!” While he was there, on November 11, 1918, the armistice agreement was signed, ending the fighting on the Western Front. God was true to His promise. Though fellow soldiers had fallen all around him, Chester came home safely.

Chester not only was part of the victorious army of World War I, but he also withstood the attempts of his spiritual enemy. After the war, he married Etta Hunt, and the two of them raised nine children in the Gospel. In their later years, they lived next-door to the Medford Apostolic Faith Church, and served as church custodians and in various other efforts around the church as well as Gospel outreach activities.

Although Chester Brown had few of this world’s goods when he passed away, he left a rich spiritual legacy. He lived to become a family patriarch—four generations later, many of his descendants are Christians. He was an example of commitment and perseverance, serving God in the Apostolic Faith until he passed away in January of 1980.

Chester concluded the interview with his pastor by saying, “Those war events were a good while ago, but I am glad that in my heart I still have the assurance that I am a child of the King.” His life bore witness to that fact!

■ *Chester Brown was a faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Medford, Oregon, until he went Home to be with the Lord in 1980.*

## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

**ACKNOWLEDGE**—“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13).

**CONFESS**—“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

**REPENT**—“I tell you, Nay; but,

except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

**FORSAKE**—“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him...for he will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:7).

**BELIEVE**—“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

*If you are a new Christian, write us and request the tract entitled “Starting Out.”*





# HAVE YOU SETTLED FOR SECOND BEST?

BY JOE BISHOP

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We don't go very far along life's pathway before we face the universal question—a question that not only spans the ages of time, but also the continents and cultures of this entire world. The question is, “What about eternity?”

One time a young man who was concerned about this topic came to Jesus. This man was a ruler. He had an education, he had great possessions, and seemingly he was a moral man as well. He had a lot of things going his way. But as he came to the Lord, he brought a question that was acutely troubling his heart. He asked, “What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?” (Matthew 19:16).

The Lord responded by saying, “Keep the commandments.” In other words, obey the Ten Commandments, which are right and good. The young man replied, “All these have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?”

The man was trying. He was interested. He had obviously made an effort to follow the requirements of the Law. We might say he was halfway there. Way down inside

his heart, though, there was something that was missing. The question had come to him: What about eternal life?

That question comes to all of us, for the Bible says that God enlightens every one who comes into the world (see John 1:9). At some point we begin to realize that our existence consists of more than just the routine of everyday life. We realize that there is something beyond this. What about death? What about our souls? Somehow we know or want to know that there is more to life than just living out our days on earth and then returning to dust. When people begin to look for answers to questions about life after death, they eventually confront the concept of God. At that point, a critically important decision must be made. Will they continue to seek for answers, realizing that doing so may lead them to serve God? Or will they give up on their search?

There is a place in the Alps that caters to people who have no training but want to experience climbing a mountain. It is a small mountain, one that can be conquered in a day. If you have a mind to try climbing, you can go to this small village and join a group of other inexperienced people, rent equipment, hire a guide for the day, and go out and climb this mountain.

Halfway up the mountain is a place they call the Halfway House. As people come to enjoy the experience of climbing a mountain, they stop at this place to have lunch and rest for a while before they continue on up to the summit.

The proprietor of this establishment says that he watches the faces of the people who come into this place, and he has noticed a very peculiar phenomenon. Halfway up the mountain, these people come in and begin to relax for a few moments. He says, “After a little while, an almost glazed expression comes over them. They are enjoying where they are. They look out the windows at the scenery and enjoy the warmth of the fire and eat lunch. And then about half of them begin to say to the others, ‘You know, I think I’ll just wait here. This is such a wonderful place, and I am enjoying myself. You go and climb to the top of the mountain.



## THERE ARE PEOPLE ALL AROUND US WHO ARE SETTLING DOWN IN THE PLACE OF COMFORT, RELAXED AND COMPLACENT ABOUT WHERE THEY ARE IN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIVES.

When you come back, we'll go back down to the village together.”

As the others put on their equipment and head on up the mountain, the proprietor says there is almost a party atmosphere among the people who remain. Some begin to play the games that are around on the tables. Others may gather around the piano and sing songs. And oh, what a wonderful time they have! They are enjoying themselves so much. Even so, as the afternoon wears on, things start to get a little quiet. And the people begin to gather around the big windows that look out toward the mountain where they can see their companions nearing the top. He says, “The atmosphere turns almost somber as they watch those they were with reach their goal. They begin to realize that they have settled for second best, and their goals are yet unfulfilled.”

As we look at this man who came to Jesus, we can see that he had a goal in mind. As he came to the Lord, he was aware of his need for an assurance of salvation. He was interested, he was trying. He wanted to know. Then the Lord spoke these words of instruction to him: “If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.” What was the young man's reaction to this instruction? We read, “But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions” (Matthew 19:21-22).

I believe this man came to the “Halfway House.” When the Lord told him what was lacking in his life, he faced a decision. Should he give up the comforts he was used to? Now we don't know what kind of home he had, what type of clothing he wore, or how many servants he had. However, he was in a place that was comfortable. He was a ruler, well thought of—a success, we might say. But the Lord challenged him to give up that comfort and take up a cross. And he went away sorrowful. We never read in Scripture that this young man reversed his decision. We

can only conclude that he traded his eternal destiny for temporary comfort. The “Halfway House” had robbed him of his eternal goal.

The Old Testament provides an example of a man who refused to stop halfway. In the account of Elijah and Elisha, we read, “. . . when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind . . . Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal” (2 Kings 2:1).

Elisha had a purpose in mind when he realized that Elijah was going to be taken. He had walked with this man of God, and had seen many mighty miracles done in the name of the Lord. And there was something in his heart that said, “I want that same spirit.” Elisha didn't say, “I wish I could have a little bit of that.” He said, “I want a double portion of that spirit.”

As Elijah and Elisha went down the road to Gilgal, to Bethel, and then on to Jericho, Elisha heard many suggestions that he should turn back. These suggestions came both from the sons of the prophets and Elijah himself. However, each time Elisha came to one of these halfway houses—to a point of decision—he determined to press on.

He had seen the power of God. As they walked up to the Jordan River, he watched the Prophet Elijah take his mantle and smite the waters. He saw the waters part. He knew that this power was available if he would remain with the prophet Elijah until he was taken to Heaven. And Elisha said, “I want it. I need it and I will do whatever it takes to receive it.” He could have been discouraged. He could have relaxed. He could have said, “I don't know if I can face seeing my mentor taken away.” Instead, he would not be sidetracked. He said, “I'm going to go all the way. I am committed.”

What are we going to do when we come to the spiritual halfway house in our lives? What choice will we make—a choice of comfort or one of commitment? There are people all around us who are settling down in the place





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of comfort, relaxed and complacent about where they are in their spiritual lives. Oh, maybe from time to time they fleetingly think they would like to be a little further along in their Christian walk. They'd like to have a bit more of God's blessing on their lives. However, they aren't concerned enough about their need to do much about it.

Where are you today; how is it with your soul? If you have not been born again, now is the time to step out of that comfort zone and give your life to God. That is a beginning. Say, "God, I am willing. I am going to repent of my sins, turn my back on my past, and commit my life to You. I am going to answer Your call upon my life."

To those of you who have already begun your spiritual journey, the challenge is to continue pressing on. Perhaps you have been saved a long time. Don't become

comfortable where you are. Instead, be determined to actively seek God's will for your life. Follow on to receive the experience of sanctification and don't be satisfied without it. Continue further until you have received God's power in your life enabling you to be an effective witness. You need it to fulfill God's purpose for your life.

Have you kept on climbing, or have you stopped short? If you find yourself at a standstill, it's time to get out of the halfway house, put on your climbing gear, and start moving up the mountain in front of you. When it comes to striving for spiritual goals, God help us not to be satisfied with second best!

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**WE BELIEVE IN THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, AND ENDORSE ALL THE TEACHINGS CONTAINED IN IT. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OUR BASIC DOCTRINES.**

**The Divine Trinity** consists of three Persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, perfectly united as one. Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7.

**Repentance** is a godly sorrow for and a renouncing of all sin. Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 4:17.

**Justification** (or salvation) is the act of God's grace through which we receive forgiveness for sins and stand before God as though we had never sinned. Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17.

**Entire Sanctification**, the act of God's grace whereby we are made holy, is the second definite work and is subsequent to justification. John 17:15-21; Hebrews 13:12.

**The Baptism of the Holy Ghost** is the enduement of power upon the sanctified life, and is evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. John 14:16-17,26; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4.

**Divine Healing** of sickness is provided through the atonement. James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24.

**The Second Coming of Jesus** will be as literal and visible as His going away (Acts 1:9-11) and will consist of two appearances. First, He comes to catch away His waiting Bride. Matthew 24:40-44; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17. Second, He comes to execute judgment upon the ungodly. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Jude 14-15.

**The Tribulation** will occur between Christ's coming for His Bride and His return in judgment. Isaiah 26:20-21; Revelation 9 and 16.

**Christ's Millennial Reign** is the 1000 years of peaceful reign by Jesus on earth. Isaiah 11 and 35; Revelation 20:1-6.

**The Great White Throne Judgment** is the final judgment when all the wicked dead will stand before God. Revelation 20:11-15.

**The New Heaven and The New Earth** will replace the present heaven and earth, which will be destroyed after the Great White Throne Judgment. 2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 21:1-3.

**Eternal Heaven and Eternal Hell** are literal places of final and eternal destiny. Matthew 25:41-46; Luke 16:22-28.

**Marriage** is a covenant between one man and one woman that is binding before God for life. Neither person has a right to marry again while the first companion lives. Mark 10:6-12; Romans 7:1-3.

**Restitution** is necessary, wherein wrongs against others are righted. Ezekiel 33:15; Matthew 5:23-24.

**Water Baptism** is by one immersion "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 3:16; 28:19.

**The Lord's Supper** is an institution ordained by Jesus so that we might remember His death until He returns. Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23,26.

**Foot Washing** is practiced according to the example and commandment Jesus gave. John 13:14-15.

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