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Twelve for Twelve

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How God Encourages Us

Introduction: Everyone gets discouraged at one time or another. Here in *I Kings 19:1-21*, we find one of the greatest men of God in all recorded history getting discouraged. This man of God was at the height of being used of God. He had experienced victory after victory. He is now being told that he has about 24 hours to live. Notice *I Kings 19:2*, "... **by tomorrow about this time**." Elijah becomes so discouraged that he wants to die, just give up. What does God do to encourage Elijah?

FIRST: BY BEING PATIENT WITH ELIJAH. I KINGS 19:5-8
"... **arise and eat.**" "... **again the second time arise and eat.**"

God knew that Elijah needed food and rest. Sometimes no matter how discouraged a person gets, they just need a little rest and food.

Illustration: I could not tell you how many times I have been discouraged by health problems, or church problems, and some sweet church member make a great meal and delivers it to the house.

The Bible speaks of the longsuffering of God. That is just a way of saying that we should be patient with others no matter how much it hurts.

SECOND: BY HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ELIJAH. HEBREWS 4:15

"*For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are ...*"

When it comes to hunger, pain, and hardships, we have a God that understands us better than we understand ourselves. Notice *Luke 9:58*, "*And Jesus said unto him ... the son of man hath not where to lay his head.*"

Jesus was so tired, yet He stayed busy with the needs and demands of people and He could honestly say, "I could not find time to rest."

Illustration: Yes, Jesus even understands your need of finances. Remember when the disciples needed money to pay taxes, but had none. Jesus told Peter to go to the lake and a fish would supply the finances. He not only knew the need, but how to meet it.

THIRD: BY PROVIDING WHAT ELIJAH NEEDED. I KINGS 19:5-6

We already have seen the need of food and rest, but Elijah needed something else. Elijah needed the company of a friend.

1. God sent him an angel. 19:5
2. God gave him a great associate. 19:16

Sometimes the best encouragement comes in the form of a true friend.

Illustration: Dr. Lee Roberson had J.R. Faulkner. What a friend!

Continued



Dr. Bob Gray, Sr.

Good Friday Is A Hoax

John 19:31 says, "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away."

The question is, Was Jesus crucified before one of the seven Sabbaths of Leviticus, or before the weekly Sabbath? *John 19:14* says, "And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!" According to this verse, Jesus was crucified the day before the Passover Sabbath (or the first Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath), not the weekly Sabbath. Thus, Jesus had to have been crucified on Wednesday, with Thursday being the Passover Sabbath.

Matthew 28:1 says, "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." Now, to which Sabbath is this verse referring? It is referring to the weekly Sabbath. The Sabbath after His crucifixion—which occurred on a Thursday—was a high Sabbath, and the Sabbath before His resurrection was a weekly Sabbath—Saturday—because the Bible says that the next day was the first day of the week.

The conclusion is quite clear. Jesus could not have been crucified on Friday because there were two Sabbath days that had to occur before He was resurrected. Therefore, the first night our Lord was in the grave was the Passover Sabbath (the first Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath), or Thursday, the first month and the fifteenth day. Therefore, the second Sabbath was the weekly Sabbath.

That is why Mary Magdalene said, "...after the sabbath." Jesus was in the grave during two Sabbaths: the first Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath (also called the Passover Sabbath) on Thursday, and the weekly Sabbath on Saturday. JUST A THOUGHT!



Faith McSpadden's Summer Delight

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| 1/2 cup fresh or frozen raspberries, thawed | 1/3 cup sugar |
| 2-1/2 cups club soda, chilled | 1/4 cup lemon juice |
| | Ice cubes |
| | 2 lemon slices |

Place raspberries and sugar in a food processor: cover and process until pureed. Strain, reserving juice and discarding seeds. In a small pitcher, combine the club soda, lemon juice and raspberry juice. Serve in tall glasses over ice. Garnish with lemon slices. Yield: 2 servings.



"IT'S AN ANTIQUE CHAT ROOM."



Heritage Highlanders August 2012 Schedule

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| Saturday August 4
Picnic At Wingfoot Lake Park | <i>Zechariah 8:5</i> | Saturday August 18
Sewing with Mrs. Kubic | <i>Proverbs 31:13</i> |
| Saturday August 11
Cooking—Healthy Back to School Snacks | <i>Psalms 139:14</i> | Tuesday August 23
Getting prepared to go Back to School! | <i>II Timothy 2:15</i> |



Upcoming Events

September 23rd, 2012

Joseph B. Collingsworth will be our special guest preacher. Brother Joseph graduated from Berean Baptist College in Fleming Island, Florida. Alison Collingsworth will be singing in our services.

October 27th, 2012

Dr. Bill McSpadden from Liberty Baptist Church in Rochester, Indiana, will be our special speaker.

Bucky Tucker will also be making a visit to our "Father and Son Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper."



Vida Collingsworth's Italian Chicken Sandwich

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| 2/3 cup shredded cooked chicken breast | 3 tbsp. finely chopped celery | 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise |
| 3 tbsp. shredded carrot | 2 tbsp. mild giardiniera, chopped | Dash pepper |
| 2 tsp. finely chopped onion | 1 small garlic clove, minced | 4 slices sourdough bread |
| | | 2 lettuce leaves |

In a small bowl, combine the first six ingredients. Add mayonnaise and pep-per; toss to coat. Spoon 1/2 cup salad onto two bread slices; top with lettuce and the remaining bread. Yield: 2 servings.

FOURTH: BY PRESENTING ELIJAH WITH A DIFFERENT VIEW. I KINGS 19:9-14***"What doest thou here, Elijah?"***

Twice God asked Elijah this question. Why? Because when you get discouraged, you have a tendency to stop doing things for God.

God was getting Elijah to take his mind off that which was discouraging him, and was getting him to focus on what had brought past victories.

Illustration: Church member, get busy doing something in the work of God.

FIFTH: BY PROVOKING ELIJAH TO LISTEN. I KINGS 19:11-13

God caused a strong wind, a loud trembling earthquake, and a roaring fire. They were attempts to wake him for one purpose—to listen to a still small voice.

Notice: "... a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it..."

Do you know why a preacher hollers, stomps around, and pounds the pulpit? To get your attention just long enough to listen to that still small voice.

Conclusion: Think for a moment. Every sermon, every song, every attention drawing incident that has come into your life has had one main reason: God was trying to get you to listen. What are you hearing right now?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)

**Prayer of Service**

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

A LITERATURE PROFESSOR DREADED HIS TUESDAY CLASS, WHICH WAS FILLED WITH SOME OF THE DENSEST STUDENTS HE'D EVER ENCOUNTERED. ONE MORNING, HE SPENT A PAINFUL HOUR EXPLAINING FIGURES OF SPEECH. WHEN HE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD QUESTIONS, THERE WAS A LONG SILENCE BEFORE A YOUNG MAN IN THE BACK RAISED HIS HAND. "COULD YOU PUT IT IN A NUTSHELL FOR ME?" HE ASKED. WITH HIS FRUSTRATION RISING, THE PROFESSOR SAID, "JUST GET IT INTO YOUR BRAIN. THEN IT'LL BE IN A NUTSHELL."

Tidbits of History

One hundred and fifty years ago, in the summer of 1862, our nation was in the throes of civil war. Whether considered to be The Great Rebellion (this was the sentiment in the North) or The War Between The States (in the South), it was the most significant time for the United States since the Revolution, and in many ways it defined the political, psychological, sociological, and religious future of the nation.

As President Abraham Lincoln would state so poetically in 1863, the nation was a mere "four score and seven years" old, very young as empires and nations go. The Capitol was still unfinished and dome-less, the transcontinental railroad was still mostly just "proposed" (Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Act July 1, 1862), and the income tax was still a bit in the future (just barely, though ... in 1863 the president and Congress created the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the forerunner to the modern IRS, and enacted a temporary wartime tax. It was allowed to expire in 1872, but the income tax was resurrected and made constitutional by the 16th Amendment in 1913 ... excuse the digression, but the recent Roberts decision on the health care issue made me look at some old notes on the history of income taxation).

On the other hand, the Civil War was not that long ago in terms of real history. Consider that my earliest memory of an American president was Dwight Eisenhower, who I saw on television in my preschool years. His vice president was Richard Nixon (who was president during my college years), and his name will always be linked with Alger Hiss, who clerked for Supreme Court justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. Holmes, as a young lieutenant colonel, in an action at Fort Stevens near the Capitol in July 1864, is supposed to have yelled to President Lincoln, "Get down, you fool," when the tall man in his top hat became an easy Confederate target. And in fact, to make the last few links to the Revolution, you can note that Holmes had been mentored by John Quincy Adams, the son of Founding Father, John Adams."

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. In 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 we at Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved and baptized every—single—week. That makes 6 years in a row!
2. The honor of taking on a new missionary and his family, The Victor Hernandez Family.

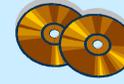


The Hernandez Family

Victor
April
Victoria
Esther
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RECIPE FOR A HAPPY DAY =)

1 cup friendly words
2 heaping cups of understanding
4 heaping teaspoons time and patience
Pinch of warm personality
Dash of humor

1. Measure words carefully.
2. Add understanding.
3. Use generous amounts of time and patience.
4. Keep temperature low - do not boil.
5. Add humor and personality.
6. Season to taste with spice of life.
7. Serve in individual molds.

"This recipe guaranteed never to fail."



"I JUST HAD A LONG TALK WITH GRANNY ABOUT ALL THE THINGS YOU DID WHEN YOU WERE MY AGE."

A PRIVATE STOOD BEFORE THE UNIT'S COMMANDING OFFICER FOR A RECENT OFFENSE.

"IT'S YOUR CHOICE, PRIVATE," THE OFFICER SAID. "ONE MONTH'S RESTRICTION OR 20 DAYS' PAY."

"I'LL TAKE THE MONEY, SIR."

A Perfect Day

When you come to the end of a perfect day,
And you sit alone with your thought,
While the chimes ring out with a carol gay,
For the joy that the day has brought,
Do you think what the end of a perfect day
Can mean to a tired heart,
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray
And the dear friends have to part?

Well, this is the end of a perfect day,
Near the end of a journey, too,
But it leaves a thought that is big and strong,
With a wish that is kind and true.
For mem'ry has painted this perfect day
With colors that never fade,
And we find at the end of a perfect day,
The soul of a friend we've made.

By Carrie Jacobs-Bond

"NEW PREDICTIONS OUT TODAY CLAIM 42 PERCENT OF AMERICANS WILL BE OBESE BY THE YEAR 2030. THEY SAY THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THAT IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO STEP IN. OH YEAH, WHEN IT COMES TO TRIMMING THE FAT AND TIGHTENING YOUR BELT, WHAT BETTER WAY THAN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?"



Mrs. Francie Taylor

Are You Driving Your Husband Away?

The best guidebook for good marriages is the Bible, but some of the best verses describing the rotten wife are also found in Scripture in the Book of Proverbs:

"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house." Proverbs 21:9.

This verse is repeated in 25:24. The phrase translated "brawling woman" refers to a "woman of contentions."

"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman." Proverbs 21:19.

"A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself." Proverbs 27:15, 16.

Imagine the sound of a leaking faucet as it drips loudly in the night. Drip, drop; plop, plink; drip—how long could you bear to have that sound disturbing your good night's sleep? Well, that's what living with a contentious woman is like. She just keeps dripping and dropping and disturbing the peace!

For a man, it is preferable to live on the roof or out in the deep woods than with a female sparring partner who's belligerent, hostile, clashing, raging and generally disagreeable! And who could blame him? There are many holes in the spiritual life of a woman who is contentious, and these gaps are the cause of a lot of conflict, friction and discord.



Jarrod Collingsworth
Choir Director

For The Children's Sake

"It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Luke 17:2

With joy and excitement the phrase "VBS IS OVER" seems to be the resounding echo in the air. After dealing with almost 300 teenagers and children for 4 days, and with putting in over 8 hours a day in doing such, I can understand this sentiment, but I am here to tell you that is completely the wrong attitude to have. Sure it was tough, sure you may have had some issues, but it should be this way every single week at Heritage. You should be saying, "Can we do this again next week?"

The reason we get that feeling of relief when all is said and done with VBS is because it was hard work. We ponder on things that may have not gone as planned, and that is human nature, but we are not suppose to be using human nature, but spiritual insight. With over 100 people saved in 4 days I would say, "This was all worth it," and "Can we do this again next week?" You may think I am crazy, but if we don't do it, who will?

By being here at Heritage, you are stating that you are here because you feel this is the best place in the Akron area for everyone to be in order to learn Scripture and for lives to be changed for Jesus Christ. With that said, this means we are the best place for all ages old or young, all races, all income levels. The Bible states we are **"to compel them to come in"**. It also states we are to, "cast out the net". The problem with us is we are not willing to make the needed sacrifices and accept the daily struggles in order to accomplish what Christ has for us. Christ has already promised great things if we want them, but it takes us willing to do the work. If you work hard one week a year you will reap one week of God's blessings, but if you want more success, you need to realize that it requires more work. If you want daily success it requires daily work.

Lastly we need to remember that working with children is not easy, especially bus children. Sometimes I wonder why anyone would think it is easy to get bus children to dress appropriately, and do the things God wants for them when they have no spiritual influence all week. As Christian workers, look in your own lives, how hard was it raising your children for Christ? Your children even messed up at times, so logic would say it is 6 times harder with bus children. We really need to take the above Scripture to heart. God takes it serious how we deal with children. We have to be very careful how we deal with them or else our labors will be in vain, because we may accidentally offend them.

Remember, it is better for them to offend you, and you humble yourself and continue to keep working with that child, than it is for you to offend that child, and then God puts a millstone around your neck.



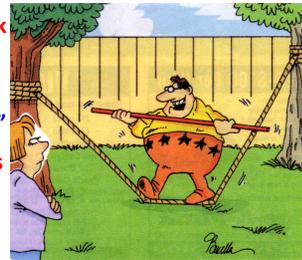
"YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK YOUR SMARTPHONE."

"The Devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint."

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

"There are no crown wearers in Heaven who were not cross bearers on earth."

"I don't care how much a brother shouts or how high he jumps as long as he walks straight when he comes down."



"OKAY, NOW IMAGINE THE EXCITEMENT IF I WERE 45 POUNDS LIGHTER."

Some food for thought.....or..... **Seed From The Silo!**

Islamic Group Forbids Tomatoes "Because They Are Christian"?

A Salafist group from Egypt appears to be trying to retract a post on Facebook that warned that eating tomatoes is "forbidden because they are Christian." However, the Muslim traditionalist group, calling themselves the Popular Egyptian Islamic Association, apparently still finds tomatoes offensive if they are cut in such a way that reveals the shape of a cross, according to the Now Lebanon website....

There are an estimated 5-6 million Salafis in Egypt. The Salafis are generally considered to be more traditional than other Muslim sects. Last year, a group of hardline Muslims, including Salafis, were responsible for the burning of several Christian churches and businesses in Egypt that later resulted in hundreds of deaths during demonstrations against the destruction.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Who would have imagined that tomatoes could be so offensive? International news they are! The "peaceful" religion that is intolerant of tomatoes will probably not be friendly to you either.
ChristianPost.com

Court Rules New York Town's Prayer Violated Constitution

A federal appeals court has ruled an upstate New York town unconstitutionally favored one religion over others by opening nearly every meeting over an 11-year span with prayers that stressed Christianity.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit said the Rochester suburb of Greece should have made a greater effort to invite people from other faiths to open its monthly meetings....

From 1999 through 2007, and again from January 2009 through June 2010, every meeting was opened with a Christian-oriented invocation. After Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens complained in 2008, four of 12 meetings were opened by non-Christians.

Galloway and Stephens sued, but a lower court ruled in 2010 there was no evidence the town had intentionally excluded other faiths. Even Galloway and Stephens testified they knew of no non-Christian places of worship in town.

The appeals court ruled that the town should have expanded its search outside its borders.

OneNewsNow.com

Abortion Strategy Discount Sunday Abortions

More and more abortion clinics are offering Sunday abortions, and even discounting those abortions. One pro-life activist says this strategy is in response to the effectiveness of the pro-life movement.

Some of the facilities are offering discounts for women obtaining abortions on Sundays, but Eric Scheidler of the Pro-Life Action League believes he knows the reason why.

"... I think it's a sign of how effective the pro-life movement has been, especially people of faith, in reaching out to abortion-bound women outside of abortion centers that the abortion clinics are now trying to shift some of their business to Sunday when faithful pro-lifers are most often busy with church services and family activities," he tells OneNewsNow.

Eric Scheidler (Pro-Life Action League) But Scheidler believes the pro-life movement has become increasingly effective in responding to what he describes as "cynical ploys" by the abortion industry.

"Efforts like the Stand Up for Religious Freedom rallies that I've been coordinating and the 40 Days for Life vigils that have been going on now for several years are really helping to build up a very robust activist network," he explains. "And I think we're really well prepared to be countering these kinds of moves by the abortion industry and continuing to save babies from abortion."

Scheidler says regardless of the antics of abortion facilities, none will dampen the efforts of the pro-life community.

Charlie Butts, OneNewsNow 7/11/2012

What kind of seed are you sowing?



*Dr. Al
Lacy
with our
Pastor*

Prayer Request

One of our dearest friends at Heritage Baptist Church is Dr. Al Lacy. What a friend! A friend to the Lord, the book, and the local church.

Dr. Lacy is very sick and I plead with you to pray for him during these days. He is so needed.

Here written is just one of my memories of this great defender of the faith:

"I could give you many instances of people actually standing up in services where I was preaching and defending THE BOOK (Whenever I say "the Book," I mean the old fashioned, two-fisted, double-edged, rough, tough, Devil-kicking, Christ-exalting, Heaven-blessed, soul-saving AV1611 King James Bible!), and screaming at me to shut up."

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of ALL Believers
Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion
Immersed Church Membership
Soul-liberty
Two officers - Pastors and Deacons
Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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