

## **"A Race To BE WON IN 2021"**



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### **"...SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH"**

**Introduction:** The wonderful thing about serving God is that even when we become tired and discouraged, He renews us. When things seem hopeless, He gives us new hope.

Lost sinners can be born again and become new in Christ and start life afresh and new.

The backslidden who have fallen and stumbled can be used again.

Allow me to reveal how God renews by using different stories in the Bible.

#### **FIRST: HE HAS THE POWER TO RENEW OUR SPIRIT.**

**PSALM 51:10**

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."**

David had committed horrible sins. He not only took someone else's wife but tried to cover it up by having her husband, Uriah, killed in battle. (*II Samuel 11 and 12*).

After he was approached by God's man, he sought forgiveness from God. His biggest problem, however, was the condition of his spirit. It was seared and damaged horribly. What does he do? He goes to God in prayer and asks not only for forgiveness, but that his spirit be renewed and made right again.

What did God do? God forgave and renewed.

#### **SECOND: HE HAS THE POWER TO RENEW A NATION.**

**I SAMUEL 11:14**

**"Then said Samuel to the people, come and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom..."**

Every nation that reaches out to God will find themselves surrounded by enemies.

In *I Samuel 11*, the nation of Israel was in trouble. They were rejected God's rule for a king. They wanted to be like all the other nations. Regardless, they belong to God, and God always shows mercy to those who are willing to reach out to Him.

Samuel called for the people to assemble at Gilgal and renew the kingdom. God heard them, received their heart-felt sacrifices, and renewed them and gave them great victory.

*II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

#### **THIRD: HE HAS THE POWER TO RENEW HIS OWN.**

**ISAIAH 40:31**

**"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."**

Even the strongest and the best of God's own eventually grow weary. Disappointments, heartaches, grief, betrayal, personal failures, fear; all can drain us of our strength.

Elijah became so weak after a great victory that he wanted to die. But, even in the worst of times, God is there to strengthen those who are willing to call upon Him.

Renewal always comes from waiting upon God. When our strength and zeal are gone and we just think we can go no farther, that is when we need to get alone with God and

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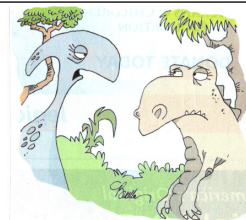
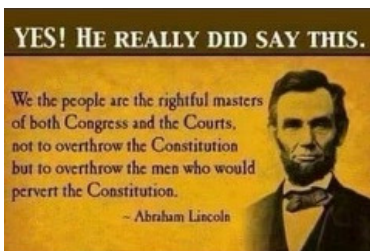
## The Whole Armor

A new recruit joins the Army. Before he is given a weapon, he is given a uniform. Before he faces the enemy, he is given a uniform. He will never graduate boot camp without the proper uniform. Long before he feels like a soldier, he is told to dress like one. He puts on the boots, the uniform, the helmet, and all the protective gear as he prepares himself for battle. He has not yet faced the enemy. He has not yet even discovered how dangerous the enemy is. He wears the uniform as he is preparing.

Eventually, there comes a time for battle. When that soldier faces the enemy, he becomes aware of just how dangerous that enemy is. At that point, he does more than just put on his uniform and equipment. He takes it up himself. It becomes his decision and his personal responsibility. No one needs to tell him because he knows the danger he is facing. He is in the midst of battle! There is a distinct difference between someone "putting on" the whole armor of God and someone "taking unto him" the whole armor of God.

We are commanded to put on the whole armor of God. We should do so out of obedience; but when we get a better understanding of the enemy we are facing, we must go from putting it on to taking it up. Knowing the enemy is the difference maker. It becomes more than an act of obedience. It becomes an act of necessity. It becomes our responsibility. In **Ephesians 6:13**, it is important to note that Paul preceded the statement, **"...take unto you the whole armour of God,"** with the word **"Wherefore"** which indicates that he was basing his point on what he had just said. In verse 12, Paul explained, **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."**

Perhaps many Christians remain vulnerable because they never become fully aware of the danger they face. As we discuss the various parts of the Christian's armor, we must recognize the two aspects given in this passage. We put it on because of obedience. We take it up because of understanding. When we are aware of the dangers we face, we are more likely to take responsibility for wearing the whole armor of God.



**WHY IS IT THAT ALL THE GOOD GUYS ARE TAKEN OR EXTINCT?**



**I'M RECOMMENDING WE TREAT THIS AGGRESSIVELY.**

## Political Doublespeak

### MY SHOCKED FACE

"That is not something we recommend. In fact, a lot of times we say 'don't take questions...'"

*Jen Psaki, White House Press Secretary, 5/6/2021, admitting the White House doesn't want Biden taking impromptu questions from reporters.*

### THREE CARD JOE

"What they're doing now is they're moving the kids from the border patrol tents over next door to the HHS facility. With all due respect, it's a shell game."

*Democrat Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28), 5/6/2021, saying Biden is engaged in "shell game" to hide the truth as the border crisis rages.*

### CAVING TO THE WOKE MOB

Hecklers: "CLOSE PRIVATE DETENTION CENTERS! ABOLISH ICE!"

Joe Biden: "I agree with, I'm working on it, man. Give me another five days."

*Biden, 4/29/2021, agreeing with Far-Left hecklers who want open borders and no enforcement of immigration laws.*

### DISCRIMINATION IS DISCRIMINATION

"I am a no vote on the floor, on all non diversity nominees. You know, I will vote for racial minorities and I will vote for LGBTQ. But anybody else I'm not voting for."

*Democrat Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL), 3/23/2021, saying she won't vote for any of Joe Biden's nominees unless they fall into a certain category.*

### FAR-LEFT SELLOUT

"The Biden Administration has definitely exceeded expectations that progressives had."

*Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14), 4/26/2021, saying what we all know – that Biden has embraced the Far-Left's radical agenda.*

wait upon Him.

- Wait by seeking His mind and will in the Bible.
- Wait by continuing to be faithful to Him while you are being renewed. Don't quit!!!
- Wait by searching your own heart in prayer.
- Wait for His timing.

**Conclusion:** God is the One that renews; it is not you. It is not positive thinking; it is God. It is not mind control or psychology; it is God.

The God of the Bible is a mighty God. Let us believe Him. Let us turn to Him for our every need. No need is so great that He cannot meet it.

Right now, look to Him. The One who died on the old-rugged cross. The One who was buried and rose again from the dead the third day. Look to Him Who went back to Heaven to intercede for His own. Trust in Him right now, today.

### 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)

*I JUST SAW A BURGLAR KICKING HIS OWN DOOR IN. I ASKED HIM  
WHAT HE WAS DOING, AND HE SAID HE WAS WORKING FROM HOME.*

*WHY DO WE TELL ACTORS TO BREAK A LEG?  
BECAUSE EVERY PLAY HAS A CAST.*

### How to Read the Bible

That great prayer warrior, George Mueller, tells us how to read the Word of God.

- "1. Read the Scriptures regularly through. Read, alternately, portions from the Old and New Testaments. Begin at the beginning of each. Mark where you leave off, and begin there next time. When you have finished each Testament, begin it again.
- "2. Read with prayer. You cannot by your own wisdom understand the Word of God. In all your reading of the Scriptures, seek carefully the help of the Holy Spirit. Ask for Jesus' sake that He will enlighten you.
- "3. Read with meditation. Ponder over what you read. The truth is thus applied to your heart. You see new and deeper meanings. It is better to think over a little than merely to read a great deal.
- "4. Read with reference to yourself. Never read only with a view to instructing others, but for your own teaching. Receive blessings yourself first, and you will communicate it to others. Always ask yourself, 'How does this affect me?'
- "5. Read with faith. Not as statements which you may believe or not but as the revealed word of God. Receive every word as true, with simple, childlike trust. Rest upon the promises. Read them as made for you.
- "6. Read in order to carry into practice. We must accept His Word as being the revelation of His will. In it He tells us what to be and what to do. He expects us to be 'obedient children'."

*A REPEAT OFFENDER WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE JUDGE, WHO SAID, "HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU IN HERE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE? AND DIDN'T I TELL YOU I NEVER WANTED TO SEE YOU IN HERE AGAIN?"  
THE OFFENDER REPLIED, "YES, YOUR HONOR, THAT'S WHAT I TOLD THE OFFICER, BUT HE INSISTED I COME ANYWAY!"*

### Does It Matter How a Christian Lives?



John R. Rice

Perhaps some one will say then that it does not matter how a Christian lives if there is no danger of his losing his soul. How foolish and shortsighted such a statement is! Would you say to my daughter that it does not matter how she lives since her position as my daughter is secure? It is true she is my daughter; she always will be; and I dare say that even my poor human father-love would not fail her no matter what she did. But she could easily lose the sweet communion with her father, crush all his pride in her, and lose all the happiness which she now has. So it is with God's children; sin breaks the communion with the father, takes away the joy of salvation and loses much of the reward a Christian might have. **I Corinthians 3:12-15** is talking about this reward and shows that the evil works of a Christian will be burned up and only the good works remain. But the Scripture says,

*"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: BUT HE HIMSELF SHALL BE SAVED; YET SO AS BY FIRE."*

It certainly does matter how a Christian lives!

# Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved every week in 2020.
2. The bus ministry is still active.
3. We are hosting the "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2021.
4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.
5. Heritage Baptist Church never closed so far in 2021.
6. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved each week of 2021.



## From Our Church

### Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Sheila Spencer
3. Anita Miller
4. Michelle Lemons
5. Kevin McClain
6. Harold Cooper
7. Linda Sigstad
8. Carolyn Grindel

## DON'TS FOR DAUGHTERS

- Don't forget that you can greatly lighten mothers' burden by your sympathy and help.
- Don't allow yourself to say words to your parents that will be thorns in your pillow afterwards.
- Don't despise your mother because she is not so smart or so well educated as you are.
- Don't forget your younger brothers and sisters are consciously or unconsciously, copying your conduct.
- Don't let this fact escape you, that many have been made great, and many more have been made good, by their sisters.
- Don't forget that it is character and not beauty of face, that forms woman's true attraction.
- Don't spend more time in adorning your person than in beautifying your mind; and in adding to the wealth of your soul.
- Don't imagine that a pretty face will atone for an empty head.
- Don't forget that untidiness of dress is unpardonable in a young woman.
- Don't encourage that thought that it is better to be clever than to be good.
- Don't forget that to be able to see to the welfare of a home is a finer accomplishment than to be able to play a piano, or to paint a picture.
- Don't have secret correspondence with any one, or clandestine meetings of which you would be ashamed to tell your mother.
- Don't encourage the attention of any young man who speaks lightly of home or of sacred things.

## Tithing

A. A. Hyde, a millionaire manufacturer, said he began tithing when he was one hundred thousand dollars in debt. Many men have said they considered it dishonest to give God a tenth of their incomes while they were in debt. Mr. Hyde said he agreed with the thought until one day it flashed upon him that God was his first creditor. Then he began paying God first, and all the other creditors were eventually paid in full. If a man owes you money, it would be wise business policy on your part to encourage him to pay his debt to God first.

*Sunday School Times*

## From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

### LET THEM KNOW



We, as Christians, are commanded to share the Gospel with people everywhere.

Have you ever been guilty of thinking that a certain person would not listen because of their background or culture?

As you read the story below, be reminded to reach them while we can.

"Jesus is everything. We were hoping something would happen the way it did in Afghanistan. I want every Iraqi to have Jesus in their heart. God made me free; to know Jesus is there, that is true freedom." —Hafa

Hafa, a forty-three-year-old pharmacist, says the liberation of Iraq is "a kind of miracle."

"Jesus is everything," she says, following a church service led by Dhakir. "We were hoping something would happen the way it did in Afghanistan. I want every Iraqi to have Jesus in their heart. God made me free; to know Jesus is there, that is true freedom."

"We know that there are people praying for the 10/40 window, which is where Iraq is," says Fu'ad, who learned of this fact from the Internet. "Tell the people in the U.S. that we are thankful for them and for their prayers. We, too, are praying earnestly for the security of Iraq, for the safe and quick return of U.S. troops. And we are praying for the church—that this new seed that has sprung from this desert place will enlarge among the people, and that God will be known to all people everywhere."

This woman was a devout Muslim and someone shared the Gospel with her, and now she is a devout Christian.







**Dr. Jack  
Hyles**

### **Some Reasons to Hate Sin**

I recall when my father passed away. My father was a drunkard. I got the word he had passed away. My sister and I went to a little one-room apartment where he had lived. We got the little gatherings that Dad had left. He didn't leave us a dime, not a penny of insurance, not a thing, just an old souvenir of a gun, and one change of clothes and a funeral bill of seven hundred dollars. We went to that apartment and got his little clothes. You could put them all in my arms. That is a picture of what sin will do. One day he was a fine young man. He had owned a nice grocery store. Then sin came into his life and he died with nothing but a few pennies in his pocket, a hammer and a saw, a little gun, and one change of clothes.

When my sister and I went to his room early one Sunday morning to get the few things he left, a man who didn't know that Dad had passed away of a heart attack the day before (they called Dad "Pop"), came swaggering in and said, "Hello there. How are you?", I said,

"Fine." He said, "Is Pop here?" "No," I said, "Pop is not here. He won't be coming back." "Well, do you see that whiskey bottle? See it?"

"Yes, I see it." (The whiskey bottle was over there in the corner.)

He said, "Me and Pop killed that whiskey bottle yesterday."

I picked up that whiskey bottle, looked at him and said, "Sir, that whiskey bottle killed Pop right after he killed the bottle." It was all I could do to keep from hitting that fellow in the head with it.

Tonight I hate liquor like I hate a rattlesnake. I hate any kind of liquor. I hate Martinis, I hate cocktails, I hate beer, I hate 3-2, I hate Seagram's Seven, I hate Four Roses, I hate it all. Why? Because I have seen what it will do to homes. I saw the wrinkles it put in my little mother's face. I saw the gray hairs it put in her head, and the stooped shoulders it caused. I saw her go to bed weeping at night because her boy and girl had no food to eat. The husband had drunk it all up. I hate it.



One of our precious married couples came by one sunny day and handed me the title and keys to this 1969 Chevelle-Malibu. The only demand I was given was to take Mrs. C out for ice cream anytime she wished. Here is proof that I am keeping my part of the bargain.

-Pastor

***AN OLDER MAN, NOT IN THE BEST PHYSICAL CONDITION, ASKED A TRAINER IN THE GYM, "I WANT TO IMPRESS THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL OVER THERE. WHICH MACHINE SHOULD I USE?" THE TRAINER REPLIED, "THE ATM OUTSIDE."***



### **Heritage Highlanders August 2021 Schedule**



**Saturday August 7**

**Attitudes**

**Saturday August 14**

**Cleanliness: Inwardly and Outwardly**

**Philippians 2:14**

**1 Samuel 16:7**

**Saturday August 21**

**Lesson on Wisdom**

**Saturday August 28**

**Soulwinning**

***James 1:5***

***John 3:16***

### **Lest We Forget**



***Technical Sgt.  
Charles Coolidge  
receives the  
Medal of Honor  
from Army Lt.  
Gen. Wade  
Haislip on June  
18, 1945***

Coolidge died April 6, four months shy of his 100th birthday. He was the nation's oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and a 77-year member of The American Legion.

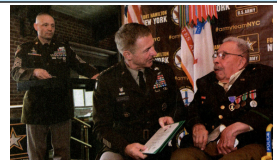
A book binder for his family's engraving and printing business, Coolidge entered the Army in 1942. He fought in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany, and was awarded the Silver Star for his actions at Velletri in May 1944.

In October 1944, near Belmont-sur-Buttant, Coolidge led an inexperienced and isolated group of soldiers under fire from German infantry. Outnumbered 4 to 1, the tech sergeant and his men repelled attacks for three days, until an enemy tank rolled within 30 yards of their position. From the turret, a soldier

called in English, "Want to give up?"

Looking him in the face, Coolidge replied, "I'm sorry, Mac, you've gotta come and get me."

He dodged five shots from the tank and began tossing grenades after his bazooka failed, killing some 20 Germans before coordinating a withdrawal. For his actions, he received the nation's highest award for valor.



**Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville presents a long-overdue Purple Heart to Osceola "Ozzie" Fletcher, a 70-year American Legion member who appears in the recently released documentary "Sixth of June."**

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

### Democrats Introduce New Bill to Eliminate Every Single Pro-Life Law Nationwide

Senate Democrats have introduced a new bill that would eliminate every single pro-life law nationwide.

The so-called Women's Health Protection Act "would invalidate nearly all existing state limitations on abortion," said Jennifer Popik, director of federal legislation for National Right to Life.

"This legislation would also prohibit states from adopting new protective laws in the future, including various types of laws specifically upheld as constitutionally permissible by the U.S. Supreme Court," she said.

Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, said the measure "would essentially remove all legal protections for unborn children on the federal and state level. The Women's Health Protection Act is, in effect, a no-limits-on-abortion-until-birth bill."

"Tragically, the only ones to benefit from such a law would be abortionists and abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood," she added. "This legislation endangers women and their unborn children, would expand taxpayer funding of abortion and would no longer require that a woman be given information about the development of her unborn child."  
-Steven Ertelt, lifenews.com

### Judge Orders Teacher Who Opposes Trans Pronouns Be Reinstated by School District

A judge has ordered a Virginia school district to reinstate an elementary school teacher who was placed on leave after criticizing a proposed policy that would require him and other teachers to use the preferred names and pronouns of trans-identified students.

Byron Tanner Cross, a physical education teacher at Leesburg Elementary School, was put on administrative leave not long after he expressed his opposition to the proposed pronoun policy at a Loudoun County School Board meeting...

...Judge James E. Plowman of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Virginia... wrote that putting Cross on leave was "extreme" and "an unconstitutional action" since the teacher's words, even if controversial, were nevertheless "permissible."

"The Court agrees with Plaintiff's analysis and concludes that Defendants' actions to suspend the plaintiff, as well as the additional restrictions placed upon him, adversely affected his constitutionally protected speech," wrote the judge.  
- Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

### Leadership



***"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.... Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:7, 17.***

I begin with this suggestion: it would be wise first to seek counsel from the spiritual leadership in your life before entering into a courtship. This would make choosing whom to marry go much more smoothly.

Let's examine some statements from our Scripture text. First, consider the phrase, ***"Remember them which have the rule over you."*** The word "remember" as used here means that we are to be mindful of them, the things they have taught us and the investment they have made in our lives.

Second, who are those that "rule over" us? I submit that the three most important are our parents, our pastor and those who have taught us the Word of God, such as Sunday school teachers and youth directors, etc. These are the people who watch for our souls and have generally made the largest spiritual investment in our lives through teaching us prayer and love.

Third, observe the statement ***"considering the end of their conversation."*** The word "conversation" used here implies behavior. Webster's Dictionary gives us this definition: "General course of manners; behavior, deportment, especially as it respects morals." In making any important decision in our lives, we should consider the leadership God has put into our lives. The spiritual leader to consider in your life is your pastor. Now, I want to be very careful here. Let's say you are in college, and you have a pastor who has been a part of your life for a short amount of time; I think you should seek counsel from this pastor. However, I also believe it would be wise to seek counsel from the pastor you have had for the longest period of time. For example, it would be wise to seek the counsel of the pastor you had during your teen years because the pastor you have had the longest probably knows you better and has the most invested in your life. You should hold your pastor's counsel in very high regard; he is the man God has sent to you from His heart. ***"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and under standing" (Jeremiah 3:15).***

As I look back on the marriages I have seen over the years, the ones that fared the best are the ones on which good godly pastors put their blessing."

# 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

**B**iblical Authority

**A**utonomy of the Local Church

**P**riesthood of ALL Believers

**T**wo ordinances - Baptism & Communion

**I**mmersed Church Membership

**S**oul-liberty

**T**wo officers - Pastors and Deacons

**S**eparation 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 Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **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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