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“...GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS, AND TELL THEM WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND HOW MERCIFUL HE HAS BEEN.” MARK 5:19

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HUGS From Heaven

Every year when Spring comes, it seems to bring me a bigger thrill and a bigger “Hug from Heaven.” During the winter months, when the world is in hibernation, I often forget how great the majesty of God really is.

Last week, I left for a day of driving and seeing the world around me again, the first time since last October. I was overjoyed with each turn as God blessed me with so many splashes of color to replace what used to be a barren land.

At first, I thought God had duplicated what so many artists have painted for many years. Then I realized it was the artists that have captured on canvas what God has always created for us with such beauty and

perfectly placed combinations of color.

One scripture kept ringing in my head over and over as I rounded the next corner with new and beautiful landscapes. Ecclesiastes 3, “To everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under heaven...” This is a part of the verse that has been quoted many times at funerals, “a time to be born, a time to die...”. As I remembered the passage “a time to plant and a time to harvest...” was also included in that chapter and the beauty of Spring wildflowers was everywhere. Even the huisache tree, a useless scrubby tree with massive thrones, were in full bloom with their vibrant golden fluffy ball blooms emitting the

most wonderful fragrance in the air. The color was almost as vivid as the colors of the maple trees in New England in the fall. If God who made the huisache trees can also make them so beautiful and fragrant, then I know He can surely use all of us.

When Mom was still with us, she would take a walk around the yard each day after finishing the dishes from lunch. When she returned from her walk, she had anywhere from an armload of wildflowers of all sizes, to sometimes just one tiny lavender bloom, only as big as the fingernail on her little finger. It didn't matter how many or how little flowers she had picked, with a big smile on her face, her first words in the house were always the same, “Look what God made for me today!” and she genuinely meant it from the bottom of her heart.

As I continued my drive, each new scene would take my breath away and I would hear the words in my heart, “a time to plant and a time to harvest”. Then I would say in my heart, “Thank you, God, for these beautiful flowers you made for me today.”

*In His Love,
Diana Boring
San Felipe, Texas*



Hide & Seek

Did you learn to play the game “Hide and Seek” when you were a child? It was a lot of fun, especially hoping to be the last one found. The first player had to close their eyes and count to 100, then look for someone to take their place.



This was my first time to play “Hide and Seek”. It happened when my parents, Robert and Hazel and I moved to Austin, Texas when I was three years old. We lived close to a busy street. One day, when I was playing outside, I heard a strange sound I had never heard. Sirens and horns were coming closer and closer to me. I ran into the house and climbed under a bed to hide from the loud sounds. Even after the fire trucks were out of sight and sound, I still stayed under the bed.

My Mother began calling me, “Jane, Jane, Jane, where are you?” I finally emerged from under my bed.

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Innocent Eyes

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

Benny wanted a job as a signalman on the railways.

At his interview, the inspector asked him this question:

"What would you do if you saw 2 trains heading for each other on the SAME track?"

Benny replied, "I would switch the points for one of the trains."

"Good. But what if the lever broke?", asked the inspector.

"Then I'd run down to the signal box," said Benny, "and use the manual lever there."

"What if lightning struck it?" asked the inspector.

"Then..." Benny continued, "I'd run back into signal box and phone the next signal box."

"What if the phone was engaged?"

"Well....in that case," persevered

Benny, "I'd rush down out of the box and use the public emergency phone at the level of the crossing up there..."

"What would you do if THAT was vandalized?"

"Oh, well then I'd run into the village and get my Uncle Toby."

This bizarre response puzzled the Inspector, so he asked, "And just why would you do that??"

"Because Uncle Toby— he's never seen a train wreck!!!"



A lady who was speeding had an officer pulled her to the side of the road.

She didn't have her seat belt on so as soon as she stopped, she quickly slipped it on before the officer got to her window.

After talking to her about speeding, the officer said, "I see you are wearing your seat belt. Do you believe in wearing it at all times?"

"Yes, I do, officer," she replied.

"Well," asked the officer, "do you always do it up with it looped through your steering wheel?"



I have a friend who filled his car with gas at a self-service gas station. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the gas cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost.

Well, he thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own gas cap, he might be able to find one that fit. Sure enough, he hadn't been searching long when he found a gas cap. He tried it on, and it went into place with a satisfying click.

"Great," he thought, "I lost my gas cap, but I found another one that fits.

And this one's even better because it locks..."



The newly-married husband came home from the office to find his young wife in floods of tears.

"Darling, whatever is the matter?" he asked.

"Sweetheart," she sobbed, "the most terrible thing has happened! I cooked my very first Beef Bourguignon for you, and I got it out of the oven to season it, and the phone rang. When I came back from answering the phone," she sobbed again. "I found that the cat had eaten it!"

"Don't worry, darling," said her husband.

"Don't cry. We can get a new cat tomorrow."



Several women, each trying to one-up the other, appeared in court, each accusing the others of causing the trouble they were having in the apartment building where they lived.

The judge, with Solomon-like wisdom decreed, "Okay, I'm ready to hear the evidence...I'll hear the oldest first."

The case was dismissed for lack of testimony.



When a guy's printer type began to grow faint, he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned.

Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told him he might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job himself.

Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?"

"Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly.

"We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

My sister landed a good job with an



accounting firm, and after a while she got a generous raise.

The day she found out about it, her husband picked her up from work, and they stopped for ice cream.

As they continued home, my sister blurted out, "Isn't it hard to believe that I have a job that pays this much money?"

Just then, she went to toss the last of her ice cream cone out the window.

However, the window was closed, and it smacked against the glass. Her husband calmly replied, "Yes."



Todd's wife bought a new line of expensive cosmetics guaranteed to make her look years younger.

After a lengthy sitting before the mirror applying the "miracle" products, she asked, "Darling, honestly, what age would you say I am?" Looking over her carefully, Todd replied, "Judging from your skin, twenty; your hair, eighteen; and your figure, twenty five."

"Oh, you flatterer!" she gushed.

"Hey, wait a minute!" Todd interrupted.

"I haven't added them up yet."



"Grandpa, I'm really proud of you," said the modish young lady.

"What's to be proud of?" asked the old man.

The young lady replied, "I noticed that when you sneeze, you've learned to put your hand in front of your mouth."

"Of course," explained Grandpa.

"How else can I catch my teeth?"



A shy little 4-year-old came in to the dentist for his first cleaning and check-up.

The hygienist tried to strike up a conversation but no response. After the cleaning, the dentist was called in to do the final check. The dentist tried to strike up a conversation as well.

"How old are you?" No response. The dentist then asked, "Don't you know how old you are?"

Immediately four tiny fingers went up.

"Oh," replied the dentist, "and do you know how old that is?"

Four little fingers went up once again.

Continuing the effort to get a response, the dentist asked, "Can you talk?"

The solemn little patient looked at him and asked, "Can you count?"

Movie Ticket Winners

The Good News Just Keeps Coming congratulates **Amanda Cox** from Humble, Texas and **Juanita G. Sanchez** from Lubbock, Texas for being the winners of two tickets each to see **God's Not Dead 2** on April 1 or 2, the opening weekend. The winners were randomly drawn from all the entries received. Thank you to each of you that participated in this contest. It is our prayer that everyone that watches this movie will be blessed and encouraged to live for Jesus more than ever before.

Just One More Time Lord

Dear Lord my heart is breaking in two right now,
 Could you please send my loved one back for a little while.
 I just need to hug them one more time,
 I promise after I do I will be fine.
 I know that I'll stop crying and I won't shed no more tears,
 Just for a little while Lord, I really need them here.
 "My child I love you so much" and there's nothing for you ,
 I would not do.
 But your loved one is so happy I'm taking good care of them too.
 I know that you are sad right now and missing them so much,
 It was time for them to come home they really needed their Fathers
 touch.
 I know that you don't understand and on earth you never will,
 And even though you're so very sad your loved one is with you still.
 In every memory you have, and inside your heart each day,
 I promise you it will get better and the pain will go away.
 There will still be times you shed a tear when you are thinking of them,
 But with love you know because of me you will be with them once
 again.
 Just one more time Lord I really wish that this Prayer would come true,
 But in my heart I have so much peace because I know that they are with
 you.

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Who You Follow Is Who You Follow

"But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'" Ruth 1:16

Leadership is all about influence. No matter where we are in life, we all have an opportunity to influence other people; we have a chance to be a godly example. And people are watching. Because of the example that Naomi set in Ruth's life, Ruth made a decision that swam against the current of her culture. She made the decision to move back to Bethlehem.

Right now, there are people in your life who are causing you to go in one direction or the other. The question we all have to ask ourselves is, which direction are we going? And is it the direction God wants you to go? Make sure you are following the people in your life who are taking you where God wants you to go, even if it swims against the current of culture. Because who you follow is who you will follow! Make sure you are surrounded with the right people in life so you can discover the right direction to go! Ask God to surround you with the kind of people. Pray for the courage to make the tough decisions to move to the right places.

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"Trouble In The Amen Corner"

It was a stylish congregation you could see they'd been around
 And they had the biggest pipe organ of any church in town
 But over in the Amen Corner of that church sat Brother Ayer
 And he insisted every Sunday on singing in the choir.

His voice was cracked and broken age had touched his vocal chords
 And nearly every Sunday he'd get behind and miss the words
 Well, the choir got so flustered the church was told in fine
 That Brother Ayer must stop his singing or the choir was going to resign.

So the pastor appointed a committee. I think it was three or four
 And they got in their big fine cars and drove up to Ayer's door
 They find the choir's great trouble sittin' there in an old arm chair
 And the summer's golden sunbeams lay upon his snow white hair.

Said York we're here dear Brother with the vestries approbation
 To discuss a little matter that affects the congregation
 Now it seems that your voice has interfered with the choir
 So if you'll just lay out are you listening Brother Ayer.

The old man raised his head a sign that he had hear
 And on his cheek the three men caught the glitter of a tear
 His feeble hands pushed back the locks as white as silky snow
 And he answered the committee in a voice both soft and low.

I wonder if beyond the tide that's breaking at my feet
 In that far off heavenly temple where my Master and I shall meet
 Yes, I wonder if when I try to sing the song of God up higher
 I wonder if they'll kick me out of there for singing in heaven's choir.

A silence filled the little room and the old man bowed his head
 The committee went on back to town but Brother Ayer was dead
 The choir missed him for awhile but he was soon forgotten
 A few church goers watched the door but the old man entered not.

Far away his voice is sweet and he sings his heart desire
 Where are there no church committees and no fashionable choirs.

Let me hide myself in Thee...

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God's Broken Shell



Eva Dimel

I can remember from the time I was young feeling like I was never good enough or worth very

much. My home

life was not stable at all, and I never knew what was going to happen next. By the time I was 19, and married, I counted 17 times we had moved during my childhood. I always felt like everyone else was worth so much more than me; because of that I was always trying to make everyone else happy never thinking about what it was doing to me.

I was diagnosed with panic disorder and PTSD from my child hood. That made me feel even more ashamed that I could not do some things that came so easy for others. Growing up all I ever wanted was to be loved and have a little house with a white picket fence that was full of love.

We were young when we married and my husband worked two jobs two jobs; I cleaned houses and baby-sit to be able to pay our bills.

We are now blessed with three children of my own and I love them so much. I wanted them to have everything I never had. I was so thankful when I got a job with the schools as a cook.

I loved my job and I so blessed that I could be home with the kids when they were home. I knew there was a God and I would pray about things especially when I was afraid and panicking.

In 1995 I found out I had a brain tumor on the optical nerve of my eye. The doctors had never seen anything like it so they watched it until I started going blind in my right eye. They had to do brain surgery in 2002 to remove it so it would not totally blind my left eye, too.

By then I was going to church and my faith in God had really grown. I was still so scared about my sight and had so many people praying for me. I came through everything really good thanks to God answering the many prayers for healing.

I always wrote poems and I thought everyone could. When a lady I worked with was going through a rough time I wrote her a poem and put it in her locker at

work. She loved it and told me I needed to publish a book, that it would help so many. I told her there was no way I could do that. I was blind in one eye I had panic disorder and I was a nobody.

I finally gave in and published my first booklet "Hope In The Storms." I was only going to share them with family and friends and be done but God had other plans. The booklets were touching and blessing so many I started receiving letters from people I didn't know. The newspaper did an article on them. Then the news channel on TV did a story on them because of the people they were touching. I was so overwhelmed I just knew I could never do this by myself.

I was praying and talking to God one night in bed and was telling Him He chose the wrong person. I did not fit this mold. I was blind in one eye, I had panic disorder, I didn't have any college degree and I knew there was someone better that could do this.

The next morning when I woke up I was reading my daily devotion and it said "Broken shells can touch a life the way no perfect shell could ever begin to". That was me! I was Gods broken shell that He wanted to use.

I continued writing and sharing the things I wrote with so many people. I would be praying and the words would just flow. I knew I

could not write anything without God. I was so blessed every time someone would tell me how what I had written had helped them. I have a love and compassion for others and if something God gave me to write blessed someone that meant more to me than anything.

In 2010 I fell at work and had to have surgery on my knee. The doctors would not let me come back to work. I was not ready to be done with my job but God had other plans. I was now free to write more and send out more things to people that were hurting and needed some comfort and hope.

Soon I was on face book and posted one of my poems. To my amazement, the response was overwhelming. Now I post one daily and I hear from people all over the world. God knew I didn't need to travel after all. I am also so blessed to write for a newspaper in Texas, The Good News Just Keeps Coming. This paper goes out to prisons, hospitals, doctor's offices, rehabs centers and all kinds of places.

God continues to bless me and I am now hosting a radio show once a month from my home in Grove City, Ohio. The program is on kcwgthetruth.com and originates in California. It is an awesome Christian station.

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Every year I do an inspirational calendar with one of my poems on each month, and yes, I have also published a larger book titled Eva's Inspirations Inspired By God. When it comes to money I am not rich, but my cup runs over with all the blessings God has and is still sending my way.

Looking back over my life and where God has brought me I feel like the richest person in the world. It's the things money can't buy that mean the most to me. I never dreamed that God could use someone like me who was broken, to touch so many who are hurting and need hope and to know they are loved and someone cares.

When I think of all I have been through from the time I was a child I now realize it was those bad times that prepared me for what God wanted me to do. With thanks in my heart I can humbly say I am so grateful to God for everything. For now I will keep writing and touching lives with the things God puts on my heart. Always I want all the glory going to God, for I could not write anything without Him. I am still a work in progress and I know I always will be. What an amazing journey to be on with God.

Eva Dimel
Grove City, Ohio

God Loved Me Through It

Down on my knees I cried God I can't do this,
But you held me close and you loved me through it.
Through the storms and the trials and the things I can't face,
You even sent your only Son Jesus to die in my place.
When I was lost feeling like no one was there,
You loved me through it God letting me know someone cared.
Giving me hope you helped me find my way,
Letting me know with you there would be better days.
When my heart was broken filled with sorrow and pain,
God you loved me through it as you held me again.
Showing me the pain would only last for a while,
As you filled my heart with joy and gave me a reason to smile.
My life isn't perfect and when I feel like I can't do this,
I look up knowing God will always love me through it.

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Banana Bread Bars with Brown Butter Frosting



BARS

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 3-4 bananas, mashed
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup pecans

FROSTING

- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons milk

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375°F Grease and flour 15x10-inch jelly roll pan. For the bars, in a large bowl, beat together sugar, sour cream, butter, and eggs until creamy. Blend in bananas and vanilla extract. Add flour, baking soda, salt, and blend for 1 minute. Stir in walnuts.

Spread batter evenly into pan. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Meanwhile, for frosting, heat butter in a large saucepan over medium heat until boiling. Let the butter turn a delicate brown and remove from heat immediately.

Add powdered sugar, vanilla extract and milk. Whisk together until smooth (it should be thicker than a glaze but thinner than frosting).

Using a spatula, spread the brown butter frosting over the warm bars (the frosting will be easier to spread while the bars are still warm).

FUN WITH GOD'S WORD

Use the scriptures below to find and circle the **BOLDFACED** words. **UNDERLINED WORDS** will be found together.

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N	H	D	I	T	L	E	E	H	W	G	S	Y	F	N	S	I	A
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J	D	S	E	L	A	M	E	F	E	C	L	S	H	A	Q	R	H

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our im-
age, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day
Genesis 1:26-27, 31



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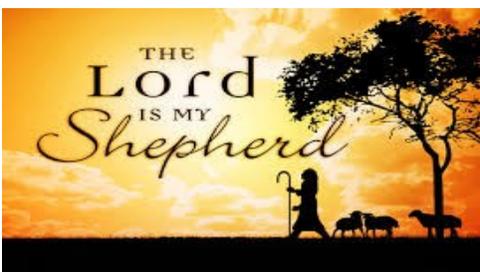
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SHEEP

Sheep are among the least secure of the world's animals. Someone said they disprove the theory of "the survival of the fittest." Turn my dog Sonny loose, and he's wild. Turn a sheep loose, and it just wanders off. Sheep don't swim because of the weight of wool. They're too afraid to drink from flowing streams. Sometimes they fall over on their back, and can't get up. The only place a sheep is safe is in the hand of its shepherd. We are sheep, Jesus is the Shepherd. He promises us *double security* because we are in His hand, and He is in the hand of the Father.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." - John 10:27-30



FAMILY MATTERS

The older I get, the more I love my family. My wife, my sons and daughters in law and my six grandchildren are more precious to me than anything else in this life. But if I were starting my family over again, I'd strive to do better. I would listen more. Love my wife more. Spend more quality time with my children. Praise them more often for doing right. If I had it to do over again I'd let them know how grateful to God I am for each of them, every day, because family matters.

Puritan reformer and preacher Jonathan Edwards married Sarah Pierpoint, and they had 11 children. Every day Jonathan and Sarah Edwards would sit down with each one of those children alone, and say "Let's talk a little about you." Also, every day, this husband and wife rode on horseback together for an hour or more. And 150 years after

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What about you? Is your family your number one priority? Do they know it? Tell them today, and let your actions prove that it is true.

Grandchildren are the crown of old men, and the glory of sons is their fathers.

Proverbs 17:6

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Mother picked me up and held me close for I was crying. "Don't cry any more. You are safe in my arms. I'm here to protect you from harm or hurt." I felt so loved and cared for by my mother.

The Bible tells us about two people, Adam and Eve, who experienced the first game of "Hide and Seek". God was seeking Adam and Eve, who were hiding. It says in Genesis 3:8-10 "And they, Adam and Eve, heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and Eve hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called Adam and said, where art thou? And he said, I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself."

Have you ever heard the voice of God calling you? Do you hide from Him? He cares for you. It says in 1

Peter 5:7 "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you." Even in times of fear, Jesus is near. Just a call or a prayer, He will answer you.

It says in Acts 17:27 "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:"

Deuteronomy 4:29 says, "But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Your soul is your mind, will and emotions.

My prayer for you if you have been playing "Hide and Seek" with the Lord God (Jesus), STOP! Because Jesus is seeking you, to give you eternal life. God bless each one who reads this story.

Other passages that deal with "Hiding and Seeking" are Luke 15: 4-7; Luke 15:8-10, Luke 15:27-32.

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