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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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## NICKELS from *Heaven*



On Saturday, May 8, 2010, my husband, Jake and

I were in Clear Lake to attend our grandson, Jared's first communion. We were spending the night with our son, Jason, and his family. About 10 p.m., we received a phone call that no parent ever wants to hear. Our daughter, Janet, lived in Houston and her neighbor was trying to get ahold of us. After talking to her, she told us to come to Janet's house and to expect the worst. At this time I knew it wasn't good news.

Janet was going to get a divorce from her husband and it was going to be final on the following Tuesday. I did not know what was going on at first. I had talked to Janet on Friday and she was to our house on Sunday for Mother's Day and spend a few days with us. I remember her telling me her husband, who was living elsewhere, wanted to come to the house one last time to have a root beer at the bar. I asked her not to take him there. Without me knowing she took him to the Art Car Parade, which they did for many years, and then to the house. I think she must have thought she was doing a good deed. Instead, while she was putting pictures on her

computer he shot her. In fact, he put four bullets in her. I try to put the rest of the story behind me because it is too emotional for me.

After the funeral, every time I went to Mass, the sermon was on Forgiveness. I told the priest – “You keep hitting me on the head.” Finally, I went to confession and said I forgive him.

At the trial he got 99 years and told us all he was sorry. Any person who has lost a loved one due to violence knows how hard this is.

Before this happened, Jake and I had a trip planned for October to go to Niagara Falls with a tour group. I had gone to the bank to get cash and put all but \$40 in my purse. I went to the grocery store and used \$20 for items and put the change in one pocket. I took the other \$20 to another eating place and put the extra change in the other pocket. When I got home, I put all the money on the bar. Since the money was wadded up, I wanted to straighten it up before my husband got home. He did not like money being messed up. I keep the state quarters and old coins in a separate container. As I was sorting the change I saw an old nickel, 1959, and then four more 1959 nickels in a row. I have never seen a 1959 nickel before. Janet and I trav-

eled a lot overseas and our combination would always be 1959, her birth year. I do not know why there were five, I think she was killed on May 8, the fifth month, she was 50 years old and October she had been gone five months. I do not know what the other two could mean. I feel she may have asked God to give me a special sign and for this I am very blessed and thankful. I have not seen another 1959 coin in seven years.

In addition, I have had a red bird that comes to my front yard and acts unusually. If there is any way Janet can comfort me, she would try.

My daughter, Jane, was on her way to Columbus. I told her not to speed through Danevang. While going through there she looked in the rear view mirror and saw Janet-beautiful and smiling. Then her hood went to shaking and rattling. She had to pull off the road and check it. Don't know what that means.

My husband, Jake, passed away a year and a half ago. He said he was ready to go see Janet. I asked him if



*Our daughter, Janet Foltyn in 2010.*

possible to send me some messages as he knew I thought about the red bird. So when I see two red birds, I feel them around me. Until I can join them I will be thankful for all the special unexplainable blessing I have received.

God is great and God is good!

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# Innocent Eyes

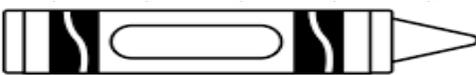
*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.*  
Proverbs 17:22

A man was seen fleeing down the hall of the hospital just before his operation. "What's the matter?" he was asked.

He said, "I heard the nurse say, 'It's a very simple operation, don't worry, I'm sure it will be all right.'"

"She was just trying to comfort you, what's so frightening about that?"

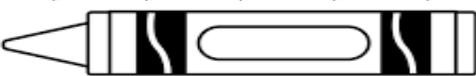
"She wasn't talking to me. She was talking to the doctor!"



Here's hoping there is no one like this at your workplace.

Faced with hard times, the company offered a bonus of one thousand dollars to any employee who could come up with a way of saving money.

The bonus went to a young woman in accounting who suggested limiting future bonuses to ten dollars.



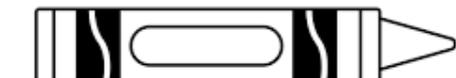
On a street, where the speed is limited to 30 mph the police stop a driver.

"Not only have you been driving too fast, you've been passing cars where it is not allowed. Your lights don't work, your tires all completely worn out.

This is surely going to cost you a lot. What's your name?"

"Schrathewisizeski Vocgefastilong-chinic."

"Well, I'll let you go this time but don't do it again."



After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for our anniversary. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."



Shortly after the birth of their second child, a husband offered to take his wife shopping for a new dress. He en-

dured more than two hours of listening to her complaints about which figure flaw each dress accentuated.

As she emerged from the dressing room, having tried on the last selection, she asked for her husband's opinion. By this time he had learned just the right things to say. "It's perfect!" he exclaimed. "It makes your waist look smaller, your legs look longer, and slenderizes your hips."

Just then another lady in the dressing room spoke out. "If there is a dress here that will do that, I'll buy them all!"



A company offered tours through the historic district, led by guides dressed in Colonial clothing. While leading a group, one of the guides, tripped and fell, breaking his wrist.

He went to the hospital, and as he sat waiting in the emergency room, a policeman walked by.

Doing a double take at him in his 18th-century garb he asked, "Just how long have you been waiting?"

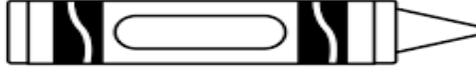


I have my own system for labeling homemade freezer meals.

Forget calling them "Veal Parmigiana" or "Turkey Loaf" or "Beef Pot Pie."

If you look in my freezer you'll see "Whatever," "Anything," "I Don't Know," and, my favorite, "Food."

That way when I ask my husband what he wants for dinner, I'm certain to have what he wants."



Years ago, when our daughters were very young, we'd drop them off at our church's children's chapel on Sundays before the eleven o'clock service.

One Sunday, just as I was about to open the door to the small chapel, the minister came rushing up in full vestments. He said he had an emergency and asked if I'd speak to the children at their story time. He said the subject was the Twenty-third Psalm.

But just as I was about to get up from the back row and talk about the good shepherd, the minister burst into the

room and signaled to me that he would be able to do the story time after all. He told the children about sheep, that they weren't smart and needed lots of guidance, and that a shepherd's job was to stay close to the sheep, protect them from wild animals and keep them from wandering off and doing dumb things that would get them hurt or killed.

He pointed to the little children in the room and said that they were the sheep and needed lots of guidance.

Then the minister put his hands out to the side, palms up in a dramatic gesture, and with raised eyebrows said to the children, "If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?" He was pretty obviously indicating himself.

A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young visitor said, "Jesus, Jesus is the shepherd."

The young minister, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well, then, who am I?"

The little boy frowned thoughtfully and then said with a shrug, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

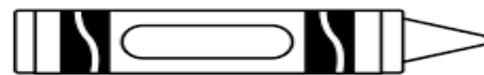


Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office.

"Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."

"We're short-handed, Smith," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off."

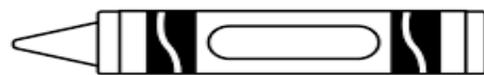
"Thanks, boss," says Smith, "I knew I could count on you!"



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."



For months Bill had been Lynn's devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions.

"There are quite a lot of advantages to being a bachelor," Bill began, "but there comes a time when one longs for the companionship of another being, a being who will regard one as perfect, as an idol; whom one can treat as one's absolute own; who will be kind and faithful when times are hard; who will share one's joys and sorrows."

To his delight, Bill saw a sympathetic gleam in Lynn's eyes. Then she nodded in agreement. Finally, Lynn responded,

"I think it's a great idea! Can I help you choose which puppy to buy?"

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## The Difference One Teacher Made

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down.

It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really?" she heard whispered. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much," were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Viet Nam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature.

The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin.

As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came

up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded. "Yes." Then he said, "Mark talked about you a lot."

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

"We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it." Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

"Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home."

Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album."

"I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary."

Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," Vicki said and without batting an eyelash. She continued, "I think we all saved our lists."

That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She never realized what a difference this simple assignment had made in so many lives.

## Start a New Sound

**"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." 2 Corinthians 10:4**

Has anyone ever told you something negative in your past that has stuck with you? Maybe even to this day. "You're stupid," or "you'll never make it."

In the scripture above, the word "stronghold" comes from a Greek word meaning "echo." A stronghold is an echo. And that negative phrase that was spoken to you at a young age that you began to believe, is still echoing today ... "You're stupid. You're stupid. You're stupid."

How do you stop an echo? Start a



new sound. A new sound will stop the old sound. When you speak God's word, sing songs that are filled with his truth - you are starting a sound, a new echo.

Ask God to help you identify the negative echoes in your life. Pray for the courage to believe what God says about you.

Start speaking life and truth now. In Psalm 139, God says you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Read this passage and begin to speak this truth today.

**Psalm 139:13-14(NIV)**

**<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;**

**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,**

**I know that full well.**

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# Angels From Heaven

Last month I was complaining about going to the hospital for a heart catheter to repair a blockage in one of the veins of my heart. I had a real peace from God about the procedure and I knew I was in His loving care regardless how the procedure turned out.

I was awake during the procedure but was "kept comfortable." I didn't know a lot of what was going on, but I can remember hearing the doctor say loudly, "Beautiful!! Beautiful!! Everything is beautiful!" I wasn't sure what that meant, but I knew it must be good. After the procedure, the doctor showed me the pictures of beautiful open veins and a healthy heart muscle. I was so relieved.

One of my friends called me that evening after I got home and asked how I was doing. I told her there was nothing there. She said, "Or maybe there was and God answered all of our prayers to heal you."

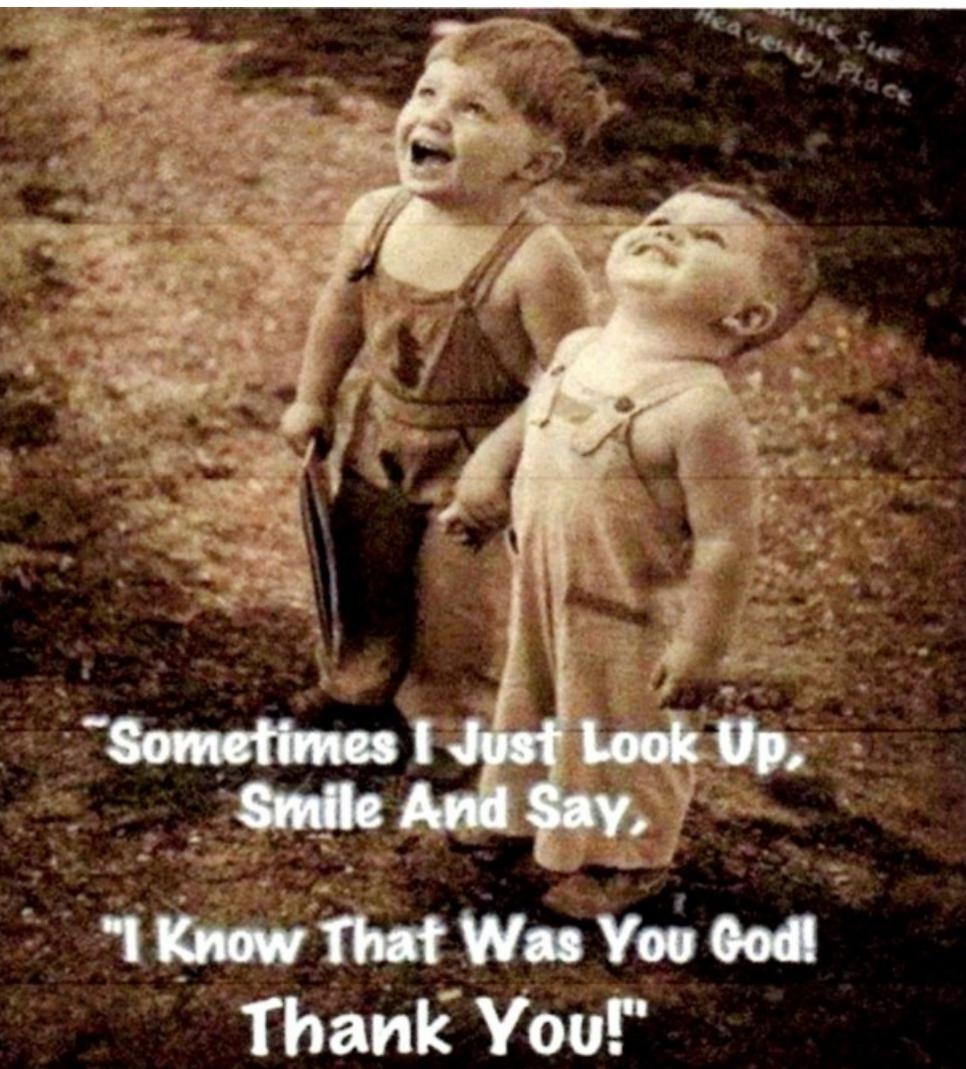
I never thought of that. God is still in the healing business and whether

there was truly nothing there, or whether God had healed me, I knew it was only through God that I was doing so well.

Then I wondered how many other times God has stepped in and answered prayers of healing for me and I never even told him thank you. I was ashamed. I would like to be more like the little boys in the picture and remember to always tell God thank you for all He does for me. I've heard it said, "There are no coincidences, only miracles when God wishes to remain silent."

One of my favorite verses from the Bible is found in **JEREMIAH 29:11**. **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

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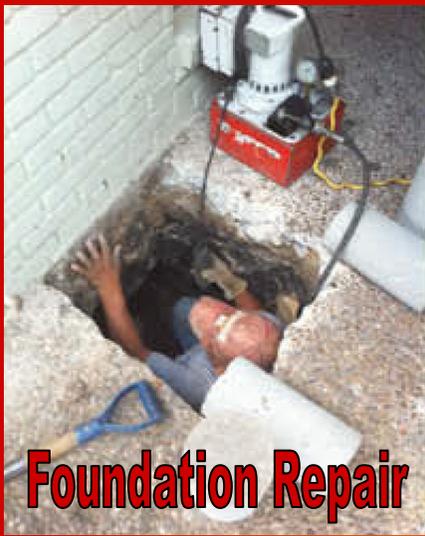
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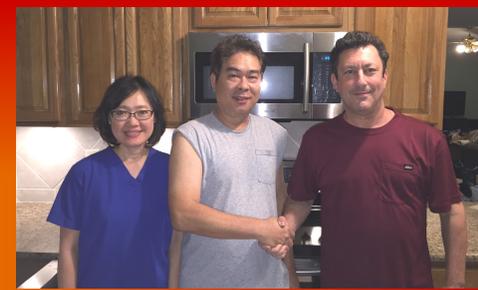
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Mary had a little Lamb  
Its fleece was white as snow  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The Lamb was sure to go  
He followed her to school each day  
Wasn't even in the rule  
It made the children laugh and play  
To have the Lamb at school  
And then the rules all changed one day  
Illegal it became  
To bring the Lamb of God to school  
Or even speak His name  
Every day got worse and worse  
And days turned into years  
Instead of hearing our children laugh  
We heard gun shots and tears  
What must we do to stop the crime  
That's in our schools today  
Let's let the Lamb come back to school  
And teach our kids to pray!



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- 1 (16oz.) package vanilla wafers
- 6-8 bananas, sliced

In a large mixing bowl, beat pudding mix and milk 2 minutes. Blend in condensed milk until smooth. Stir in vanilla and fold in whipped topping. Layer wafers, bananas and pudding mixture in a glass serving bowl. Continue layering until all the pudding is used. Chill until serving.



# 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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But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Here there is no conflict with the law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or injure one another or be jealous of one another." Galatians 5:22-26

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# Hypocrites in Church

A lady went to her Pastor and said, "Pastor, I won't be going to your church anymore."

The Pastor responded, "But why?"

The lady said, "Ah! I saw a woman gossiping about another member; a man that is a hypocrite; the worship team living wrong; people looking at their phone during service; among so many other things wrong in your church."

The Pastor replied, "OK. But before you go, do me a favor: take a full glass of water and walk around the church three times without spilling a drop on the ground. Afterwards, leave the church if you desire."

The lady thought, "Too easy!"

She walked three times around the church as the Pastor had asked.

When she finished she told the Pastor she was ready to leave.

The Pastor said, "Before you leave I want to ask you one more question. When you were walking around the church, did you see anyone gossiping?"

The lady replied, "No."

"Did you see any hypocrites?"

The lady said, "No."

"Anyone looking at their phone?"

"No."

"You know why?"

"No."

"You were focused on the glass, to make sure you didn't stumble and spill any water. It's the same with our life. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we don't have time to see the mistakes of others. We will reach out a helping hand to them and concentrate on our own walk with the Lord."

**"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"**

# Secret Kindness

*"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." - John Wooden (1910- )*

without taking credit for the effort? You would be amazed at how something simple can be such a blessing, not only to the receiver, but also to you.

There was a doctor who had been practicing medicine for over 30 years in a small Arkansas town. He was called before the State Medical Board because it had been reported that the doctor kept no written records of his patients' medical histories. The doctor admitted that he kept all patient information in his head but avoided having his license revoked when it was discovered that he was the only doctor in the small town and treated most of his patients at no charge.

When was the last time you did something special for someone else



Make a habit of doing a secret kindness for someone each and every day. Not only will you be able to shed happiness on others, but you, too, will surely be blessed!

*"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know*

*what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." - Matthew 6:3*

**Submitted by  
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## Eva's Inspirations

### Empty Hands

Jesus I come to you with a heavy heart today,  
I told you everything as I cried and prayed.  
You listened with compassion and love for me,  
To the things you already knew, and you could see.  
I know I prayed for a very long time,  
I needed so much help and I wanted to be fine.  
As I slowly got up I felt so differently,  
I was covered with your peace it was all over me.  
Everything seem so much better as I begin to stand,  
Then I realized I had empty hands.  
You took my problems and my worries and cares,  
As you softly whispered "I'm glad you brought them here."  
"These things kept your hands from reaching out,"  
"And learning what life with me is all about."  
"Everyone that walks with me needs empty hands,"  
"Giving me room to slowly fill them with all of my plans."

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