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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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God Has a Plan for Each of Us

In 2009, Darlene, my wife of 57 years, began feeling bad and ask me to take her to the hospital. As she was walking up to the nurses' station, a blood clot suddenly took her life. The doctors worked on her, but were unable to bring her back.

Darlene and I both love the Lord with all our heart and both asked Jesus into our hearts many years ago. The Bible promises believers in 2 Corinthians 5:8, ***“Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”*** I knew in my heart that Darlene was finally getting to hold our young daughter for the first time that we lost years ago. She was not able to hold her while our daughter was here on earth for the 2 days she was in the ICU unit of the hospital. The following week we had “a going away party” for Darlene thanking God for her life with us and comforted by the fact that we will live together throughout eternity with Jesus.

I realized I was on a new path so I determined like Paul in Philipians 4:11-13 to be content no matter the situation, ***“For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”*** ¹² *I know what it is*

to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ *I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”*

Darlene had always done most of the cooking for us and I had a lot to learn. I cooked a package of pinto beans in the crock pot and then decided to make a pan of Jiffy cornbread to go with it. I mixed it according to the package directions in a plastic pan. Being familiar with the microwave, I thought I could put the plastic pan into the oven in the stove. I soon smelled the plastic bowl melting. I quickly removed it from the oven and put the cornbread batter in a metal pan to bake. It turned out just fine.

I also wasn't familiar with food portions and I had cooked enough food to feed at least six hungry people. So, I invited my neighbors over to help me eat all that I had prepared. It was very enjoyable and we all had a good time visiting together. Over the years, I have gotten better at cooking for myself, while still trying to remain content as I learn.

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“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

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Innocent Eyes

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

A college professor asked his class a question.

"If Philadelphia is 100 miles from New York and Chicago is 1000 miles from Philadelphia and Los Angeles is 2000 miles from Chicago, how old am I?"

One student in the back of the class raised his hand and when called upon said, "Professor you're 44."

The Professor said, "You're absolutely correct, but tell me, how did you arrive at the answer so quickly?"

The student said, "You see professor, I have a brother; he's 22, and he's only half crazy."

A young man, fresh out of college, went to see his doctor one day.

"Doc, there's something wrong with me. Every time I stand in a baby's high chair and face southwest, and then touch my tongue to a piece of aluminum foil that's wrapped around an acorn, I get a strange tingle in my big toe. Can you tell me what the problem is?"

"Sure!" The doctor said. "You have way too much time on your hands!"

A man was on his way home with a new car, which was absorbing all his attention, when it struck him that he had forgotten something.

Twice he stopped, counted his parcels, searched his pockets, but finally decided he had everything with him. Yet the feeling persisted.

When he reached home his daughter ran out, stopped short, and cried: "Daddy, where's Mommy?"

The minister gave his Sunday morning service, as usual, but this particular Sunday, it was considerably longer than normal.

Later, at the door, shaking hands with parishioners as they moved out, one man said, "Your sermon, Pastor, was simply wonderful - so invigorating and inspiring and refreshing."

The minister of course, broke out in a big smile, only to hear the man say, "Why I felt like a new man when I woke up!"

It was the first camping experience for Jed. As soon as he had pitched his tent, he went for a hike in the woods. In about fifteen minutes he rushed back into camp, bleeding and disheveled. "What happened?" asked a fellow camper.

"I was chased by a black snake!" cried the frightened Jed.

The camper laughed and retorted, "A black snake isn't deadly."

"Listen," groaned Jed, "If he can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff, he is!"

When I went to get my driver's license renewed, our local motor-vehicle bureau was packed.

The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of me finally got his license.

He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture."

The clerk looked at his picture closely.

"It's okay," he reassured the man, "That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."

A knight and his men return to their castle after a long hard day of fighting. "How are we faring?" asks the king.

"Sire," replies the knight, "I have been robbing and pillaging on your behalf all day, burning the towns of your enemies in the west."

"What?!" shrieks the king. "I don't have any enemies to the west!"

"Oh, no..." says the knight. "Well, you do now."

Three men worked in the Empire State Building on the 102nd floor. One day the elevator was out of service, so they had to walk up to their office. To pass the time, they decided that one would sing a song, one would tell a joke, and the third would tell a sad story - each taking a turn every floor until they reached the top.

Finally, as they reached the 100th floor, one man sang his last song. As they reached the 101st floor, the second guy told his last joke. As they ascended the flight to the 102nd floor, the third man said, "I forgot the key."

A nearsighted minister glanced at the note that Mrs. Jones had sent to him by an usher.

The note read: "Bill Jones having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

Failing to observe the punctuation, he startled his audience by announcing: "Bill Jones, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

An eccentric philosophy professor gave a one question final exam after a semester dealing with a broad array of topics.

The class was already seated and ready to go when the professor picked up his chair, plopped it on his desk and wrote on the board: "Using everything we have learned this semester, prove that this chair does not exist."

Fingers flew, erasers erased, notebooks were filled in furious fashion. Some students wrote over 30 pages in one hour attempting to refute the existence of the chair. One member of the class however, was up and finished in less than a minute.

Weeks later when the grades were posted, the rest of the group wondered how he could have gotten an A when he had barely written anything at all. His answer consisted of two words: "What chair?"

A woman walking down a residential street, noticed a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. She called out to him as she passed.

"Hello there! I couldn't help but notice how happy you look. What's your secret for a long happy life?"

"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he replied. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat nothing but fast food, and never exercise."

"Wow!" The woman was amazed. "How old are you?" she asked.

"Twenty-six," he replied.

Although this married couple enjoyed their new fishing boat together, it was the husband who was behind the wheel operating the boat. Still, he was concerned about what might happen in an emergency.

So one day out on the lake he said to his wife, "Honey, take the wheel... Pretend that I am having a heart attack. You must get the boat safely to shore and dock it."

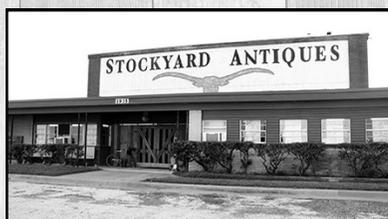
So she drove the boat to shore and safely docked it. Later that evening, the wife walked into the living room where her husband was reading a novel. She sat down next to him, switched the TV channel, and said to him,

"Honey, go into the kitchen. Pretend I'm having a heart attack and set the table, cook dinner and wash the dishes."

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The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a po-

liceman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was

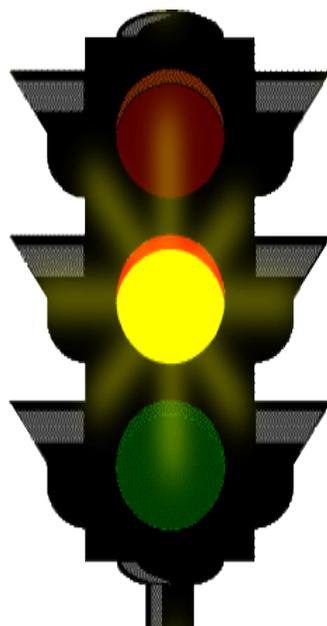
waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper

sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."

"By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35



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I was determined to be content, I lived on the edge of the park, my Church was one block away and town was only two blocks away so why shouldn't I be content.

My son in law, Donald, my daughter's husband, was pastor of the Houston First Church of God for 35 years. My daughter and her family were very good to check on me and visit with me frequently. After I went to my dentist for some cosmetic work and finding out that all my teeth had to be removed, my daughter insisted I move in with her family in Houston.

Within four days my family was able to sell and give away everything

but a suitcase full of my things and I moved to Houston. I enjoyed living with them and my precious granddaughter as I recovered from that surgery. It took a year but then I was content again.

I have been on two missionary trips and gone to Taiwan with my son and family. I have enjoyed working in the church, which is the most loving one I've ever been in.

While at my grandson's ranch in Wyoming several years ago, I got to go on my first roundup. It's interesting that the horse knows more than I do about chasing calves. The roundup was fun, the branding not so much. I learned that until the brand is on each calf, it can belong to anyone, so the branding has to be done. I am still determined with God's help to be content in everything.

Tests come in all sizes and about a year ago I was facing a new one. Donald, my son in law had been pastor of the same church for 35 years. He felt like God was calling him to a different church. After much prayer and exploring new opportunities, Donald accepted the position of congregational care pastor in Casper, Wyoming.

I have been telling people for years that I had seen enough snow by the time I was 6 years old to last a lifetime. I must have been mistaken. When we arrived in Casper, there was snow on the ground and when we went to the door three days later to go out to dinner, there was two more inches of snow

and the snowflakes that were still falling were the size of quarters. We decided to go anyway but couldn't get up the first hill on the way to the restaurant we had chosen, so we had to turn around and go to a different restaurant. I'm still determined to remain content.

We have enjoyed the new church in Casper and meeting the people there. This church does not have prayer meetings at the Church on Wednesday nights, but instead meet in small groups in member's homes. One of the prayer meetings was right across the street from our house, so Don and I decided to attend that one to get to know some of the members better. We had a great time.

The next week I went back across the street for prayer meeting and for some reason the lady that owned the house was the only one there. She invited me in and we visited for several hours and really enjoyed getting to know each other.

We had so much in common. She had been married for 62 years and several years ago, her husband went to live with the Lord. We are both con-

vinced that God had planned for us to meet and fall in love. We were married June 19, 2015 by my son-in-law Donald. It was a small wedding with just our immediate family.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 37:4 **"Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."** I don't think either of us was looking for another partner in life, but when we met, we knew being together was God's plan for our lives. We couldn't be happier. God really does have a plan for each of us.

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A real friend is someone who knows all about you but likes you anyway. It takes a long time to grow and old friend.

Forty years ago I met a wonderful lady named Amy. We were both assistant managers of the Pizza Inn in Rosenberg, which meant we both never worked at the same time. Her husband was a long distance truck driver and gone all the time and my husband was a fire fighter and worked 24 hour shifts. I had two little girls ages 2 and 4 and she had two little girls ages 1 and 3. We became instant friends and our girls became good friends, too. We struck up a deal that when I worked, she would keep my girls and when she worked, I would keep her girls. That way neither of us had to pay a baby sitter and we knew our children would be happy and well cared for.

She had been raised to love the Lord as I had and we began attending the same church, Calvary Baptist Church in Rosenberg. In fact, both of my daughters were baptized there. Amy lived in Rosenberg about 5 years and our friendship grew. We not only shared life, but also the blessing God had given us and our deep love for Him.

Amy was born and raised in North Carolina and she felt the need to move back closer to her family. We tried to

keep in touch, but life took up so much time, we soon lost contact with each other. Nearly five years passed. We had moved to Katy and one day our family was at Sears at the Memorial City Mall, the closest mall to Katy at that time. Who should we run into but my friend, Amy. We squealed and hugged and talked as though no time had ever passed. Good friends are like stars—you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. She and I were both so glad to have found each other again.

We exchanged phone numbers and our friendship continued to grow. Amy was in Texas about a year and then moved back to North Carolina again. By this time we had no long distance fees for telephone calls. Now we have the luxury of cell phones and we talk at least once a week.

Our children have all grown now, and most of our grandchildren are grown and we are still best friends. We share joys and sorrow with each other and prayer for each other. We share insights we've learned from the Bible or from Bible studies or just life.

On June 12, one of her granddaughters, Haley, graduated from Air Force boot camp in San Antonio. Amy deliberated flew into Houston for that so we could see each other again. My daughter, Holly and I met her at the Bush airport and had lunch with her before she headed to San Antonio. The next night, after the graduation, she came back to my home to stay a couple of days. We talked nonstop and "ate our way across Texas." There are just some foods we have here in Texas that they can't get in North Carolina: like barbecue from Hinze's in Sealy; cracklings from Repka's in Pat-

tison; kolaches from Hruska's in Elinger; rib eye steak from Nancy's Steak House in Columbus; and pecan pralines from Tony's Restaurant in Sealy. We bought extra and froze it, so she could take a little taste of Texas back to her family in North Carolina. We had the most wonderful time together

I am so blessed to have Amy for a friend and when I count my blessings, I count her twice. What a huge Hug from Heaven I had this month. Many people will walk in and out of our life, but only true friends will leave footprints in our heart and we will never be the same again.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. "

John 15:12-15 NIV

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Use the scriptures below to find and circle the **BOLDFACED** words. **UNDERLINED WORDS** will be found together. Words may appear diagonal, across, backwards, up or down.

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Oreo Cream Cheese Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup mini dark chocolate chips
- 2 cups Oreo cookies (crumbled)



DIRECTIONS

1. Cream together butter and sugar.
2. Blend in the cream cheese and vanilla, then mix in flour, and add chocolate chips last.
3. Chill dough for 1 hour.
4. Preheat oven to 375.
5. Create 1 inch round balls of dough, roll them in the Oreos, and place (evenly spaced) on cookie sheet.
6. Bake on center rack about 14-15 minutes. Allow to cool before serving.

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Where Love Abounds

Life by the Spirit

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:13-15, 22-26



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What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You

It has been almost 10 years since the day my dad was buried with military honors. At his memorial service I read a letter written by my friend Danny De Armas. Danny met my dad on several occasions but never realized he was talking to a hero.

Thursday, August 18, 2005

Dear Ken,

They say that what you don't know won't hurt you. Truth is what you don't know can hurt you. Thank you. Because of you, I shook his hand. I sat at his dinner table. I rode in his car (an adventure all its own!). I only wish I'd known enough to tell him "thanks."

You introduced me to him. It was really no big deal to me at the time. Another old man, hard to listen to, hard to understand. He seemed to be preoccupied the whole time I was around him. I watched you interact with him and it seemed difficult and awkward. He bounced from subject to subject and person to person. And yet, when I looked deeply I could see more. He loved you. And his appreciation for you, his daughters and his wife, was deep. I watched him one day as you entertained a crowd in his hometown. He was proud, but not in a way that indicated surprise. He expected you to be at least as good as you were. He was sure of your success.

I wonder now about his secrets. I wonder how he suppressed his anxiety and fear. I wonder if the memories had faded, and pain worn off. Its no wonder that he could run a red light without fear. Its no wonder he could work quietly and patiently with his hands

at his workbench.

Until recently, I didn't know what people meant when they called his generation, the greatest generation. How does one come to that conclusion? Now I understand...they were the greatest generation because they were men and women, who choose service over self, sacrifice over gratification, future over present, and principle over peace. It was the greatest generation and Mr. Davis epitomized it.

I never knew about him being abandoned by his country. The sixty miles he walked. The prison he lived in. The meals he missed. The beatings he endured. The fear he felt. The loneliness he suffered. The despair he experienced. The chains he wore. The hope he'd lost. The debt he paid so I can enjoy my pursuit of happiness.

If only I had known all of this, I would have thanked him myself. What I didn't know did hurt me... and cost me that opportunity.

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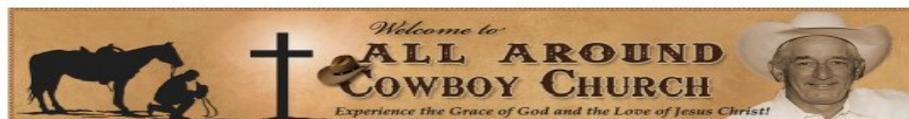
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