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## Always Honor Our Soldiers

My husband, Charles Cody was a World War II veteran and a very patriotic American. He was a kind and generous man and tried to honor soldiers anywhere he saw them. He always told me that every time I saw a soldier in a restaurant to pay for his meal, even if it took every penny I had. They gave their all to safe guard our freedoms and it was the least we could do for them.

Charles also loved playing guitar with some of his friends. They loved country and bluegrass music, and they were really good. One day his friends invited him to go to a music instrument auction, and I urged him to go. When he came home, he had a smile from ear to ear. He had purchased one of the two guitars that Marty Stuart personally designed and sold from the Martin Guitar Factory. It was beautiful with mother of pearl on the neck. He loved that guitar and played it every day. It was his prize possession.

When Charles went to his final reward four years ago, I just couldn't sell the guitar, but constantly wondered what was I going to do with it – I didn't know how to play guitar, and I certainly was not going to put it in a garage sale. I kept asking myself what Charles would want me to do with it. Then I knew. I was going to give it to a wounded soldier, maybe in a wheel chair, that wanted to learn to play guitar. I called Scott and White hospital in Waco, Texas and told them what I was looking for. They gave me the number to the Veteran's Administration office.

The VA located a soldier that had been wounded during his second tour of Afghanistan. An innocent looking child walked into his group of soldiers not knowing the child had a bomb strapped to his body. When the bomb went off, this soldier had shrapnel in his shoulder and was at the V A Hospital in Waco Texas to have the metal fragments removed.

His name is Jeremy Simley, and playing guitar is something he always wanted to learn. He was so excited about my offer to give this guitar to him. He called his grandfather in Tennessee and asked him if he would drive him to Sealy to meet me and see the guitar. His grandfather flew to Waco and drove Jeremy to my home. He was delightful and a real hero to me. Anyone that risked his life twice to keep us free is always a hero to me.

I told Jeremy and his grandfather the story of my hero husband and his love for that guitar and all soldiers. Jeremy asked particulars about my husband's military service, and I proudly told him.

It was only a short time until I heard from Jeremy again, and he asked if he could come for another visit, that he had made something for me. I told him to come right on. He presented me with the most beautiful shadow box

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**Upper right: Minnie Cody with the beautiful plaque made for her by soldier Jeremy Simley. Lower right: U.S. soldier Jeremy Simley on duty in Afghanistan.**



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# Innocent Eyes

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.*

Proverbs 17:22

As a young preacher, my small church had limited facilities, so we held baptisms in a creek. With alligators in the area, however, that was less than ideal.

Then a minister friend suggested I bring my next group of baptismal candidates to his church for a joint baptismal service. Naturally, I accepted.

The baptismal pool had a clear front so the congregation could see everything. When the baptisms were finished, curtains were drawn, and I was left alone in the pool for a moment. The building had no air conditioning, and it was quite hot. I thought how nice it would feel to take a little dip. I glided to one end, turned, and backstroked to the other end.

Hearing a riotous uproar in the church, I looked toward the congregation.

The curtain was down only to the top of the glass! An astonished and amused congregation had been watching my every move.



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."



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."



When I went to get my driver's license renewed, our local motor-vehicle bu-

reau 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."



Part of my job as a public-health nurse is teaching new parents how to care for their infants.

As I was demonstrating how to wrap a newborn, a young Asian couple turned to me and said, "You mean we should wrap the baby like an egg roll?" "Yes," I replied, "That is a good analogy."

"I don't know how to make egg rolls," another mother said anxiously. "Can I wrap my baby like a burrito?"



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!"



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?"

"This house," said the real estate salesman, "has both its good points and its bad points. To show you I'm honest, I'm going to tell you about both.

The disadvantages are that there is a chemical plant one block south and a slaughterhouse a block north."

"What are the advantages?" inquired the prospective buyer.

"The advantage is that you can always tell which way the wind is blowing."



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."



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?"



We live in a small town where we have a volunteer ambulance corp. We are blessed with many dedicated and fully qualified attendants, who staff our ambulances and give freely of themselves. I was chatting with one of the EMS responders one day and she could hardly stifle a chuckle, so I asked her what was so funny and she told me this story...

It seems that she had gone to an automobile accident and was checking a patient who was lying on the road for injuries. As she knelt beside him and probed him, she asked, "Does this hurt or does that hurt?"

After each probe, he replied, "No." When she had nearly completed her examination, she shifted to a better spot from which to finish the examination when after one of her probing questions, he exclaimed very loudly, "That hurts!"

When she asked where, he looked up at her with a look of real pain on his face and said, "Your kneeling on my fingers!"



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## Jesus Protected Us In Apartment 77

I was a mother of four children under the age of seven, recently divorced, and living in government housing. Our apartment number was 77, a number I associated with God and His love. Our church in Wharton, Texas, had been holding a revival with Evangelist Gary Wood and after the last Saturday night service, I was pumped and full of the Word.

That night after my kids and I got back to our two-story apartment, we ended up playing musical beds--- my oldest son was in my bed, my 4-year-old daughter was in his bed, two other boys were in other beds, and I was in my daughter's bed. We were all sleeping peacefully, but about 2 in the morning, I awoke to find a tall figure standing by my bed (actually, my daughter's bed because of our rearranged sleeping arrangements.) Although I kept my cool, I immediately questioned him about how he had gotten in and why he was there.

It was as though the Hand of God drew me out of bed and wrapped my sheet around me, then tied an invisible rope around the intruder's neck and led him down stairs to the front door. His story was that he had gotten in through the bedroom window and he came to get something that my son had supposedly gotten from his nephew. He couldn't explain why he had to break in through an upstairs window in the middle of the night to take care of something that could easily be handled in the daylight.

As I followed him down the stairs, I started talking to him about Jesus and

how He was in charge of our lives and wanted to be in charge of his too. He stood just inside the door for a long time, probably 10-15 minutes, and I carried on a one-sided conversation the whole time. At one point, I prayed audibly in tongues. This must have spooked him, because he instantly asked me, "What did you say, Lady?"

I explained that he had me so upset that I didn't know how to pray, so I was praying in a language that God would understand. Surprisingly, he didn't run and he stayed put long enough for me to invite him to church the next day. He agreed, but didn't show up when it was time to go.

After he left, I then thought of all the scenarios that COULD have happened...If my daughter had been in her bed instead of me being there.... If he had a weapon or intentions to hurt any of us.... If he had tried to overpower me and take advantage of me as a single female... If he had tried to help himself to what few valuables we possessed. Thanks be to our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus, none of those things took place.

It was then that I checked the windows and found out that he had indeed climbed on top of a fence in order to get in through the window. I went all through the rooms and locked the windows that I never thought about locking before. I called the police after the fact to let them know there had been a break-in. When they came to check on us, they assured me that they would be making rounds in our complex during the night to ensure our safety. Finally, I

gave myself permission to have a crying jag. I suppose I was like Elijah after he battled with the prophets of Baal. It was a long time before I was able to go back to sleep but finally rest came.

I shared this testimony the next day at church and I believe it helped to build faith in others. I learned new tricks for protection, especially using dowel sticks slanted sideways above the windows to keep them from opening. My children's safety became my main concern and they rarely played outside with the neighbors.

Although the government housing was a blessing, I never expected the problems that came from living there. However, God uses all kinds of things to teach His children lessons and the lesson I learned in Meadows Apartment 77 was that God looks out for His children and He has it all under control.

*Elizabeth Dettling Moreno  
Wharton, Texas*



(HONOR continued from page 1)  
with my husband's military picture, his uniform patches, military metals, some of his favorite guitar picks and a plaque as a tribute to my husband, Charles E. Cody, United States Army. On the other side Jeremy put his military picture, some of his patches and awards and right at the top is the U S flag that flew over his unit in Afghanistan. Now this is my prize passion and I proudly display it in my home with other pictures of my husband. Always honor our soldiers. We are so blessed.

*Minnie Cody  
Sealy, Texas*

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# ANGS From Heaven

Does life seem to pile up on you sometimes? That's what happened to me this past month. I am so blessed my broken arm healed perfectly and exceptionally fast; the physical therapy was faster than expected and I had company coming for a month from out of state that I was so excited about.

I went to a routine examination with my cardiologist and then I was "home free." However, the nuclear stress test showed a blockage in one of the blood vessels of my heart and the cardiologist told me it needed to be fixed.

I threw such a fit. I was angry and everyone knew it. I just had a double heart bypass a couple of years ago and I knew after that everything would be fine.

It's so easy to have a pity party when you drift away from God. I was anxious going into the test and I prayed for God's peace and peace He immediately gave me. I still have that peace but I am so tired of going to so many doctors.

The Bible verse in the Fun with God's Word puzzle this month really spoke to me and has comforted me so much. But the real hug from heaven came yesterday when I went to Katy with a good friend to get her eye exam. Sitting in the waiting room of the optometrist, I began visiting with some lovely people also waiting there.

The man was on crutches and when I asked him what had happened, he told me he fell off of a 16 foot ladder last September and his knee and leg bent

backwards at a 90 degree angle in the direction it was never intended to go. It cut a major artery in his leg and the first thing they did was to repair the artery and drain the excess blood out of his leg.

He has had numerous surgeries to repair the damage but in 9 months, nothing has worked. Now he is looking at total knee replacement hoping that he can keep that leg. He is a young man with small children still at home but was in such good spirits. He was a real inspiration to me.

His problems seemed more than I would be able to bear. I know with God nothing is impossible and I was so thankful for the challenges I am facing and not anyone else's.

I will go in on July 12 for a stint procedure and am leaving the outcome in God's hands. After all, that's the best place on earth to be, in God's hands. I'm not angry anymore and I have total peace about the future. God always keeps His promises. In Philippians 4: 6-7 the Bible reads ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."***

I AM SO BLESSED!

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

# The God of All Comfort

God's outlook on suffering is so different from our own. He sees not just the instance of suffering, but its end result. Not just the pain involved, but the refinement that is certain. Someone has said that from the perspective of eternity, the worst suffering this life could hold would look like "one night in a bad hotel." I believe that. But even though God's view of suffering is higher and longer than ours, He is always there to comfort us in our pain.

One of the most encouraging things about suffering is to see how God uses it not only in our lives, but in the lives of others. Two individuals in our church family have beautifully illustrated this. Blaine is a grade school student whose leg was amputated just below the knee due to cancer. Shortly after Blaine's surgery, Ted, a high school teacher, was involved in a four-wheeler accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. While Ted was working hard in rehab, he received this letter from Blaine, who had

heard about his accident:

"Dear Coach "T": My name is Blaine. You may have heard about me, but I have cancer. I'm going through chemo and I know I'm going to lose my leg, so I know what you're going through. I bet it's hard knowing that you may not walk again, but keep praying for God to give you peace over this. He has given me peace. Never give up on God and keep on praying for a miracle, and never stop because he is always in the miracle business. Remember I'm praying for you. Love, Blaine H."

And then as a P.S. he added: "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 a hope and a future." One last afterthought, scribbled at the bottom of the page, read: "Remember, God always has the BEST plans for you."

*Dr. Ed Young  
Houston, Texas*



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3:5-6**



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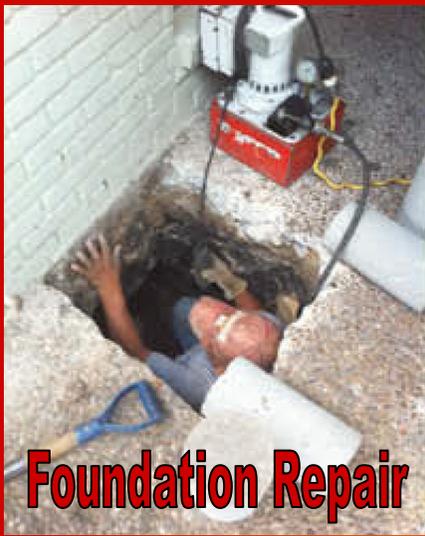
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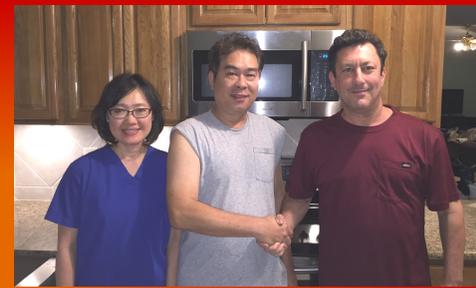
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## Is That Jesus?

## Not enough piece work

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year old David's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. "Listen," she said. "What do you suppose that is?"

A favorite "I Love Lucy" episode depicts "Lucy Ricardo" trying to box chocolates from a speeding conveyer belt. Many laborers do "piece work," and are paid by the number of items they produce or process. They get their "due" based on their work. God's righteousness is absolute and only 100 percent purity meets His "quota." But God's mercy is also absolute; therefore He makes provision to satisfy the requirements of His justice. You can't do enough "piece work" to satisfy God's expectations, so He takes care of them for you, through Jesus Christ. That's the wonderful promise of His grace.

He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believes on Him shall not perish, but have ever lasting life. John 3:16*

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Whatever you do, do it with all of your might, as working for the Lord, not for men.

Colossians 3:23



## Amazing Cake (Very moist)

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup butter melted
- 4 eggs (add one at a time unbeaten)
- 1 cup sour cream

Mix all ingredients together for 5 minutes with an electric beater. Pour into tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees. So good it doesn't need to be iced, but if you prefer, put on a lemon glaze.



In memory of Olga (GiGi) Young  
Rosenberg, Texas

## 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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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

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As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car, with the door open.

The old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in my car, and continued to watch the old gentleman from about 25 feet away.

I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm walking towards the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too, and took a few steps towards him.

I saw the old gentleman point to his open hood and say something. The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade. He then turned back to the old man. I heard him yell at the old gentleman saying:

"You shouldn't even be allowed to drive a car at your age." And then with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot.

I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief, and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine.

He then went to his wife and spoke with her; he appeared to tell her it would be okay. I had seen enough, and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight, and as I got near him I said, "Looks like you're having a problem."

He smiled sheepishly, and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself, and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me. Looking around, I saw a gas station up the road, and I told the old man that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside. I saw three attendants working on cars. I approached one of them, and related the problem the old man had with his car. I offered to pay them if they could follow me back down and help him.

The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem (overheated engine), I spoke with the old gentleman.

When I shook hands with him earlier, he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it, telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question, "What

outfit did you serve with?"

He said that he served with the first Marine Division at Guadalcanal Pelieliu, and Okinawa.

He had hit three of the worst ones, and retired from the Corps after the war was over. As we talked we heard the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us as the old man reached for his wallet, but was stopped by me. I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card.

He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed had his name and address on it, and I stuck it in my pocket. We all shook hands all around again, and I said my goodbyes to his wife.

I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station, I told them that they had interrupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I said I wanted to pay for the help, but they refused to charge me.

One of them pulled out a card from his pocket, looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands all around and as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me. I said I would and drove off.

For some reason I had gone about two blocks, when I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long time. The name of the old gentleman was on the card in golden leaf and under his name was written: "Congressional Medal of Honor Society."

I sat there motionless, looking at the card and reading it over and over. I looked up from the card and smiled to noone but myself and marveled that on this day, four Marines had all come together because one of us needed help. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage, and an honor to have been in his presence.

Remember, as we celebrate another Independence Day, on the Fourth of July that *OLD men* like him gave you, and all of us, *FREEDOM* for America. Thanks to those who served and still serve and to all of those who supported them, and who continue to support them.

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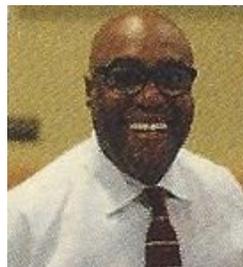
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