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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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HOUS From Heaven

God blessed me with wonderful children and wonderful grandchildren and great grandchildren. I pray for each of them that they know the love of God and how much they mean to Him, that they find in life whatever God has planned for them to do and that they find the mate for life that God has prepared for them. All of my four grandsons are so precious to me and yet so different, but God has shown each of them the one He created to walk with them through life, and each one is exactly right for them.

My fourth grandson, Michael is very loving, and one of a kind, and we wondered when his perfect love would come. His brother, Matthew thought he had found the perfect girl for him, yet Michael was not interested in any way. She was Matthew's wife's best friend and we all know those kinds of blind dates never work out. Linda did not want to meet her best friend's husband's brother either, so there was re-

sistance on both sides. Michael and Linda finally met at Matthew and Lara's wedding and the rest is history. They fell instantly in love and nearly five years later, on March 17, 2018, they were married in one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have ever attended.

When Michael was growing up he was not so easy to feed. He would only eat four things: grilled cheese sandwich, the top off of pizza, French fries or bacon. Never, ever did he let anything else past those lips. He finally had his first hamburger when he was in high school. Now, he will eat anything and everything and loves it all. While the wedding party took pictures after the ceremony, the waiting guest were served special grilled cheese sandwiches. That made everyone chuckle.

Linda loves all the same things Michael does and the only thing I know of they've ever argued about is which one of them is the real Bat-

man and who has to be Robin. The question has never been answered, but the top of their wedding cake featured Batman and Wonder Woman and Batman insignias made of white almond paste graced the side of the cake.

Another favorite of the couple is the "Back to the Future" movies, so to include that in their wedding, they held the wedding at the Olde Dobbin Train Station where "Doc Brown" drove the big train engine by and blew the train horn during the ceremony, his own personal blessing to the couple.

I have never witnessed a more perfectly planned wedding that so expressed the personality of the couple and yet so filled with love in everything they did. I have never cried at weddings, but this was my first time. The love and joy that permeated the air was so beautiful, and the couple was so happy and so in love. We love Linda so much and she is such an important and long-awaited member of our family. I praise God that my prayers for all my grandsons have been answered and they each have the perfect mate God created just for them. He always keeps his promises.



Michael and Linda Ondruch on their wedding day.

"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." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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

"All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

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A cheerful heart is good medicine

Proverbs 17:22



As a new bride, Aunt Edna moved into the small home on her husband's ranch near Snowflake. She put a shoe box on a shelf in her closet and asked her husband never to touch it.

For fifty years Uncle Jack left the box alone, until Aunt Edna was old and dying. One day when he was putting their affairs in order, he found the box again and thought it might hold something important.

Opening it, he found two doilies and \$82,500 in cash. He took the box to her and asked about the contents. "My mother gave me that box the day we married," she explained.

"She told me to make a doily to help ease my frustrations every time I got mad at you."

Uncle Jack was very touched that in 50 years she'd only been mad at him twice.

"What's the \$82,500 for?" he asked. "Oh, that's the money I made selling the doilies."



Uncle Leroy got a job down at the Broom Factory.

On his first day the straw boss (Floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man huh? What is yer name?"

Leroy replied "Leroy"

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to breakdown in my Authority. I refer to all employees by last names; Now what is Your Last Name!"

Leroy sort of smiles and says, "Its Darling - Leroy Darling!"

The Straw Boss said "Now Leroy the next thing....."



At a clearance sale, the wife of a federal district court judge found a green tie that was a perfect match for one of her

husband's sports jackets.

Soon after, while the couple was vacationing at a resort complex to get his mind off a rather complicated cocaine conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the design of the tie.

The judge showed it to a local FBI agent, who was equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug' planted by the conspiracy defendants. The agent sent the device to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC for analysis.

Two weeks later, the judge phoned the Washington office to learn the results of their tests.

"We're not sure where the disc came from," the FBI told him, "but we discovered that when you press it, it plays 'Jingle Bells.'"



The company I work for sometimes puts on what they call "Lunch and Learn" seminars during the employees' lunchtime, dealing with a variety of physical and mental health issues. If the seminar lasts beyond the normal lunch hours, we're supposed to get managerial approval to attend.

So, last week, this flier came around: LUNCH AND LEARN SEMINAR: WHO'S CONTROLLING YOUR LIFE?

(Get your manager's permission before attending)

Looks like that question's been answered...



A woman was driving her old beat up car on the Highway with her 7 yr. old son, Little Johnny.

She tried to keep up with traffic but they were flying by her. After getting caught in a large group of car's flying down the road she looked at her speedometer to see she was doing 15 miles over the speed limit.

Slowing down, she moved over to the side and got out of the clump that soon left her behind. She looked up and saw the flashing lights of a police car. Pulling over she waited for the officer to come up to her car.

As he did he said, "Ma'am do you know why I pulled you over?"

Little Johnny piped up from the back seat, "I do! Because you couldn't catch the other cars!"



The old pastor made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name.

They came up with about 40 names. He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."



A Texas rancher, visiting a South Dakota farmer friend, asked him to show him his farm.

After seeing the 1,000 acre spread, the Texan bragged that down home he could get into his car, drive all day, and by evening would not have gotten to the distant point of his ranch.

The South Dakotan simply replied, "You know, I had a car like that once."



Three pastors were having lunch together at a diner.

The first pastor said, "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with mice in my church. I've tried everything -noise, spray, cats - nothing

seems to scare them away.

The second pastor then said, "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in the basement of the church. I've set traps and even called an expert to get rid of them, yet they still won't go away."

With a grin on his face, the third pastor said, "I had the same problem so I baptized all mine and made them members of the church--haven't seen one back since!!!"



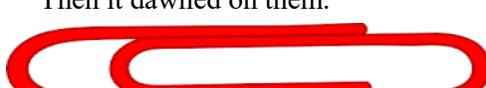
Each evening bird lover Tom stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl - and one night, an owl called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversation."

Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor.

"My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said.

"That's odd," the neighbor replied. "So does my husband."

Then it dawned on them.



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Prayers don't get graded

Jesus downplayed the importance of words in prayers. We tend to do the opposite. The more words the better! We emphasize the appropriate prayer language, the latest prayer trend, the holiest prayer terminology. Against all this emphasis on syllables and rituals, Jesus says in Matthew 6:7, "Don't ramble like heathens who talk a lot." There's no panel of angelic judges with numbered cards.

"Oh, Lucado, you scored a two this morning. Go home and practice!"

Prayers aren't graded according to style. If prayer depends on how I pray, I'm sunk. But if the power of prayer depends on the One who hears the prayer, then I have hope.

Prayers don't get graded.

Max Lucado
San Antonio, Texas

"Wow, Lucado, that prayer was a ten. God will certainly hear you! or

I stand at the door and knock

Jesus won't climb into your life by a back window. He stands at the door and knocks. When the devil seeks to control you he probes for the weak places he can exploit.

When Jesus seeks entry into your heart to bring His marvelous transformation, He gives you the freedom to open the door--or leave it shut. In the ancient Middle East, supper was the best meal of the day, when people sat back and celebrated work done and the promise of the new

day. Jesus knocks at your heart's door to sup with you. Let in Satan and he snatches everything on the table. Allow Jesus into your life, and He brings the feast with Him.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."

Revelation 3:20

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Come As You Are

THE INVISIBLE MOM

One of the kids will walk into the room while I'm on the phone and ask to be taken to the store. Inside I'm thinking, "Can't you see I'm on the phone?"

Obviously not; no one can see if I'm on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I'm invisible. The invisible Mom.

Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more! Can you fix this? Can you tie this? Can you open this?

Some days I'm not a pair of hands; I'm not even a human being. I'm a clock to ask, "What time is it?" I'm a satellite guide to answer, "What number is the Disney Channel?" I'm a car to order, "Right around 5:30, please."

Some days I'm a crystal ball; "Where's my other sock? Where's my phone? What's for dinner?"

I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history, music and literature -but now, they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She's going, she's going, she's gone!

One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the return of a friend from England. She had just gotten back from a fabu-

lous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was sitting there, looking around at the others all put together so well. It was hard not to compare and feel sorry for myself. I was feeling pretty pathetic, when she turned to me with a beautifully wrapped package, and said, "I brought you this." It was a book

on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read her inscription:

"With admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees." In the days ahead I would read - no, devour - the book. And I would discover what would become for me, four life-changing truths, after which I could pattern my work:

1) No one can say who built the great cathedrals - we have no record of their names.

2) These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never

see finished.

3) They made great sacrifices and expected no credit.

4) The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

A story of legend in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, "Why are you spending so much time carving

that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof, no one will ever see it? And the workman replied,

"As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible women."

Nicole Johnson

"Because God sees."

I closed the book, feeling the missing piece fall into place. It was Almost as if I heard God whispering to me, 'I see you. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does.

No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn on, no cupcake you've baked, no Cub Scout meeting, no last minute errand is too small for me to notice and smile

over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become.

I keep the right perspective when I see myself as a great builder. As one of the people who show up at a job that they will never see finished, to work on something that their name will never be on. The writer of the book went so far as to say that no cathedrals could ever be built in our lifetime because there are so few people willing to sacrifice to that degree.

When I really think about it, I don't want my son to tell the friend he's bringing home from college for Thanksgiving, "My Mom gets up at 4 in the morning and bakes homemade pies, and then she hand bastes a turkey for three hours and presses all the linens for the table." That would mean I'd built a monument to myself. I just want him to want to come home. And then, if there is anything more to say to his friend, he'd say, "You're going to love it there..."

"As mothers, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible mothers."

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When you thought I wasn't looking

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."



**Proverbs
3:5-6**



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Colossians 3:23



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Raisin Bran Muffins

5 cups flour
3 cups sugar
15 oz. box raisin bran
1 cup raisins
5 tsp baking soda
4 eggs, lightly beaten

4 cups buttermilk (1 qt.)
2 tsp. salt
1 cup oil
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup nuts

Combine first 6 ingredients plus cinnamon in a 7 quart bowl and blend well. Combine buttermilk, eggs and oil and stir into dry ingredients just until blended. Stir in nuts. Cover and refrigerate overnight. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375 degrees. Fill cupcake liners almost full and bake 18 to 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in muffin comes out clean. Makes 4 dozen muffins. Batter keeps well in refrigerator for up to six weeks or dough may be frozen. I cook six at a time for our small family and they are always fresh when we want them. As you may have guessed, it is a delicious way to keep your internal plumbing flowing regularly. Enjoy!

Amy Malugen
Oxford, North Carolina

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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The Greatest Gift

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

There's a myth in today's world that says, "All religions basically teach the same thing." People erroneously believe that all roads lead to God. But the truth is that there is only one way to God. And that way is Jesus.

The biggest difference that separates Christianity from all other religions in the world is the fact that God did the work to save us. There is nothing we can do to earn our way to

God; it is simply a gift from Him through His son, Jesus. Have you accepted that gift? Are you pointing others to it?

Thank God for providing the only way back to Him. If you've tried to earn your way to God, ask Him to forgive you for that. And pray for strength to help others discover that the only path back to God is through Jesus!

Write this on a card and carry it with you as a reminder of the difference between Christianity and other religions: Religion is spelled "d-o"; Christianity is spelled "d-o-n-e"!

"Keep on asking and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks. You parents – if you children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him."

Matthew 7: 7-11

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Mother Quotes

PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man. Midnight is past your curfew!"

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY'S MOTHER: "I don't mind you having a garden, Mary, but does it have to be growing under your bed?"

MONA LISA'S MOTHER: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

HUMPTY DUMPTY'S MOTHER: "Humpty, if I've told you once, I've told you a hundred times not to sit on that wall. But would you listen to me? Noooo!"

COLUMBUS' MOTHER: "I don't care what you've discovered, Christopher. You still could have written!"

BABE RUTH'S MOTHER: "Babe, how many times have I told you-quit playing ball in the house! That's the third broken window this week!"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right, Napoleon. If you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, then take your hand out of there and prove it!"

CUSTER'S MOTHER: "Now, George, remember what I told you-don't go biting off more than you can chew!"

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER: "Again with the stovepipe hat, Abe? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

BARNEY'S MOTHER: "I realize

strained plums are your favorite, Barney, but you're starting to look a little purple."

MARY'S MOTHER: "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you."

BATMAN'S MOTHER: "It's a nice car, Bruce, but do you realize how much the insurance is going to be?"

GOLDBLOCKS' MOTHER: "I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?"

LITTLE MISS MUFFET'S MOTHER:

"Well, all I've got to say is if you don't get off your tuffet and start cleaning your room, there'll be a lot more spiders around here!"

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER:

"But, Albert, it's your senior pic-

ture. Can't you do something about your hair? Styling gel, mousse, something...?"

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

JONAH'S MOTHER: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

SUPERMAN'S MOTHER: "Clark, your father and I have discussed it, and we've decided you can have your own telephone line. Now will you quit spending so much time in all those phone booths?"

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Thomas. Now turn off that light and get to bed!"



Eva's Inspirations Angels All Around Me

Angels all around me God you know just what I need,
Angels all around me always taking care of me.
Watching every step I take making sure that I don't fall,
Always rushing to my side when on your name I call.
Angels dressed so many ways no matter where I go,
Another way that you have God of letting your love show.
They never take their eyes off of me, they watch me everyday,
And on their knees they bow down to, when I take time to pray.
Angels with me day and night like you they do not sleep,
With peace I know that I can say I know my soul you keep.
Angels watching over me, God always looking to you,
The one who directs and guides their way, for you know what to do.
So blessed, so loved never alone is what I will always be,
For I have my heavenly Fathers angels, who are always around me.

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John 14:6

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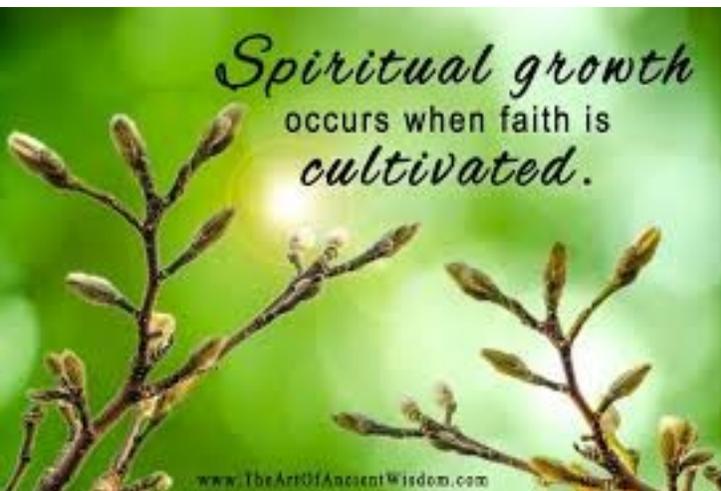
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