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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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## The World Is Mine

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman  
And wished I were as beautiful.  
When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg and used a crutch.  
But as she passed, she passed a smile.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two legs; the world is mine.  
I stopped to buy some candy.  
The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.  
If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me,  
"I thank you, you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you.  
You see," he said, "I'm blind."  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two eyes; the world is mine.  
Later while walking down the street,  
I saw a child I knew.  
He stood and watched the others play,  
but he did not know what to do.  
I stopped a moment and then I said,  
"Why don't you join them dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word.  
I forgot, he couldn't hear.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two ears; the world is mine.  
With feet to take me where I'd go..  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know.  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

***Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good; his love endures forever.***

## Freedom Isn't Free-- Just Ask a Veteran



SPC Joseph W. Riley,  
Grove City, Ohio  
Died in Kabul, fghanistan on  
Nov. 24, 2014

What a wonderful blessing to his country Joey was,  
He gave all that he had and now he's in heaven above.  
Reporting for duty I'm sure that's what he would say,  
But God opened His loving arms and said no Joey not today.  
With tears in his eyes he thought about his family and friends,  
But he loves God and he knows that he will see them again.  
As heavens gates opened up he heard the most glorious sound,  
The trumpets were blowing and God's angels were all around.  
All his family and loved ones had their arms opened wide,  
Joey had not seen them in so long it was a wonderful surprise.  
God held his hand as they walked in with a smile on His face,  
Saying " My Precious Child Just walked through Heavens Gates".  
He's at home now no more fighting will he ever again see,  
Nothing but joy, and happiness for Joey's now living with me.

Written By Eva Dimel  
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# ***Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.***

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# A cheerful heart is good medicine

Proverbs 17:22



I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21-century," she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here," and handed me her iPod.

I can tell you this--that fly never knew what hit him.



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 car!"



Over the years, my husband and I have usually managed to decode the cute but confusing gender signs sometimes put on restaurants' restroom doors (Buoys and Gulls, Laddies and Lassies, etc.), but every so often we get stumped.

Recently my husband Dave wandered off in search of the men's room and found himself confronted by two marked doors. One was labeled "Bronco," and the other was designated "Cactus." Completely baffled, he stopped a restaurant employee passing by.

"Excuse me; I need to use the restroom," Dave said. Gesturing toward the doors, he asked, "Which one should I use?"

"Actually, we would prefer you to go there," the employee said, pointing to a door down the hall marked "Men."

"Bronco and Cactus are private dining rooms."



The Pentagon recently unveiled its new super computer to the top brass. This fantastic device, capable of making bazillions of decisions in split nanoseconds, is designed to solve all military problems with the greatest of ease.

To test its capabilities, the brass poses a tactical problem to it and then asks for a decision, "Attack or Retreat?"

The computer hums a bit, blinks a myriad of lights and answers, "Yes."

The brass, somewhat confused by this answer, replies, "Yes what?"

The computer instantly replies, "Yes, sir!"



The two young boys were discussing their ailments together in the children's ward.

"Are you medical or surgical?" asked the first, who had been in the ward for a week.

"I don't know what you mean," replied the second.

"It's simple," replied the first.

"Were you sick when you came in here? Or did they make you sick when you got here?"



Heather and Marcy hadn't seen each other in awhile, so they decided to meet for lunch.

The talk naturally got around to their respective love lives. Marcy confided that there really wasn't anyone special in her life. Heather, on the other hand, was beaming about the new man she had found. "He's perfect. He's handsome, and last night when we went out to dinner, he said the four little words I've been waiting to hear a man say to me!"

"He said, 'Will you marry me?'" Marcy asked.

Heather replied, "No, he said, 'Put your money away'."



"I hope you didn't take it personally, Pastor," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher replied.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the church-goer.

"Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."



A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains just became too much and he could go no farther.

He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours he hadn't gotten a single person to stop.

Finally a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he got to going too fast to honk the horn on his bike and he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes --both going well over 120 mph--blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 2 Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph.

He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this, but there's guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass."



The Manhattan Commuter train was packed. Suddenly there was a jingle on the floor. Most necks were craned. One elderly gentleman, however, bent down and picked something up. He then asked, "Did anyone drop a half dollar?"

"I did," answered three men at once.

"Well," said the elderly gent with a smile, "here's a dime of it."



Unaware that Indianapolis is on Eastern Standard Time and Chicago on Central Standard Time, Bob inquired at the Indian-

apolis airport about a plane to Chicago. "The next flight leaves at 1:00 p.m.," a ticket agent said, "and arrives in Chicago at 1:01 p.m."

"Would you repeat that, please?" Bob asked.

The agent did so and then inquired, "Do you want a reservation?"

"No," said Bob, "But I think I'll hang around and watch that thing take off."



Once there was a millionaire who collected live alligators. He kept them in the pool in back of his mansion. The millionaire also had a beautiful single daughter. So one day he decides to throw a huge party, and during the party he announces: "My dear guests, I have a proposition to every man here. I will give one million dollars or my daughter to the man that can swim across this pool full of alligators and emerge unharmed!"

As soon as he finished his last word there was the sound of a large SPLASH! One guy was in the pool, swimming as fast as he could, and the crowd was cheering him on. Finally he made it to the other side unharmed.

The millionaire was impressed. He said "My boy that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain, so which do you want: my daughter or the one million dollars?"

The guy says "Listen I don't want your money! And I don't want your daughter! I just want the goober who pushed me into that pool!"



A honeymoon couple is in the Watergate Hotel.

The new bride is concerned and asked, "What if the place is still bugged?" The groom says "Hmm... Good point. I'll look for a bug."

He looks behind the drapes, behind the pictures, under the rug . . . "AHA!" he shouts!

Sure enough, under the rug was a small disc shaped plate, with four screws. He gets his Swiss army knife, unscrews the screws, throws them and the plate out the window.

The next morning, the hotel manager asks the newlyweds "How was your room? How was the service? How was your stay at the Watergate Hotel?"

Curious, the groom says, "And why, sir, are you asking me all of these questions?" The hotel manager says "Well, the room UNDER yours complained of the chandelier falling on them!"

# ANGELS From Heaven

One of my all time favorite movies is **God's Not Dead Part 2**. It's been out for several years, but if you haven't seen it yet, I guarantee it will be worth your time. The story takes place at a public high school where a history teacher is asked a question about something Jesus said in the text of history. When the teacher answered her question with a Bible verse, she was taken to court over using the name of Jesus in a public class room. She said a statement in the film that will forever impact my life. She said, "I'd rather stand with Jesus and be judged by the world, than stand with the world and be

judged by Jesus. "I have that poster on the wall in my office and use it as a measuring stick for my life. I wanted to share that statement with you hoping it will help you as much as it does me. As we pause this month to thank God for all the many blessings He has given us, remember to include living in The United States of America as one of our big blessings. Praying you each have a happy and blessed thanksgiving season.

*In His Love,  
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## THANKSGIVING

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what you learned from the trip?" asked the father. The

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# What's Good For You

Because I like dark chocolate, I once Googled "Is dark chocolate good for you?" I got a variety of results—some good, some bad. You can do the same for almost any food product. Is milk good for you? Is coffee good for you? Is rice good for you? There is a dizzying array of answers to these questions, so you have to be aware that the search itself may not be good for you. It may give you a headache!

But if you're looking for something that's one-hundred percent good for you all the time, can I recommend the Word of God? Listen to what it can do for the follower of Jesus who is seeking to build a relationship with God.

- It can keep you pure (Psalm 119:9, 11).
- It blesses you (Luke 11:28).
- It makes you wise (Matthew 7:24).
- It gives light and understanding (Psalm 119:130).
- It helps you grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:2).

Our God is good: "The LORD is good to all," says Psalm 145:9. And in His goodness, He's pro-

vided those who love Him with a guide that helps us see how to enhance our relationship with Him. As we try to decide how to live in a world full of choices, praise God that He's told us in Scripture what's good for us. Let's say with the psalm-writer: "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psalm 119:103).

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# A Godly Touch

The power of a godly touch, have you known it? The doctor who treated you, or the teacher who dried your tears? Was there a hand holding yours at a funeral? Haven't we known the power of a godly touch? Can't we offer the same?

Some of you use your hands to pray for the sick. If you aren't touching them personally, you're writing notes, calling, baking pies. You've learned the power of a touch.

But others tend to forget. Our hearts are good; it's just that our memories are bad. We forget how significant one touch can be.

We fear saying the wrong thing, or using the wrong tone or acting the wrong way. So rather than do it incorrectly, we do nothing at all.

Aren't we glad Jesus didn't make the same mistake? Matthew 8:1-4. When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. 2 A man with leprosy [a] came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. 4 Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." Will you do the same?

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## A Text To My Children and Grandchildren

My whole life I lived by my will, not God's will. I was saved from destruction many times, never understanding God's blessings. At age seventy, I was struck down by my health. I could **not** rebuild myself alone. I had four strokes in one day followed by a heart attack a few weeks later. They put two double stents in my heart. Upon returning home after a painful operation, I was told a biopsy revealed stage four renal cancer. After a few months of cancer treatments, I was told my only remaining kidney was

failing and I needed to go on dialysis.

**Finally, I turned my life to God.** My church was praying for me, and amazingly, I started to recover. Being baptized (born again) is just the beginning. Choose to follow Jesus and find a praying church. It can save you from destruction.

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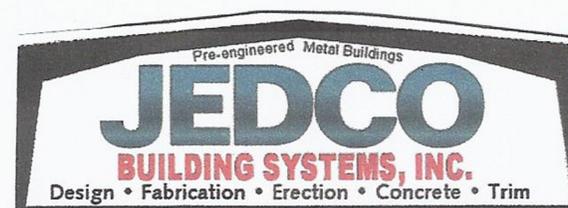
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Proverbs  
3:5-6



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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



## Fudge Pie



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 2 eggs  
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 ½ cup flour  
 1 Tbsp vanilla  
 1 cup toasted pecans, chopped  
 Mix all with mixer and bake in buttered pie plate about 30 minutes at 325 degrees.  
 Must be served with Bluebell Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream!!

*Sharon Rhoads  
 Katy, Texas*

## LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAVE

Linger too long in the stench of your hurt, and you'll smell like the toxin you despise. I spent too much of a summer sludging through sludge. Oil field work is dirty at best. But the dirtiest job of all? Shoveling silt out of empty oil tanks. The foreman saved such jobs for the summer help. Thanks boss! My mom burned my work clothes. The stink stuck!

Your hurts can do the same. The better option? Look at what you have. Your hurts and pain took much, but Christ

gave you more! Catalog His kindnesses. Everything from sunsets to salvation—look at what you have.

Let Jesus be the friend you need. Talk to Him. Spare no detail. Disclose your fear and describe your dread. Will your hurt disappear? Who knows? And in a sense, does it matter? You have a friend for life. What could be better than that?

*Max Lucado  
 San Antonio, 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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C	O	M	E	L	R	A	E	H	T	R	W	A	I	Q	U	R	S

Do you not **know**? Have you not **heard**? The LORD is the **everlasting** God, the **Creator** of the ends of the **earth**. He will not grow **tired** or weary, and his **understanding** no one can **fathom**. He gives **strength** to the weary and **increases** the **power** of the weak. Even **youths** grow tired and weary, and young men **stumble** and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will **renew** their strength. They will **soar** on **wings** like **eagles**; they will run and not grow **weary**, they will **walk** and not be **faint**.

Isaiah 40:28-31

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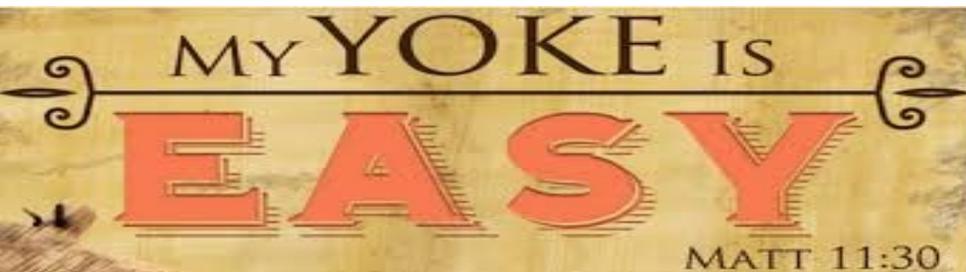
## Take My Yoke

Many years ago, I was preaching on Christ's yoke. "I wish I had a yoke," I said one Sunday. A farmer rummaged an old yoke from behind his barn, and brought it down the aisle the next week, completely surprising me. I discovered yokes are thick and heavy, and the secret to getting cattle into a yoke is the fit. If a yoke wears well, the oxen don't resist it, and it enables them to stay

together, on track. Jesus promises that His yoke is just right for each of us. When we're under the yoke of His Lordship, we rest, knowing we are guided by the Master.

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." - Matthew 11:29-30

*Dr. Ed Young  
Houston, Texas*



## Our Singing Father

No one told me before my wife and I had children how important singing would be. My children are now six, eight, and ten. But all three had problems sleeping early on. Each night, my wife and I took turns rocking our little ones, praying they'd nod off quickly. I spent hundreds of hours rocking them, desperately crooning lullabies to (hopefully!) speed up the process. But as I sang over our children night after night, something amazing happened: It deepened my bond of love and delight for them in ways I had never dreamed.

Did you know Scripture describes our heavenly Father singing over His children too? Just as I sought to soothe my children with song, so Zephaniah concludes with a portrait of our heavenly Father singing over His people: "He will take great delight in you; in his love he will . . . rejoice over you with singing" (3:17).

Much of Zephaniah's prophetic book warns of a coming time of judgment for those who'd rejected God. Yet that's not where it ends. Zephaniah concludes not with judgment but with a description of God not only rescuing His people from all their suffering but also tenderly loving and rejoicing over them with song. Our God is not only a "Mighty Warrior who saves" and restores (v. 17) but a loving Father who tenderly sings songs of love over us.

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17)

*Adam Holz  
Our Daily Bread Ministries*

## God's Workshop

I remember knowing kids whose fathers were quite successful. One was a judge. The other a prominent physician. I attended church with the son of the mayor.

"My father has an office at the courthouse," he could claim. Guess what you can claim? "My Father rules the universe!"

Scripture says, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies announce what his hands have made." (Psalms 19:1)

Nature is God's workshop. The sky is his resume. You want to

know who God is? See what he has done. You want to know his power? Take a look at his creation.

How vital that we pray, armed with the knowledge that God is in heaven. Pray with any lesser conviction and your prayers are timid, shallow, and hollow. But spend some time walking in the workshop of the heavens. Seeing what God has done—seeing what your Father has done and watch how your prayers are energized!

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## A Warm Welcome For all

During a recent vacation, my wife and I visited a famous athletic complex. The gates were wide open, and it appeared that we were welcome to visit. We enjoyed touring the grounds and admiring the well-manicured sports fields. As we were about to leave, someone stopped us and coldly told us we were not supposed to be there. Suddenly, we were reminded that we were outsiders—and it felt uncomfortable. On that vacation we also visited a church. Again, the doors were open, so we walked in. What a difference! Many people greeted us warmly and made us feel right at home. We walked out of that church service knowing we were welcomed and accepted.

Sadly, it isn't uncommon for outsiders to receive the unspoken message "you're not supposed to be here" when they visit a church. But Scripture calls us to be hospitable to all. Jesus said we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, which surely means welcoming them into our lives and our churches (Matthew 22:39). In Hebrews, we're reminded to "show hospitality to strangers" (13:2). Both Luke and Paul instruct us to show active love to people with social and physical needs (Luke 14:13-14; Romans 12:13). And among the body of believers, we have a special responsibility to show love (Galatians 6:10). When we welcome all people openly and with Christ-like love, we reflect our Savior's love and compassion.

Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.  
Galatians 6:10

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*Jim Baker's Unified Theory Of Everything* (due to be released 2019), A book that started out about Science, and will now include a significant portion about God, also.

God has blessed me with Godly experiences and knowledge way beyond what is usually considered "normal". I want to share some of these experiences to help people believe in God to their very "maximum". God does "the impossible" -- all the time." God is presently changing a speech-challenged person, me, into an evangelical SPEAKER. While I was a Nuclear Chemist at the South Texas Nuclear Project during pre-startup, a fellow co-worker called me "The Unclear Chemist", which I thought was pretty funny, direct and clever! --- Anyway, God has communicated with me three times in five years (1986-1991), and I want to share these three and other experiences. I always wanted a biblical experience, but never dreamed God would grant me even one such experience. God tested me as much or more than He did with Abraham with his son in The Bible. After testing me, and getting my response, God sent His second message to me twenty minutes later. My new book will include some of these experiences.



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## The Athiests' Holiday

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom

Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is

no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

Court is adjourned..."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!



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son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

