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From Where I Sit . . .

"What Do These Stones Mean?" Part 2 (Joshua 4:6)

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BANNER

Faithful parents and teachers need to tirelessly tell the meaning of things God declares to be important. Students of the Bible recognize early on in reading the Scriptures that God has

always depended on each generation to instill faith in the hearts of succeeding generations by relating tirelessly the stories of God and His love over and over again. Jochebed did this with her son, Moses. Eunice and Lois did the same with young Timothy. Faith can only be produced through hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17) and a generation of untaught boys and girls is a sore reflection on the generation that failed to teach them. God has equipped us with the same kind of tools of memory triggers today that He put in place with the stones at Gilgal just beyond the Jordan River.

For example, when our boys and girls see their parents taking the Lord's Supper each first day of the week, it's fascinating to watch the curiosity in their eyes. One can tell that the little children are just dying to get hold of these emblems for themselves for lack of understanding. Very early on they learn the wonderful words in our vocabulary that trigger the learning process: "Why?" "What?" and "When?" "Why do you drink from that cup and eat that cracker?" "What does it mean." "When can I have some?"

We are desperately in need of parents and teachers who never grow tired of answering those questions. We must never grow tired of telling over and over again the timeless story of Jesus and His love. We should thrill at each opportunity, and rejoice that someone has seen something about Christianity that makes them want to ask, "What does this mean?" Advertisers know very well the value of repeating slogans constantly. Our children need to always be reminded of their "roots" and of the spiritual significance in everything we do in worship to God.

It is especially noteworthy that when the family and the church join forces together to help mold character within our boys and girls, a greater success is predictable. Typically, the church may have visible influence over the child from two to six hours per week. Parents have an overwhelming responsibility to see to it that those children learn far more than what they can receive in two short classes and two sermons plus a youth devotional per week.

Many years ago, Clayton Pepper, editor and owner of Christian Lighthouse, Inc., and editor of a long running magazine quarterly, PERSONAL EVANGELISM, reported in one of his many study journals some interesting findings regarding the significance of parents and children working together to keep God's religion alive for generations. I've long since misplaced the source article but I've kept a quote from it. Pepper was associated with the juvenile courts of Davidson County from the late 1950's for over thirty years, and a long time friend of Judge Sam Davis Tate. Pepper reported that the late Judge, a faithful member of the church and a juvenile judge in Nashville, Tennessee was a strong supporter of the Bible School, and of family participation in it. He was convinced of its positive influence on children, having heard some 46,000 cases of youth below 18 years of age. Of all those who appeared before him, only 135 were regular in both Bible School and worship. Of the 46,000 cases, there were only 17 involved where the mother, father, and children were all regular in their attendance in both Bible Study and Worship. This calculates to 344 to 1 odds of not becoming a delinquent when a child alone is regular in attendance. Significantly, those odds improve to 2706 to 1 where both parents and children were involved.

The subject of conversation at an Israelite family's table should have frequently gone back to the wonderful story of deliverance. The conversation of early Christians needed to focus on all the wonderful stories of Jesus. We can equally see that families today could easily lose touch with God - If we forget to talk about "The Stones" or memorials God has placed in His church.

.... Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Pray Ken Lawrence is now home and under Healthy hospice care. Your prayers are requested.

Kenneth Beard will undergo shoulder surgery on January 25th. Please include him in your prayers.

D.L. Little received good results from his pathology report. We are thankful for this good news.

Stan Hastings is now under the care of hospice and the family is very desirous of your prayers.

Phillip Webb, cousin of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, is in Crestwood Hospital on a vent with Covid. He is very critical and in need of your prayers.

Jackie Loyd, member of the Gonce church of Christ, has been transferred to North AL Specialty Hospital, (rm. 245) 700 W Market St. 2C, Athens, AL 35611. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Mary Alice Wilhelm, wife of our former minister Jack Wilhelm, is in a Florence Hospital critically ill.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Terry Collins Pat Washburn **Ron Graham Ruth Spurgeon** Lee Rice **Betty Robinson Polly Franklin** Tammy McGuire **Bill Price** Irene Gist Ken Lawrence LaRue Anderson James Rice **Ginger Myers** Sam Wright Harold Reynolds **Judy Roberts** Judy Solomon, sister of Martha Pendley. Hudson Coldwell, Martha Pendley's grandson. Mike Taylor, husband of Robin Taylor Lana Jones, granddaughter of Doyle & Cathy Lemaster.

Kenny Jimenez, son-in-law of Dave & Elane Bagley

and brother-in-law of David & Ashley Dover, 124 Helen Ave., Modesto, CA 95354.

Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton.

Winston Busby, brother of Doris Laney, 198 Weaver Rd., Henagar, AL 35978.

Sally Abbott, aunt of Bill Price, 440 2nd St., S Naples, FL 34102-8620.

Tom & Mary Ann Worst, Libby Crona's brother & sister-in-law.

Faye Blizzard, employee at Woods Cove Florist.

Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin.

Jordan McCormack, US Navy

Trent McCormack, US Navy

Jordan Holt, US Navy

Abigail Holt, US Navy

Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve

Paige Chrisman, US Air Force

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Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps

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Carol Lemaster, sister-in-law of Doyle Lemaster passed away on January 16th in Denver, Colorado. Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Doyle and his family at this time.

In Remembrance

by David A. Sargent

President Abraham Lincoln was not the primary speaker at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 19, 1863. Edward Everett gave the primary oration at the dedication ceremony. Everett spoke for two hours.

President Lincoln had been invited to come by the committee who organized the event to officially dedicate the cemetery. One of the committee's members, David Wills, in his invitation to the President, wrote: "It is the desire that, after the Oration, you, Chief Executive of the nation, formally set these grounds to their sacred use by a few appropriate remarks."

Those "few appropriate remarks" given by President Lincoln comprise one of the best-known speeches in American history. Many recall studying the opening lines of his address: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Lincoln's entire address was given in just a few minutes in only ten sentences and 271 words. Yet, it is his "Gettysburg Address" that is memorialized as one of the greatest speeches ever given.

In his brief speech, Lincoln proclaimed that it was not those present who could dedicate those grounds. "In a larger sense, we can not dedicate - and we can not consecrate - we can not hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Lincoln noted that it was those who "gave the last full measure of devotion" that consecrated that ground.

On the first day of every week, members of the church of Christ engage in a memorial. It is called "the Lord's Supper." It was instituted by Jesus when He met with His disciples and observed the Passover feast just hours before He would be taken away by an angry mob and nailed to a cross. Read Matthew's account in 26:26-29. Read the Apostle Paul's instructions about the proper observance of the Lord's Supper (when it was being abused) in 1 Corinthians 11:20-30.

The Lord's Supper is a memorial. "Do this in remembrance of Me," Jesus said. We are instructed to remember what Jesus did on the cross for us as we partake of the Lord's Supper. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:28). On the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins, for our redemption (1 Peter 1:18-19).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins

in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7-9).

Then those who have accepted His offer of salvation and eternal life on His terms have the opportunity to remember the One Who "gave the last full measure of devotion" in obedience to God and for our salvation. We remember what He did for us in the observance of a weekly memorial. It was the Price that was paid for us that hallows and consecrates the memorial of the One who died for us so that we might live. We must never forget what He did for us on the cross.



So much of Christianity is about sticking with it through thick and thin. Anybody can do something when it's cool, easy, or rewarding. But, when it's not so "cool" or popular to be a Christian and your Christianity is conflicting with your habits, whose side are you on?

In fact, isn't that how we're measured in the world as well? When you go for a job interview that requires college experience, what are they looking for? Don't they usually look to see if you graduated? It doesn't matter nearly as much what you majored in, but whether you stuck with it to the end!

So, your stamina or "stick-to-itiveness" is very important to GOD. He wants you when no one else is looking, when everyone is looking and when living for Him is the most difficult decision to make. Do you still live for Him during the difficult times?

READ:

Matthew 26:40 Luke 22:28 Daniel 6:10

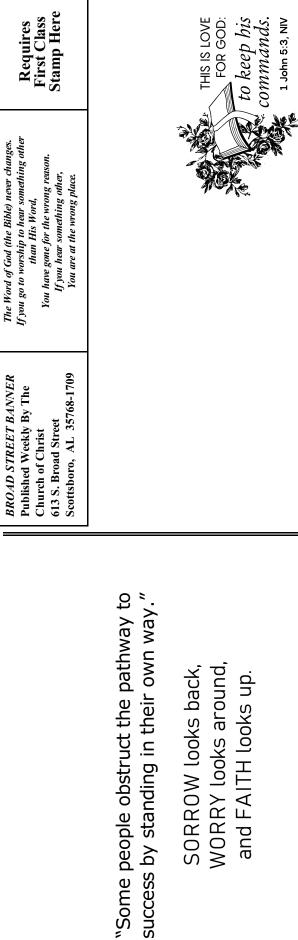


Harold Behel, former member here, had been suffering with Covid and on our prayer list recently. We regret to announce that he passed away last week and his funeral was held on Tuesday in Florence, Alabama. He was a member at Atlas church of Christ in Killen. Our sympathy is extended to his family & friends.

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Genesis 28:16

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