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"..By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." John 13:35

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Abba, Father

Father's day 2011 is June 19th. If your earthly father is still alive, be sure to wish him a Happy Father's Day.

Many of you reading this article have never known the real love of a father. Many of you may have forgotten. Many of you have only dreamed of having a father's love being a part of your life.

And then there are those of you who have allowed circumstances of this life to drive a wedge between you and your father. We want to encourage you to let the Holy Spirit of God heal this that you may once again have a relationship with your Dad.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Heavenly Father, Jehovah God. Take a moment and read the following. This is a perfect instance of your Heavenly Father's love for you.

"One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothers him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But, I have noticed that during my most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I need you most, You would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Do you feel like you are all alone in what you are going through right now? Not so! God promised He would always be with you. Why not pray and ask Him to reveal Himself to your heart. He will. Ask Him to come into your life and be you

Father. And He will!

Romans 8:15 tells us "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father."

That tells us we have the right to come into the presence of God and say "Daddy!" which is what "Abba" means. We have been adopted into the kingdom of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. His blood had made up a part of the family—no longer separated by anything. His blood is our blood. We are a part of the family and that gives us the right to call Him "Daddy".

Galatians 4:6-7 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

So, no matter what your earthly life has been like, there is no excuse for not feeling the love of a Father any longer. God loves you. He has made a way for you to be His child through Jesus. Why not crawl up into his lap, tell Him all the things on your heart and ask Jesus to become your Savior. That gives you the right to call Jehovah God, "Daddy".

He wants to carry you through the rough times a child (no matter what your age) goes through in his life. And, He wants to walk with you while you share the good times with Him. So what's stopping you?

"A Voice for the Gathering Saints"

By Duane Stewart

Where Do We Go From Here?

Across the earth and around the world, we are hearing a certain sound. This sound is a sound that is continually calling forth a need for change, a change that is being spoken of concerning every level of society, especially speaking of a couple of changes that are being promoted by the world-wide politic that should be of a major concern of the populace. These two changes speak of a desire to franchise and market the areas of language and economics. This world-wide promotional campaign is one with an hidden agenda which seeks to bring all of mankind into a one-world government, a government that will bring all peoples under the prison house of being controlled by that enterprise called the Babylonian system, with the Anti-Christ placed as its supreme ruler. This Anti-Christ system is one that was birthed into the earth, back in the book of Genesis, to continue on when a son of Noah named Ham was cursed because of his actions. This curse continued on through Ham's son who was the father of Canaan, who became the Canaanites who have resisted and fought against God's people throughout every generation. Its fruit began to show up with the erecting of the tower of Babel in the land of Shinar wherein God observed and declared, "This people with one language are but the first step in total rebellion against me". In this, God knew that man would now stop at nothing in this curse of rebellion, so He came forth to confuse their speech, their language, and then scattered them all over the world. Gen. 11:6-9, "And the Lord said, indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be with-held from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's

speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth and they ceased building the city (speaking of a way-of-life without dependency upon God). Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth". In the confusing of their language, a set-back takes place, which has hindered the world's systems from becoming its desired one-world order. But, the desire and spirit of Babel has never ceased nor changed in purpose, with perseverance, it has continued to push against God's will and purpose throughout the generations of time until today. During this time, our time, success shall finally arrive as the spirit of Babel becomes that one-world government it has purposed to become. But, we can rest assured; this degree of success shall be short-lived. Why? Because Jesus Christ has come, He has gained total victory over every principality and power, over death, hell and the grave, to become the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

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Triple Crown, National Cutting Horse Assoc.



Cowboys for Christ has again held services at the spring, or first big show of the "Triple Crown" we are so honored to be there again and so many times, The show is held at the famed Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth, Texas. It was well attended and souls were saved, healed and set free. Because Jesus was lifted up.

The Band "Keith Lyle and the Sons of Thunder" brought awesome praise and worship. Brother Ted Pressley brought the message from God's word. With a prescription like that; what happens is Jesus is lifted and Father God's Kingdom is added to. Thank you to the National Cutting Horse Assoc. For having us back for so many years.

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Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor,

My grandson loves his belt buckle so much and his friend does also so I'm getting one for his young friend. By the way – they are both 20 years old cowboys going to college!

Mrs. L

***May those young men lead others to the Lord!**

Today the government fail us – When does God fail us? Never

Maybe if we don't believe in Him? I am thankful for my Jesus. I am also thankful for the Christian Ranchman. I love to read it and I share it with other people too. I pray that Pastor Ted comes to Washington someday to preach.

Thanks, Leslie

Please find a check donation to renew my subscription to the Christian Ranchman. I really enjoy the little paper. I was in the hospital 7 months and am sure the donation ran out last year sometime. Just received the March-April 2011 issue and am enjoying it. Thanks for sending it to me. I appreciate and enjoy every issue.

Thank you! Dixie

***The Christian Ranchman is a free subscription – Thanks Dixie for your help**

This is my offering to help fill up the Cowboys for Christ feed bin. I know it's not much but I'm having trouble keeping my own feed bin full! Hopefully, if everyone will do their part, we can keep the Cowboys for Christ torch lit!

Love in Christ, Frances

***Thank you Frances for your donation any amount is appreciated**

Letter to a Cowboy

Howdy Partner,

I just had to send a note to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you rode along with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would like to ride and talk to me also. Evenings as you put your horses in the corral and hung up your saddle, I gave you a golden sunset and a cool breeze, and I waited...but you never came. It hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and saw in the shadows of your bunk house your Stetson and the moonlight made the silver on your buckle gleam. Again I waited...wanting to ride down so we could have a good ol' yarn. I have today and rushed out into the warmth of the early morning rain. My tears fell on your face as you rode off into the hope and promise of another brilliant day. But as you rode today without your friends you looked so sad and alone. My heart aches for you because I understand. There were so many times when my friends let me down and hurt me too.

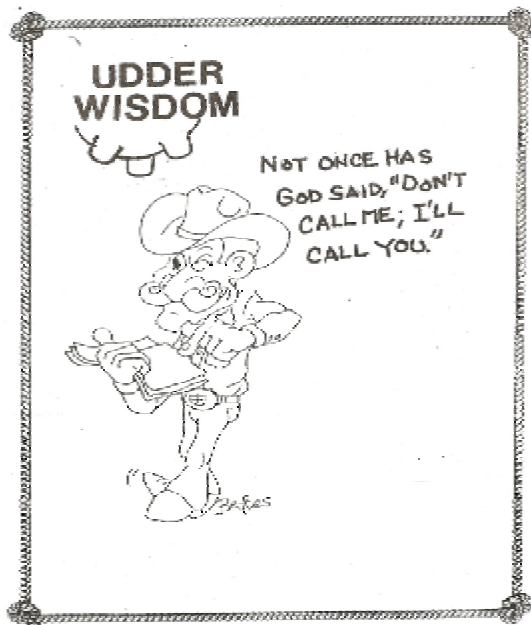
But, I want you to know I will never let you down! I really love you! Oh, if only you would listen to me! I try to tell you in ways you can easily understand...in the blue sky and the quiet green grass. I whisper it on the breeze and breathe it in the mountain streams and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and let you feel the grace and power of the horse you ride.

My love for you is wider then the widest prairie and greater than any want or need that you have ever had in your heart.

If only you knew how much I want to ride with you forever. I want you to meet My Father, too. He wants you to know how much he cares about you. My Father is that way, you know.

I have so much to share with you. Next time you gaze at the beauty around you...just call Me, and ask Me, talk with Me. I'll wait for you to come, but I'll never hassle you...because I love you.

Your Partner forever,
Jesus



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Supreme authority over this organization and all its activities is vested in God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This must be recognized and practiced as laid out for us in God's divinely inspired Word, the Holy Bible.

Cowboys For Christ is not a substitute for the local Church or Assembly, nor is it in competition with any denominational group. It seeks, rather, through God's enabling grace, to be a helper to all local churches, denominations and groups to the extent that they are in harmony with the will of the Almighty God. Its function is to proclaim the Word of God. It is designed for outreach and building up of the Body of Christ, God's blood-bought people, and in harmony with the work of the Holy Spirit is an active force in the Lord's program for the present day.

The message of The Christian Ranchman is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. These messages come to us in a variety of expressions, including testimonies and Letters to the Editor, and each is meaningful in its own way. We pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of you that bit of reassurance and comfort your need today.

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FAITH, LOVE AND ACTION

By Rocky Simmons

We are justified by our faith; not by our works and true faith will continue to transform us to produce good fruit. James 2:17 (NIV) says "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." The definition of faith is clearly stated in Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." True faith is the faith we have in Jesus and His promises. It's a wonderful feeling when our faith begins to work in us, and we see the result of our confidence in Jesus transforming us; it is then our Christ light begins to shine through.

The works in which James 2:17 are referring to is that of being obedient to the commandments of Christ. Abide by all Commandments of our Lord God, the greatest are stated in Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV) "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus replied: "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and all the prophets hang on these two commandments."

Imagine how our faith can grow and how much more meaningful our lives can become if we put faith into action each and every time we have the opportunity. Some ways we can put our faith into action is by showing mercy, love and compassion for everyone God has placed in our daily lives even during our difficult times.

The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-27 (NIV) explains it well, saying "on one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. Teacher, he asked what must I do to inherit eternal life? What is written in the Law? He replied. How do you read it? He answered Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and, love your neighbor as yourself. You have answered correctly; Jesus replied Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "and who is my neighbor? In reply Jesus said: A man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him; passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him he to pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. Look after him and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expenses you may have. Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? The expert in the law replied, The one who had mercy on him. Jesus told him Go and do likewise."

This is a good example producing good fruit through faith; having mercy through love for others, which is what the Good Samaritan had done. This is explained in Galatians 5:5 (NIV) "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

Jesus gave us another commandment in John 13:34 (NIV) which says "A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you so you must love one another." All these commandments have love in common. First love your Lord God, love your neighbor and love one another. We will produce good fruit when we live by the commands of Christ, love our Lord God with all our heart, our soul and our mind; love our neighbor as ourselves and love one another; we show this love by being servants of God and placing the needs of other people before our own.

I try to help others through my testimonies, my labor and prayers. My mother passed away in February of this year and I helped my mother during her last days; caring for her the best way I knew how by giving her loving support and attending to her needs just as I did for my dad before he passed away in 2008. These things I did in love and I thank God for the time He blessed me with having it spent with my loving and graceful parents. I give my time and my labor to helping her as I do with those who I can help and when I help others I thank God and glorify Him with a glad heart that I am able to help them. When I am weak and feel I don't always do my best, I pray for strength, guidance and wisdom to do better and be a better friend even to strangers who I may pass on the street.

Children of God are children of love and the definition of love is in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 (NIV) "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres." This is the definition of love and it is this manner of love with which God loves us. After all He sent His only Son to die in our place so we might be saved by grace.

Isn't it amazing to know that we have such a loving, merciful and compassionate God who loves us so much and to know His love endures forever? So let's put our faith into action and let our Christ light shine through for the glory of our Lord Jesus.



Testimony

By Jams Kronenberg

What a blessing to walk out of prison January 24, 2011 a free man. My two sisters met me at the door, and I admit I was scared going into the free world. Once I settled in, I wrote the guy that started the Horizon program at Marion, and he called and invited me to his church. The church accepted me and didn't ask about my past or all my mistakes. I know I made many mistakes, but I also know God forgave me. My former church would not accept me, and I could not get a response. What I am saying is that it is so very important to learn how to forgive and not hold onto your anger, but turn it over to God. I have a fresh start with my family and that is a blessing to me. I really appreciate the Christian Ranchman as many men behind bars take the time to read it. Keep up the good work and may the Lord bless you.

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“A Voice for the Gathering Saints”

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When God promised Abram a land in which to dwell, who was it that occupied that land? Was it not the Canaanites? Knowing, that God's purpose, beginning with Abram, was to destroy the occupying cursed people who occupied the promised land, the land called Canaan, God began to give instructions. Remember God's promise, Gen. 12:2-3, "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed". Throughout many generations this promise has never ceased nor has it been replaced. The curse that has continued during this same time frame has likewise continued, but know this, the promises of God to Abraham has now been given to all believers. In Christ Jesus, He became the curse for us that we might now receive the blessings of Abraham. Its beginning starts with our being born from above, becoming a new creation in Christ. This blessing includes, for us, a prospering spiritually, emotionally, physically and materially. Gal. 3:13-14 declares, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, cursed is everyone who hangs on the tree), that the blessings of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith". Also Gal. 3:29, "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise". Thus, we Christians of today, have this promise; a people shall come forth, a generation shall know and see Him, even though Babel still exist in the earth, even though it's fruit of a one-world government shall appear and manifest, it's seemingly success is but short lived, until the purpose of God's declaration shall be achieved. Rev. 11:15, "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever".

Again, in considering Abraham, we should take note and see that likened unto the family of Abraham, the church, the family of God, has gone down to Egypt because of a famine. This is not a famine for natural food, but of God's word, in the form of a spiritual revelation; it is now in the land, which God has promised to us. The Christian Community, during the process of its intended growth, finds themselves in a like-kind famine, a famine even as it has been declared by God Himself. Amos 8:11, "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord God, that I shall send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord". We should not think it strange that many times, over the ages, when God desires to change the order of life in a people; He uses a famine to get their attention. Remember Samuel, God's chosen one to lead Israel out of a sick and darkened society back to the light of God's government. I Sam. 3:1, "Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation". Looking back to Abraham and his wife Sarah, with her being a type of the church, we see them going down to Egypt because of said famine. With Egypt, ruled over by Pharaoh, being a type of a "black narrow place of darkness," this represents a place without any light, and, while there, Sarah was taken into Pharaoh's house to become his wife. In this order of transition, with his wife taken from him, Abraham seemingly did well and became a possessor of wealth, as seen in the eyes of the darkened world of Egypt. Has not the Christian Community responded in a like manner as Abraham? The church knows a famine concerning a true understanding of God's word, becoming a people without a pure revelation. In this condition the Christian Community, for the most part, has incorporated the order of Egypt into their doctrines and understandings. Ministries are willing to forsake the wife, the ways of the true church, for selfish gain and self preservation of each one's existence. They do not want to see their old doctrines and traditions pass away, they seek out the doctrines

of carnality in becoming a system consisting of lukewarmness, an order without life which God says He will spew out. Rev. 3:15-17, "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth. Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" (read Gen. 12:10-20). Now the question, where do we go from here?

Growth, continual increase in the spiritual things of God will continue to reveal the fallacies and weaknesses in the character of creation as revealed through the fallen man that continues to live under the curse. With Abraham, moving out from the order of a former family way of life, he pursues the ways of God in the establishing of the promises made by God according to God's purpose. Next we behold a part of that family and how it affects the growing processes of God in setting aside His people, even as we behold it in today's society and the Christian Community in general. Lot, the son of Abraham's brother, though dwelling with Abraham for a period of time, found it necessary to be separated from Abraham. Lot, without true spiritual understanding, was given the right to choose, and he chose to depart to the plains of Jordan, the dwelling places of sinful and wicked men, the same choice carnal minded men are making today as it affects the Christian Community. Gen. 13:13, "But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord". In the Christian Community of today, there is a like-kind need for a separating to take place. In its present condition, the church of our day is finding out that the world's view of the church is one of having form and ceremony without any power. Why? Could it be that ministry and the Christian populace have largely refused to expose and deal with the fleshly desires of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life? So, it is God Who purposes to bring forth a like-kind separation. This separation is needed because the value system of the lustful, prideful flesh man is the motivating force of the Lots of this world, as they continually choose the ways of the plains of Jordan. While living in these plains they are allowing themselves to compromise with the likes of Sodom (naturally and spiritually) to maintain their sense of success. In responding to the curse of Babel, this portion of the Christian Community is willing to accept the mindset of wicked evil promoters under the guise of being Abraham's kin. What is it that is now being allowed among church doctrine in many standing church orders? Are they, individually and collectively, accepting the doctrine of alternate life-styles and abortion, wealth and status symbols that war against the order of God? In this, God is not pleased, so judgment comes for the purpose of purifying the earth of this corrupt sinful, evil system called religion or Babel.

To follow this train of thought, we observe Lot as he is saved from a place of destruction. He and his two daughter's are allowed to flee from this time of judgment, but their escape from judgment only last for a season. Gen. 19:29, "And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt". In departing from Sodom, Lot chose to flee to a place called "Zoar", a name which means "little". When it comes to the things of the spiritual realms of God, Lot and his order of life always flees into those places wherein spiritual maturity is non-existent, places where spiritual laws have little or no affect upon carnal life-styles because of compromise. While people are desirous for change, they desire also to be left alone in their comfort zones of fleshly living. We should also take note that the fruits manifested from such ways of life promote a degree of incest in bringing forth offspring after its own kind. In this place of dwelling (little), Lot drunken and in a deep-sleeping stupor engages in incest with his own daughters. It is through these daughters that two nations (orders of life) are birthed that become the enemies of the children of Israel (and the church) in arriving and taking the land promised to Abraham's offspring. (Read Gen 19:30-38). Note the names of these nations, first, the eldest daughter bore a son named "Moab" meaning "through her father", a nation

which was responsible for the most carnal seduction in Israel's history. Second, the youngest daughter bares a son named "Ben-Ammi" which means "son of my kin". This nation, called Ammon, became responsible for the influence of human sacrifice to the idol-god Molech. These two nations also became a part of the nations which continually war against Israel and they continue to exist today as a part of Babel, the curse in the earth, as it has found a place among the Christian Community. Note in Nehemiah 13:23-24 & 27, "In those days also saw I Jews that had married woman of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab: And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod (stronghold, fortress) and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people. ... Shall we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?" Understanding must also be harkened unto when considering the condition of the Christian Community of today. Marriages have taken place which has incorporated into church doctrine the stronghold of carnal interpretations of God's word as they compromise with the world around them. Let's consider the church of Pergamos (read Rev. 2:12-17), a church which tolerated immorality, idolatry and heresies (remember Balaam). Also note the church of Thyatira (read Rev. 2:18-29), an order which tolerated the cult of idolatry (remember Jezebel) and immorality. Where do we go from here?

It would do well for the Christian Community to remember that judgment has been promised, a judgment whose purpose is to purify the church, the bride of Christ, in making herself ready as the bridegroom cometh. God shall appear through the Christ and His many-member body, the sons, as they come forth with the sword of God in their mouth, the word of God being released. Judgment begins in the house of God and all the languages of false doctrine and traditions shall be removed as God restores back to the earth, through His people, a pure language. Zephaniah 3:9, "For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language that they all may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord". This is a language spoken forth with the authority of heaven that dwells within the hearts of a pure people whose nature (soul) has been changed to manifest the nature of God, His will, His mind, His emotions and His desires. Where do we go from here? This is a people who now know, we must go to God and Him alone, a people who entertain and become a contrite and humble people before Him. Again, where do we go from here? This is a people who submit to the nature of God being manifested through His love, a people who are sanctified and cleansed by the word, the pure language of God. Eph. 5:26-27, "That He might sanctify and cleanse her (church) with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish". Again, where do we go from here? Judgment is now at the door and Babel is to fall for good. Rev. 18:2, "And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!" Look around, what do you see, a world contorting in agony because the curse has ran it's course and destruction is now become her lot. The world systems of confusion and perversions are now beginning to know their rightful judgment, for they are going to come down. Rev. 18:21, "Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore". The end of the earth, has it come? Nay, only the end of a certain world has come. The world as we know it, is a corrupt evil system and that world is passing away to be replaced with a new world order called the Kingdom of God, eternal in its existence and pure in its character as the righteousness of God dwelling upon the earth. To answer the question, where do we go from here? Read Rev. 21:1-8 while noting the 1st and 8th verses. "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. ... But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death".

Did You Forget To Say Thank You?

By Jean Kary

I'm just a middle-aged farm/ranch wife, with my family grown up. I've lived in the Midwest all my life—the daughter of an early homesteader.

But back to my story—I've always been a little amazed when the Lord gives us understanding, using some of the most common every day things to teach us.

It was mid-summer with temperatures in the 100's nearly every day. My two sons, now young men, had been helping some of the neighbors with rounding up and sorting cattle. At the end of the day, the group of men, tired and dusty, looked at the last animal in the corral. A very young red heifer, which was obviously going to calve in a week or two, looked back at them. To turn her back into the rough, brushy pastures was to sign her death warrant. It would be a slow, agonizing death in the heat and the flies, unable to have her calf without help.

The owner said he didn't have a place to keep her close enough to watch her, so he talked my sons into keeping the young cow in our corrals to take care of her when she calved.

For several days, at different times of the day, I'd look out and see the little red cow by the water tank. I had many troubled thoughts. The chances of saving the heifer seemed to be small. So many times I'd seen young heifers with injuries that left them with paralyzed hips, unable to get up on their feet and walk; saving the calf was even a slimmer chance. All too many times a rancher would throw up his hands, load the cow into a pickup or trailer, and drive it to a veterinarian, hoping the vet could save one or the other.

Days slipped by. Again it was over 100 degrees. My son spent a hard thirty minutes of careful work; finally the calf was delivered safely, and the little cow, now up on her feet, was busy washing off her baby. What a joy it was to see them both alive and doing well!

In four or five days they were doing fine, so my son loaded them both into a trailer and took them some fourteen miles back to the owner. When my son returned, I eagerly asked if the fellow was pleased over them, and what did he say?

He looked a bit down and crestfallen and said, "He didn't say anything—not even a "Thank you!"

If you think I wasn't provoked over that—after boarding a cow for two weeks of feed, saving the fellow a veterinary bill, saving both cow and calf—and then—not even a comment!?!?

Privately I fumed about this for several days. One day my daughter phoned, and I told her about it. She asked, "What did the owner say?"

I exploded! "Nothing, not glad you saved the cow. Not cute calf, not good job, not thank you—nothing!"

"Well, Mom," she said, "you know that fellow, and the kind he is—the only reason you feel bad is that your son, who worked so hard on it, was slighted and given no credit at all. Why don't you talk it over with God? He knows when you feel bad, and likes to know how you are doing. Talk it over with Him!"

I protested that it was too trivial to bother Him about what I thought.

A couple days later, I was still fuming about it whenever I thought of it. Walking across the yard, I stopped and told Him how I felt.

There was quietness, and I suddenly realized how sad God must feel, when people ignore and slight His Son, and never say "Thank you" for all He has done for all of us!

That little red cow and her happy, frisky little red calf certainly brought the realization of a very serious lesson—"Did we forget to say 'thank you', too?—and a new understanding and meaning into my life.



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Angela Jones

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You have finally paid for all of your groceries
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realize one of your kids has lost a shoe
somewhere in the store.

You can recite Goodnight Moon and Green
Eggs and Ham by heart.

You let your baby sit in his dirty diaper until
Oprah is over.

You have shared a fifteen-minute conversation
about your baby with a complete stranger at
the grocery store.

You filled up your child's baby book before her
first tooth appeared.

You silently curse people if they call during
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You forgot your mother-in-law's first name
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You consider it a major triumph if you shower
by noon.

You justify every excessive crying spell with
teething.

You pick up the phone and call your mother
when your baby rolls over for the first time.

You have kept your favorite babysitter a secret
from other mothers in your playgroup.

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on speed-dial.

You own the entire Baby Einstein DVD
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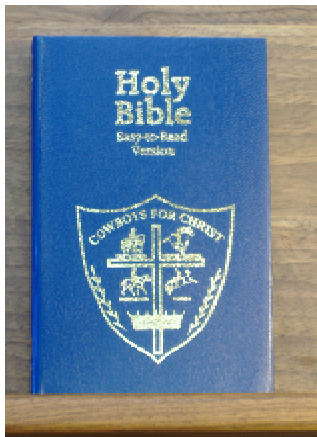


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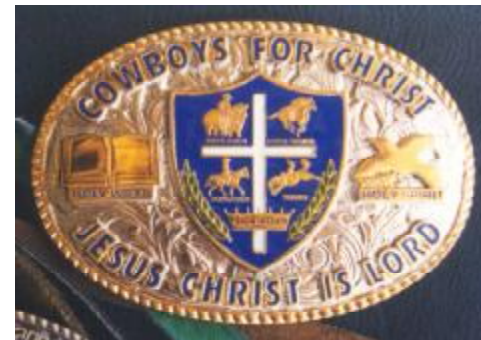
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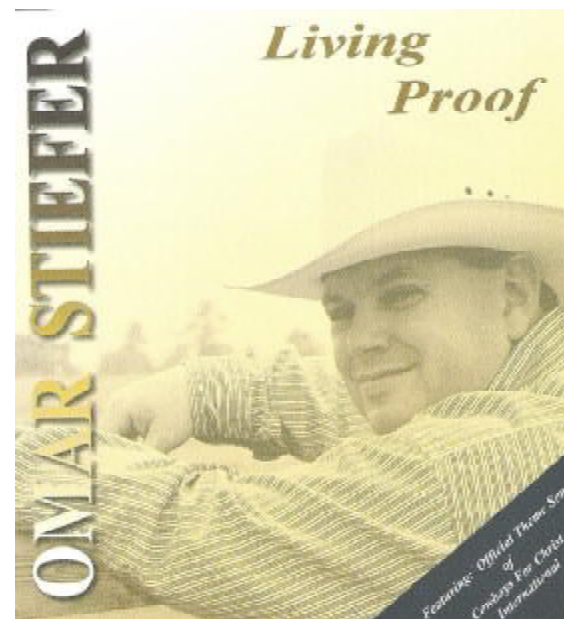


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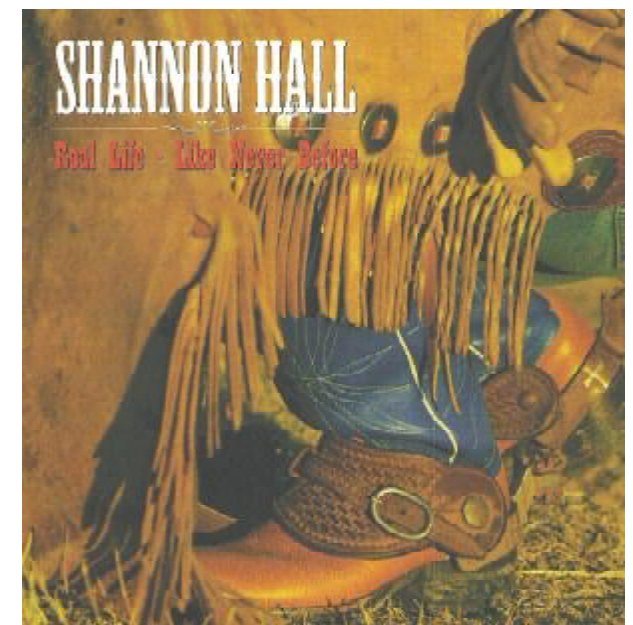
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2007 Tractor Crash

By Greg Potthoff, Warrenton, MO

On the morning of October 7, 2007, I went to church. I got home close to evening time.

When I got home, I started doing things around the yard. There is a dump that is about 100 feet from my house, and there is also a gully about 20 feet from my house. I was down there digging around, and I found an old motorcycle that I was going to try and pull out with a tractor. I told myself that I better get down there soon, because it was going to be pretty dark soon.

The tractor that I have is an old tractor that I should have not been on in the first place. It has brakes that don't work and other things like that. So here I am down in the gully. I hooked up the bike, and I am tried to pull it from behind. This model tractor does not have any weight on the front end. I was on a hill trying to go uphill, and I did not have the steering or traction that I needed to pull it out. If I would have had traction on the front end I would have been able to pull it out.

I kept backing up and pulling forward. Well, somehow I backed up way down in a tree, and that was pretty scary. I thought I was going into the ditch. I stopped on a tree and I had this thought that I would tow this thing out later. I believe that was God trying to tell me, but I don't listen well. I said, "I am going to try to get it out; I can get it out."

I was facing uphill, and I was backed up against a tree. I had already unhooked the chains because I was trying to get the tractor out at this point, or trying to move it to a different position.

On these old tractors, they have a power take-off. They gas up when you start to let off the clutch. I might have let off the clutch too fast. I was afraid of the tractor dying because it did not start up that well. I let off the clutch, and the next thing I knew was that I started to roll over. The tractor was flying up in the air, and I was up on this hill, and I just knew it was going to go over.

I jumped off the tractor to my left and I jumped towards the back of the tractor to try to clear it. The tire I jumped over was not the tire I found myself riding down. I rode the tire that was behind me, so the tractor had flipped all the way over while I was in the air.

I thought the tractor was going to go over me. I rode this thing down to the ground. Thing were happening too quickly for me; I didn't know what to do. I guess I rode this thing down to the ground; I guess it kind of followed me. It was weird how it happened, and I really don't remember how it happened.

I was lying on the ground face down with the tractor on my back. There is also this 4 or 5 inch tree that is lying across my mid-section. I was pinned between the tree, the ground with the tractor sitting on my back. I could not breath that well. My right hand was pinned underneath me, my left hand was free. I had tried to move the tree from underneath me but it would move and I couldn't breath. I was hurting big time. I didn't know what to do. I tried calling for help but I was pretty far back in the woods, and nobody really could hear me. I live on 7 acres and I was no one that could hear me cry so there would not be anyone coming. The only person that could hear me was God. I was hollering for God to help the whole time.

I figured that I could not just lay there. I was out of breath. No one could hear my cry for help except God. The ground that I have out here is clay and rock. So I started digging in to it and thankfully it would move. As I was dying, I still was crying for help from God and from men the whole time.

I just dug a little bit and finally I got my right and out. I could not move that tree. I had dug out all along this tree to try to get it out from under me. I was praying that the tractor would not come down on me when I moved the tree. I think I was holding the tractor back. I finally got it all cleared out from underneath me, and I wondered how I was going to get this tree from out from underneath me.

About this time, it was dark and stars were in the sky. I told myself that I didn't want to stay out here all night, and I started freaking out. I did not want to die underneath the tractor. I reached out and prayed "God please help me get out of here, oh Lord please oh please help me." I reached out as far as I could. I was going to try and move this tree. I reached out with my left and pulled on the stick, and the stick just fell apart. It was rotten from all get out. I just said praise God. I was out of breath; I knew I was going to get out. I said thank you Lord. I guess I stood there and rested for a little bit.

I got enough energy to pull that stick out. I climbed out and stood up and caught my breath for the longest time. I could have sworn that I heard something move. I looked over at the tractor and it was not moving. It was dark, I was in so much pain, and I had clay in my mouth and on my face and from head to toe. I was standing there out of breath; there was a big ditch that I can not go in, and I couldn't see a whole lot. There was a hill and what looked like a bunch of trees.

The only way I could see going out is through little tress. I had to wrestle through these trees, and it was pretty hard with a broken rib. I couldn't breathe that well; I was fighting to get through those trees. After I got through, I was out of breath and had to walk up that hill. I was standing there and praying to God that I couldn't get up that hill. I thought to myself that I had to get up that hill. I said, "Please help me." the next thing I knew was that I was standing up on the hill looking at my back door. I was like thank you God. I went into my house and I just jumped in the shower because I needed to get cleaned off. I couldn't stand there and take a shower because it hurt to bad. So I got in the bath and scrubbed this stuff off of me.

Then I went to call for help to see what I should do. I called my doctor's office; they have a 24 hour line. I explained to them what happen. He asked me how your breathing is and I said that I can't breathe too well. I tried to ask them if I could come in tomorrow or the next day but he said that it sounds like you broken some ribs and punctured a lung. I told him that I broke 2-3 ribs. He said the way your breathing it sounds like you punctured a lung. He said you either to call 911 to get a ride to the emergency room or call someone to take you to the emergency room, I hung up.

I called my parents. I got a hold of my dad who was about 40-45 minutes away from me. He came and picked me up. It took me about 45 minutes just to get ready. I was not moving very quickly. I didn't take anything with me. I was hurting badly. He has a full size dodge pick up truck. The truck was throwing me around a bit because of the back country roads. I was in pain pretty much all

the way to the hospital. They took x-rays of me. I punctured my lung. I got the hospital around midnight then I didn't get to my room till 5 in the morning, because of the x-rays. They had to drain the fluids from my lungs. They had to do a 1 inch cut on my left side. They put a 1 inch tube all the way in to my lung. When they were putting the tube in, it hurt and felt like they were going through the rib cage. After they got the tube in, I could breathe a little bit better.

The doctor came in and I said, "How quick can you get me of here because I don't want to be in here?" He, said, "You might be here a long time or released 4 days from now." I told him that I will be getting out in four days. God will heal me. He got me out from underneath that tractor. I let everyone know that God was helping me out. The nurses and everyone that helped me said they couldn't believe what happened. The doctor said I believe in God now that I have seen what you have gone through and have seen you get out this early. Now I know there is a God.

My doctor knows that I have God in my life. He knows that God does heal. I went in on the 8th and by the 10th I could have been checked out of the hospital, but the doctor that did the operation didn't make it to the room to sign me out. My physician had already signed me out. On the next day he pulled the tube out. They stitched me up real quick. Then he asked me would I like to go home, and, "I said yes I would." He signed me out on October 11 at 12:00pm.

I went home to rest and recover. A couple of weeks later on the 21st some people from church came over to help me get the tractor out. They only brought two people and I told them I didn't think we will be able to move it with two people. I told them I didn't feel like messing with it because I was still hurting. They told me that I wouldn't have to do too much.

I showed them where it was; I had to grab a winch to see if we could do something. The tractor was lying on its side. We were standing around trying to figure out away to move it. I came up with an idea, put a winch on the tree and pull it. They were pulling the tractor towards the ditch. I tried staying clear of it. The tractor's back tires were on a slide. I pushed on the top to try to get it to roll over. The second I touched the tractor, it felt like someone was behind me that just picked me up and threw me over it.

The tractor went down 15 or 20 feet to the ditch. I was going over the hill. I pushed off the tractor has hard has I could. I did not want the tractor to come down on top of me. I did not know where I was going to land; I did not know anything. This ditch was full of nothing but scrap metal. Trees are just thrown in the ditch. I see the tractor coming down and I am just hoping that the tractor does not fall on top of me because I am still recovering from 3 broken ribs and a punctured lung. I pushed off so hard that I landed 6 feet away from the tractor. I hadn't paid attention to where I landed.

The people who were helping started to freak out because I just flew over this cliff. I landed on my back. It was like God set me down in this spot. It was just a rocky ditch. The only way to explain it is that God set me down there. I hurt from the broken ribs; I think I might have broken those ribs again. I was up walking before they could make it to me; I was climbing up the hill to

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them. I had to climb over this log so the tractor really could have never fallen on top of me just because how far I flew away from it. There was really no place for me to land in that ditch; God had just landed me there.

I ended up going to the doctor's office a few days later. When I went down to the doctor they took x-rays, and said that I broke my ribs again. I had 3 broken ribs and 1 fractured rib. That is just a miracle in itself. I know that God is definitely working in my life. I just don't understand why all these things are happening. I should have never been down there in that tractor. But I knew during that whole time that God was working through my life!

Hope this story helps all you that reads it, and find difficult times in your life that you may know that God "Works all things for good" Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28



Cowboy or Cowman?

By Jimmy Guynes

Back in 1986 my family and I were working on a ranch in south Texas. One day the ranch foreman and I were talking, leaning against a fence, looking over some horses. I said, "Bill I want to be the best Cowboy that ever lived. Teach me everything I need to know to achieve this goal. I respect your advice and knowledge. I want to learn from you."

He said, "Let me tell you something; you've got a head plum full of cow sense, you're smart and you're a hard worker. Jimmy, you got everything in you it takes to be the best cowboy there ever was, but I see more than a plain old cowboy does. I see a cowman in the making." I didn't understand but he went on anyway. He said, "Jimmy let me tell you about a cowboy. You see a cowboy works hard, he's honest and he knows his business, but ut he works only for his pay. He works for momentary wealth. In other words he works for the daily reward of a job well done, but at the end of the day when the job is finished he is on his own time until the rooster crows in the morning."

He said, "Now Jimmy don't take me wrong, there's nothing wrong with being a cowboy. It's a good life but there's something that just isn't quite complete in a cowboy's life." Well I still didn't understand, so I asked him to continue. He said, "Now Jimmy, let me tell you about a cowman. You see a cowboy rides for his pay but a cowman rides for the brand- the brand that the owner of the ranch built with his own hands. You see a cowman works for the improvement of the ranch. He looks to the future. He thinks and works for the ranch's best interest. He looks ahead and foresees problems instead of repairing them as they happen. He does everything he can to prevent a problem before it ever starts. You see it's all about the future of the ranch, helping it to grow and build in size and strength. You see Jimmy being a cowboy is simply a job but being a cowman is your life from now on."

I finally understand, Bill Chance, and thank you for having shared your wisdom with me. Bill was a lifelong cowman. He had worked the March ranch for over thirty years- constantly working for the future of the ranch that he so loved. Bill died on the March Ranch about a year after he hired me and in that year he taught me everything I needed to know so I could take over after he was gone. Today, after twelve years, I have finally learned the real meaning of his comparison of the cowboy and the cowman. You see my goal as a Christian has been to be the

best that I could be. But today I have to look at myself and ask; is my walk in Christianity the work of the cowboy or the cowman? As I reflect on the lesson the old cowman taught me so long ago, it's plain to see I have been the cowboy of Christianity.

Yes I have worked for God's ranch, His kingdom and the love of Jesus, but to who's satisfaction: God's or my own? Is God pleased with me? I think so. Am I going to heaven? Yes. Is God showing me great blessings? Yes. Is the spirit of Jesus living within me? Yes. God graciously rewards me for my fruits and my obedience. So now I have to ask, is this the extent God graciously rewards me for my fruits and my obedience. So now I have to ask, is this the extent of my goal? I must say that like the cowboy this has been the depth of my relationship with God. I have been working for the pay, the blessings and the pat on the back for a job well done.

You see, through old Bill, I see God as the ranch owner; I see His herd and His brand-that he sent his only son to die for us. I see His desire for all Christians to be the cowmen of His ranch, His kingdom. Who am I today, the cowboy or the cowman? You see the cowboys are many, but the cowmen are few.

The role of the cowman is one of great responsibility. We are no longer working for a job well done today. We can no longer leave the ranch and go home because, as the cowman, the ranch is our home. Our work and responsibilities are with us from now on, constantly striving to see the growth, size and strength of the kingdom of God, the brand of Jesus mature and increase. Constantly serving, feeding and clothing His herd. Doing everything we can to help it grow.

I ask myself once again; do I want to be the best cowboy there ever was? Or do I want to be a Cowman? Thank you Bill Chance for a lesson I will carry with me to the greatest ranch of them all—HEAVEN!



'A Bit of Inconvenience'

Chuck King

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Boyd Smith left Jim Riley's Dynamite Arena north of Phoenix, AZ after heeling a team roping steer off his little sorrel horse. A spectator said to him, "Boyd, you're all heart." Boyd thanked the man for the compliment, one that he certainly deserved for overcoming many obstacles in order to compete as a heeler. He is a bilateral amputee because of a birth defect. Both arms are cut off just above the elbow area, and he has an artificial leg.

But there seems to be nothing negative about his outlook on life. "I owe a lot to my parents for a positive attitude, and a lot of faith in God," he says. "As I was growing up, I was given enough rein so that I could experiment, but not enough that I could get hurt. My folks were always there when I needed help." This remarkable man's healthy attitude is further revealed by this statement he made concerning talks he's given to various youth groups. He said, "The talks have mainly been to get people to know that handicapped persons aren't different. They have a little bit of an inconvenience. Other than that, they are no different than any other person who walks the street."

Boyd has been roping for several years. When he first became interested in heeling, he was helped by Harry Thurston, a Phoenix saddle maker who ropes. "Harry gave me quite a few pointers, and we worked on devices to help me hold my loop and the slack. I roped at his arena, and he designed a saddle for me to sit in with my artificial leg. My artificial arms are a tension-release device, and I have to shrug my right shoulder in a certain way to open the hook on the arm to release the loop."

After a while at Harry's arena, "kind of playing around and getting the idea," Boyd began going to the weekly practice sessions at Riley's Dynamite Arena. He says, "I have roped at several arenas around the valley (Arizona's Valley of the Sun), but I am partial to Dynamite. Everybody at Dynamite has been really good about helping me. They look after me, give me pointers, and have helped me out of a few wrecks (roping

entanglements)."

He became interested in rodeo when he was in high school. "My friends were competing in junior rodeos, and I tagged along. I wanted to compete, but the rough-stock events were out of the question for me. One summer I did take on the efforts of judging, but I didn't like the pressure of that. Flinging a rope is one thing, but being impartial in a judged event is something else. I knew what to do, and I was pretty impartial about it, but I just didn't like the pressure. I'd rather participate."

At the Arizona Ropathon, Boyd roped in the poison roping (cattle that are bad head duckers and draggers). Craig Hamilton and Clay O'Brien won the roping, and they awarded the poison trophy buckle to Boyd. "This was an honorary award. It is a bad herd to rope against. I didn't place, but I did make a successful run. My horse was in a good position. I had the right attitude when I went out there. I was awarded the buckle for my efforts, and I'm really proud of it."

Boyd ropes on a little sorrel, his third horse. "My first horse was basically a backyard kid horse. My second horse was an old roan out of the Reed QH line. He was a very good horse, a little chargin, but the type that would teach you a lot. He always put me in position. I could be hanging off his side, and he'd have the patience to put up with it. To me, my third horse, the sorrel is the best of them all. He's a little bit slower than most; too slow to head off of, but he is a good heel horse and works quite a bit from voice commands. He has a good disposition, and is not afraid of my hooks when I bridle him."

Boyd drives a truck that is equipped with rings for his hooks, much like steering knobs. He has very little lifting power above his shoulders, so saddling is done by placing the saddle in the bed of the truck, and placing it on the horse from there. Or, if he's pressed for time at a roping, any of his numerous friends will saddle up for him.

"I have had the opportunity to talk to a few people who have had children who, because of Vietnam or accidents, have become amputees. I try to prove through the things that I do that those lives are not ended. They can live prosperous, happy, healthy lives. I have the philosophy that if you are going to do anything, you have to give it your best – at work, play, or any action you want to participate in. But the most important thing is to enjoy the game. If you have positive determination, then win, lose, or draw you can come out laughing and enjoy it."

UPDATE...

This is an update as to what God has done with and for Boyd since the writing of the previous article.

Boyd is still roping and training a few horses of his own. His zeal for life still springs up in all that he does. "God's gift to me is life, and what I do with that gift is my gift to God." Living in Phoenix, AZ, Boyd has done some traveling to help other handicapped people overcome the inconveniences in their lives. This is just one of the ways he gives thanks to his Creator for breathing life into him. Boyd's future is full of promise as he works to fulfill the goal he has set for himself – to live his life to the very best of the ability God has placed him in.

Boyd has known the Lord since he was very young, and has relied on His strength and protection throughout the years. Boyd told us that he prays for God's safety and protection before, during, and after his rides. He has testified many times to God hearing and answering his prayers. Boyd shared how many times the physically challenged areas in his life were made easier because of God. Many times he has been awakened in the early morning hours with divine ideas that he puts into practice. It still amazes him that God loves him so much to give him simple answers to sometimes difficult problems.





From The Desk of Dave.....

RIGHT THINGS

In the last issue of The Christian Ranchman, my article was about "little things" which we as Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls should be doing and be aware of doing to share JESUS CHRIST in our daily lives. In this issue, I would like to focus on "Right Things" that should reflect JESUS to all of those around us as our lives touch others and others touch our lives. Every action and reaction should reveal to those around us that we are a child of GOD, that JESUS CHRIST lives in us, and that the HOLY SPIRIT guides our hearts, souls and minds, because we are not just Christians on Sunday morning or one evening during the week. Lev 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. KJV Once we declare our faith in the one true GOD and accept HIS SON as our LORD and SAVIOR we are Christians (CHRIST-like) for eternity.

I am sure there are times when we all forget that. When we accept JESUS CHRIST as SAVIOR and LORD, it is not just for one day, a week or a set period of time in our lives, or even for the rest of our lives on this earth, how ever long that may be. We are actually CHRIST-like, Christians (followers of JESUS CHRIST) GODS children for eternity, and folks, that is a really long time even for Cowboys and Cowgirls. A commitment to JESUS is an eternal commitment.

At a certain time in that commitment there is an agreement between an eternal created being with his ETERNAL CREATOR for forgiveness and eternal safe keeping. Because of that agreement or commitment there is a change in the focus of each life as the HOLY SPIRIT works and moves into that receptive being. The Apostles Paul, John, Peter and Jude, the LORD'S brother called themselves "servants" of JESUS CHRIST, because they had totally and completely dedicated their lives to serve HIM. I feel certain that they did not write that they were committed to the point of calling themselves servants, and their thoughts and action were completely different. To put it in cowboy terms "they did what they said."

Living by a moral code, Christian guidelines, and a CHRIST-like attitude takes commitment, prayer and help from the HOLY SPIRIT, and it takes all three of those components to reach the highest level of commitment possible for our LORD. We must constantly be searching for the "right thing" in our words and actions in our daily lives. The deception of the adversary is so very great, and today's politically-correct crowd and modern humanists have all worked to smooth over the wrong things to makes us think that they are acceptable, or that the "right things" don't matter anymore.

Actually as Christians, and especially as Christian Cowboys and Cowgirls, we do know the difference in wrong things and "right things." Stealing is still taking something that is not yours. Murder is still ending a life that was not yours to end. Abortion is still murder, sure it is a choice, but the choice was to have or not to have sex, not to take the life of baby that was produced by that choice. Mentally and physically abusing those around us is not the "right thing" to do and we as Christians are responsible for our words and actions regardless of what is taught by today's crowd.

Supporting your friends in their time of need is still the "right thing" to do even if you don't feel like it, or if it is just too much trouble. We are to be guided by the HOLY SPIRIT, not by our "want to" or don't "want to." Integrity, honesty, reliability and responsibility are character traits that reveal JESUS to those around us. Remember that the Ten Commandments are actually "commandments" and not merely suggestions.

Right things are right because they are right, not because they are easy. JESUS said HE would be with us Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. KJV and that THE FATHER was sending a "COMFORTER," THE HOLY SPIRIT, to guide us and direct us in our daily lives as Christians, as CHRIST'S followers and as GOD'S children. John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. KJV Have you asked the HOLY SPIRIT to guide your thoughts and actions today and every day? Have you prayed and searched HIS HOLY WORD for HIS influence in your deeds and decisions, or are you just hoping that everything will turn out OK?

Cowboys and Cowgirls we as Christians need to have a strong witness for our LORD especially in the "right things" because in many parts of the world Christians are being persecuted, tortured and murdered as believers in JESUS CHRIST. We are being observed by those around us to see the depth of our commitment to our LORD and SAVIOR. Just as we all know that a little "wrong thing" will turn into a big mountain of "wrong things" also a small "right thing" will turn into a great witness for our LORD. With prayer and seeking the guidance of the HOLY SPIRIT and a strong desire to be all you can be for the KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS may your "little things" make an eternal difference in someone's life.

In CHRIST, Dave

You Can Run, But You Can't Hide

By Charles Bradley

Have you found that there is no place to hide from God when he has a call on your life? He is very persistent, yet so patient. If you have tried to hide from God you are not alone. There are many of us who have tried to dodge the call and the responsibilities that go with it. We all eventually find that there is no peace for us when we are running from Him.

I am certainly in the crowd of those who have tried to hide from and ignore God's call. At eleven years of age I began to feel His hand on my shoulder, the tug on my heart, and the call on my life. Yet I ran, attempting to hide until I was 37 years old.

We are not the only one's that have run. Many of those in the Bible also tried running from God- without success...

Adam was the first to find that people cannot successfully avoid contact with their Maker. Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree that God had put off limits. God said in Gen 3:3 "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." To die is to be separated from God. Adam and Eve ate the fruit, realized what they had done, and tried to hide. But God found them and cast them out of the garden and they were separated from Him. They died the spiritual death.

Cain killed Able and tried to convince God that he knew nothing of what happened. Cain said in Gen 4:9 "...Am I my brother's keeper." When God confronted and questioned Cain, his guilt surfaced and he was found out. His attempt to deceive and hide this sin from God failed.

I think Elijah would have made a good cowboy. He was material, don't you think so? Elijah was plain spoken, he was tough, he had nerves of steel, and plenty of guts. Yet he still had a good and tender heart. Elijah also tried to run and hide. In 1 Kings 18-19 Elijah wins a mighty victory when he went up against the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. But immediately after that he gets a death threat from Queen Jezebel and ran from her in fear into the desert. In 1 Kings 19:9 God asked Elijah what he was doing there. So even though Elijah ran from what he knew was his call in life, God found him.

In the story of the lady with the issue of blood, the lady touched Jesus' garment and then tried to hide in the crowd. In Mark 5:30 it says "And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said who touched my clothes?" In verse 33 "But the women fearing and trembling, knowing what was done to her, came and fell down before him and told him all the truth." The lady thought when she was going to hide herself. But the all knowing found her.

Another saint that ran from God was Peter. He ran after he denied Jesus three times, but Jesus, after the resurrection, called him back, and he called him by name. He just couldn't get away from the Lord.

I ran and tried to hide. I wanted to rodeo bad, and I did everything I could think of to accomplish my goal. Nothing worked for me. I had left Jesus out of my plans and out of my life. I just wanted to rodeo whatever the cost. The cost was so high that it nearly cost me my life. At thirty-seven, it was determined by medical science that I had a terminal disease. I turned to the Lord then, and was healed. I have Him a promise that I would follow Him anywhere He chose to lead. I have learned in the twenty years since, to run to him, not away. When I ran to Him my life changed. I have traveled all over the world and lived a very exciting life working for Jesus. The most fun I have ever had in my life is me being in His perfect will and seeing the impossible become reality.

Is God calling you today? Are you running from that call like Elijah, Peter and I did? Why don't you stop running and do the only thing you can. Turn around and back into his arms. In his arms you will find everything you need. You will find joy, peace, safety, and security. Believe me, you can run, but you can't hide.

My First Love

By Sonny Lyles

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this testimony finds you in good health and spirit; I give God all the praise, glory and honor for the change He's made in my life. I wasn't even one year old, sitting in the car seat, when my parents were pulled over and arrested for robbing 19 drug stores. Apparently my folks had gotten hooked on prescription drugs and were injecting them into their arms with a syringe. For the first 5 years of my life I was an orphan child living with an abusive and alcoholic uncle. At the age of 5, my mother was released from prison and we moved to the projects. I got beat up, saw a man shot, and saw my mom almost get killed by an abusive boyfriend. A year later, my dad was released from prison. He kicked my mom's boyfriend out (the one who almost killed her) and moved back in. They picked up where they left off, drinking and drugging. As a teenager, I was confused and disturbed. My parents said that they loved me and told me not to do as they did, but I didn't know how to do anything else. I followed in their footsteps. At the age of 15 I decided that I would never amount to anything in school, and I dropped out. I became addicted to alcohol and drugs and followed in my parents footsteps. I committed my first robbery at the age of 24 and by 33 I was a two-time offender. After being booked into the county jail, I tried to escape through a hole in the roof and was caught (thank God) and thrown into segregation for 3 weeks. I was then sentenced to 12 ½ years in prison. Up to that point, my life had been a complete failure, and I felt convicted for all the wrong I had done, and for all the hurt and pain I had caused others. Then one day, as I was entering into my new cell to await transfer, I found an "easy to read" Bible under my bed. I decided to read it and find out what it said because I had nothing else to do. For probably 10 to 12 hours a day I did nothing but eat and read the Book that seemed to be talking about a guy like me. It seemed to have all the answers to all of my problems. So, one day I decided that God was my only hope and with tears in my eyes I asked forgiveness for all the wrong I had done, and I asked the Lord to save me. I haven't been the same since! The Lord has completely changed my heart and my life. He has blessed me with a paid prison scholarship, and I am working on a "Bachelor's in Divinity." I am also blessed with the gift of evangelism and am preparing for Ordination. Old things have passed away and all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). I am writing this as a testimony and a witness to anyone who will listen. Although I am incarcerated, I am "free on the inside" and it's all because I asked Christ into my heart and asked Him to save me and to change my life. I never knew what it felt like to truly be loved until I experienced the love of Jesus Christ. This testimony is living proof that God can change the heart and life of anyone regardless of who you are or what you've done. I have no family and no friends on the outside but I have a friend and family in Jesus! If you will just become willing to allow Jesus to come into your life and your heart, He will do the same thing for you that He has done for me – give you a new life, a new direction, and a new purpose. If you will walk with Jesus, He will lead you every step of the way. God Bless You!

If you would like more about God's love and saving grace please write to me and I will share more about "My First Love". This is my new ministry from behind prison walls and if I can touch just one life then I have made a difference in God's Kingdom.

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"Just Sit Up There and Ride"

I was never around horses growing up, so I was not one that rode them often. When I met my husband, he had always ridden them. So with that said I began to ride and be around horses all the time. We joined our Chapter of Cowboys for Christ and began to go on riding trips. I would complain, question, hurt and moan from riding too long. My husband and a gentleman in our group (who is known for his humor and out spoken words), would say to me "Just sit up there and ride". And I did. I wanted to write this to share with anyone out there who may think God leaves you in time of trouble.

In May 2007 my husband and I, along with members of our chapter, were riding and camping at East Fork in Tennessee. One Sunday afternoon while out riding, the horse I was riding decided to run after another horse. I could not get him to stop. Things just progressed into a terrible fall for me. If any of you have ever ridden at East Fork you would know that the cell phone signals are terrible there. Where we were located at that time there was "no" signal at all. After my fall, everyone saw how bad it was and kept trying to get phone signals but failed. My husband told me that if we could not get a signal that I would have to ride out, and I was not going along with that at all. Just standing up was bad enough. So we all began to pray for a signal and got one. He then called the stable and they sent out a call for an ambulance.

We were where the wagon trails interchanged with the other trails, so the wagon trail was how the ambulance came in and took me out. When I reached the small local hospital we asked that I be made as comfortable as possible so that I could return home for treatment and not kept so far from home. So they did the best that they could by putting a cast from my shoulder down to the tips of my fingers. While in the ER, a dying man was brought in and the nurses and doctors closed curtains and began to perform CPR on him. The pain medication I was given would make me come and go but I knew what was going on beside me. I asked my husband for us to pray because my pain was nothing compared to what this man was going through. I never knew the outcome of this man but I can only hope that it was good. I did not want to stay in the hospital but I had no choice in the matter, so I spent that Sunday night there. On Monday I was released, and we were going home to North Carolina, so we loaded in the front seat of the truck along with many pillows. We had our dog sitting between us and our horses in the trailer and we held hands and prayed before we began our 4 ½ hour road trip. Traveling all that way we had no problems and saw no wrecks.

The next day I was sent to an orthopedic doctor. He found that I had broken my arm completely in two just above my elbow. Also, I had crushed my wrist breaking in it 10 places. He explained it was like dropping a dinner plate on the floor. On my trip from Tennessee I prayed for a good doctor, and God gave me one. Two days later I underwent a 7 hour surgery that required a stainless steel rod in my upper arm and titanium plate in my wrist.

Needless to say, I had to have extensive hours of therapy. The pain was so bad at times I just had to "just sit up there and ride" it out. God sent me the best hand therapist in the world. She was great and so remarkably educated in her area. I wore so many different casts, braces and appliances it was unreal. The other therapists' also helped me with my arm and shoulder. I was able to regain about 95% use of my arm and about 95% uses of my wrist.

At that time, my husband was out of work but able to attend school and draw unemployment. We had to pray for our finances. We were traveling about 60 miles every time I had to go to therapy. After 6 months of being out of work, the doctor and the therapist and said I could return to work. I was limited for a while as to what I could do. I spent all day on the computer for my job, so it was difficult to try and use my wrist. I had to "Just sit up there and ride" and make the best out of it. Since this time, my husband has received a wonderful job from the Lord working for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Another prayer answered.

After months I began to try and ride a little. The first ride was one small step at a time and very difficult for me to do. I prayed every step the horse took and guess what: the Lord was there with me as he had been through the surgery and all the therapy. It has taken me longer than I wanted to get back riding but I am doing it. My goal now is to "Just sit up there and ride" the horse that I fell off of. I know the Lord will be there with me that day also. Sometimes fear tries to enter my mind but I keep Jesus in my heart and mind to fight the fear from the devil.

I lay my hands on the horses before each ride and ask the Lord to be with us and to take the fear from me. We are so blessed to belong to such a wonderful chapter. They have all been so patient and understanding with me and have let me "just sit up there and ride" as I have wanted. We have been able to share Christ with others while camping, Bible school, and at Christmas. We want to continue the Lords work as He leads us.

I am writing this to show someone out there that God never leaves you nor forsakes you. I have received so many answered prayers since my accident there are too many to list. If you are out there and love Jesus Christ and have a love for horses, ride or not you need to find a local chapter of Cowboys for Christ and join. It will not matter what kind of horse you ride it will only matter that you love Christ, fellowship and the beauty that God has given us to see. So just remember thank Him for those that will come. And also remember most of all to "just sit up there and ride" and one day we will ride into heaven to dwell with the Lord for ever and ever.

May God Bless,
Teresa McKinney

Let's rustle up some grub

BBQ Pork for Sandwiches

Ingredients

1. 1 14 oz. can of beef broth
2. 1 18 oz. Sweet Baby Rays sauce (you can use your favorite sauce)
3. 3 lb. of Boston butt roast

Directions

1. Pour beef broth into slow cooker and add the pork. Cook on low for 8 hours.
2. Drain and shred the pork and store it in the refrigerator overnight – save the drained stock
3. About 4 hours before you are going to use it put the shredded pork back in the crock pot and add the Sweet Baby Rays and some of the stock and cook on low until ready to serve.

This makes for a quick meal you can cook the day before and with summer coming we all need something quick to fix.



Give to Jesus

By Charles Bradley

One day I opened my Bible to John 3:16 and read, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." When I finished reading the first verse that I ever memorized as a child, the Holy Spirit said, "Do you see that God gave?" I just sat there waiting to see what was next. I knew that the Holy Spirit was speaking to me about finances.

Then He began to speak again and said, "Every time a person is born again and becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus (2Cor 5:17), I receive a 100% return on my investment." I just sat there feeling like one of those giant brass cymbals after someone had hit it with a big stick and it vibrated.

God wanted sons. He had one, only one and the quality was the best of the best, but the quantity was one. God wanted sons, as in many, not gender. "...there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) He desired to have a bumper crop for children. God longed for the fellowship that only a child can give to a father. But He had to abide by the very rules that we are taught from in His Word.

God knew that like begot like because He made that rule. He also knew about the seed time and harvest. If He wanted sons He had to give. And He gave us the only son that He had, Jesus Christ.

Just as a farmer expects to harvest the wheat he has planted, in due season, God expected to harvest sons because that's what He planted.

On the Day of Pentecost, after Peter preached, God began to reap His harvest. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41)

That harvest that they experienced is still happening today. What a return! God still says that each time a person is born again, "I received again a 100% return on my gift."

In the finance world people would be demanding a book by the man that invested a dollar and received a return like God's. The day that book went on sale it would be a best seller, don't you think? Thanks be unto God, He did write a book, the Bible. It is the best seller of all time.

Few have looked unto its pages for answers concerning giving and receiving or planting and harvesting. It says in Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." We need to look at the book and put its teachings into practice.

Can we look into the Bible for a few minutes and see what it says about increase? I know we all want to increase the checking account, the savings account, livestock in the pasture or the desire of our hearts. All these pertain to increase.

In the book of beginnings, Genesis 8:22 God said, "While the earth remaineth, seed time, and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." We could paraphrase this to say that as long as the earth remains there will always, form start to finish, be the planting and the gathering. Check out Genesis 1:11-22, like produces like.

We always must base what we say and back up what we say with the Word of God. In Proverbs 10:22 it says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Did you see, ha he adds no sorrow! If He is not depressed that you are rich then He must be happy about it. If He is happy about us being rich, I think He wants us wealthy. Can you see this?

Why does He want you wealthy? Let's go to the Word. In Deut 8:18 it says "But thou shalt remember the Lord the God: for it is He that giveth the power to get wealth, the He may establish his covenant which He swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day." Why did HE give us power to get wealthy? So He could establish his covenant which He swore unto thy fathers.

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In 3 John 2, it says "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as they soul prospereth." Other prosperity scriptures such as Joshua 1:8-9, Phil 4:15-19, Job 22:21, Psalms 23:1 and proverbs 8:20-21 reflect God's will for you and me concerning wealth.

We see in Luke 6:38 it says "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured again." that means if you give what you have to give to give it will certainly be multiplied in the return. What you plant you are going to harvest.

Giving is he only area in the Bible that God tell us to prove Him. He wants you to check Him out, "...and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

When we give our gift to the Lord, the Lord then takes care of it the way He sees fit. It is no longer our concern. Or eyes are no longer to look at the seed but they are to look to the harvest with great expectation and make sure that you guard the harvest with care. I assure you, there is a need.



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RULE BOOK TALK

By Ted K. Pressley

Unity

A great statesman once said, "United we stand, divided we fall." He was of course speaking of all the people in the United States. At that time we were a young nation with our roots coming from all over the world and we needed to know how to pull together as a unit.

We have, in the livestock industry today, a great potential for unity and thereby power on the earth because we not only feed, clothe, and entertain, we also financially support through purchases and taxes, quite a percentage of the earth's population. But we seem to all be running different directions, doing our own thing, and many are starting to fall financially, physically, and even spiritually.

Let me illustrate: most of you know of the old "20 mule teams." They were hitched to a number of wagons and pulled great loads. In fact, our country was built on this type of united animal power. But think what would happen if you hitched those 20 mules up and each one started going his own way! They would tear the trace chains, single trees, double tree and tongue out of the wagon and the load wouldn't move an inch! On the other hand, when they all pulled together – united – in one direction you could continue to pile on the load and it would be moved.

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 NIV. Notice the four prerequisites: humble self, pray, seek God, and turn from their wickedness. Now please look at the start of verse 14, "If my people." Here it's God's people united in obedience, and this brings about the Lord hearing them, forgiving their sin and healing their land. It's all in unity!

Before I started Cowboys for Christ, I pastored some, and during my first pastorate in Fort Worth, Texas, my youth minister and I took a group of young folks to camp. He and I were walking in the baseball field one day when I found a large red anthill. I began to study those big red ants and how they prospered. I knew our group was the only ones to use the camp that year so there was slim pickens as far as their food was concerned. The kids had stomped, kicked and killed many of the ants.

The caretaker said he had poisoned them. The sun and the rain had taken their toll also. With all these problems the ants continued to prosper! I remembered Proverbs 6:6 says, "Go to the ant...consider her ways and be wise" and Proverbs 30:25, "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer." As I studied the ants I thought on the scriptures about them it was revealed to me that they were united in common cause and no matter what the problem, they got the job done, united.

When I visited Israel, I stood on the hill overlooking the city Jericho, I thought of Joshua and the people of God united in the common cause of obtaining the Promised Land. They, in a great united obedient force took city after city until the job was done. We too can win over the physical, financial, and spiritual problems before us. We can obtain the Promised Land, but only if we are united with each other and with our Heavenly Father.

You have heard the saying, "No man is an island." We can't stand alone. We need to get people of all faiths together to stand united in Christ Jesus moving forward as a body and not only reclaiming what the devourer has stolen from us, but reaching out and claiming new areas for God's Kingdom.

There are many reading this article who are saying to themselves, "I'm not a part of God's people, I'm not a Christian, I'm not in unity with the Lord God of all." You can be, and it's very easy. First, you have to recognize you are not in unity with God, thereby recognizing you are a sinner. Next, just go to God in prayer and ask for forgiveness and salvation (Romans 10:9-10 NIV) "That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Now, if you have confessed, and believed in Jesus you are a vital part of God's Kingdom and we as His people can now truly unite and conquer anything.

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Being Rooted & Growing In Christ

By Bill Ansorge

"You received Christ Jesus the Lord. So continue to live following Him without changing anything. You must depend on Christ only. Life and strength come from Him. You were taught the truth. You must continue to be sure of that true teaching. And always be faithful." (Colossians 2:6-7) (Easy-to-Read-Version)

Life circumstances have a way of changing our priorities in life. When we were children, most of what we cared about was ourselves. We were full of life; the world was laid out before us. We would think of what we wanted to be when we were grown. We all had role models. I always wanted to be a hunter and a cowboy; I use to dream of what it would have been like to ride with Frank and Jesse James. My role models were all the old actors that were in the western movies.

But as we became adults and had families of our own, we could see how hard mom and dad had it while trying to raise us kids. Mom would have gotten up all hours of the night to take care of us, and get up early in the morning to get dad off to work. Dad's work was very hard, he worked in coal mines, on construction, as well as in factories, and it seemed that there was never enough money to go around. That's when we appreciate our parents and what they had to go through, and my sister and I always felt the love mom and dad had for us.

It is the same way when we received Christ as savior and Lord, what a joy we felt in our hearts. I remember when I was baptized I felt so pure and clean it was the greatest feeling I have ever had. And I couldn't wait to see all the good things God was going to do for me, so you see I was babe in Christ thinking only of myself, just like when I was a child at home. But as I became rooted in Christ, my priorities have changed; I began to see what my Lord went through on the cross just because of His unconditional love for me. He paid the price for my sins so I could live with Him for Eternity. My priority now is to please my Lord and do His will for my life. I am spreading His glorious gospel to all who will listen, for God does not want any to be lost. We are His children, and He loves us so very much.

So walk in the Spirit, go to church on a regular bases, study God's Word, and when problems of life come your way, use them to root you self deep into the life you have in Christ, this will established you in your faith, and always give God the glory and thanksgiving for all He has done for you.



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