

The Christian Ranchman

We're not trying to build an organization.

We're trying to fill the Kingdom of God.



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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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"America"

I have traveled all over this World sharing the Gospel of Jesus, from Europe to Australia from Alaska to Southern Brazil and all points in between. As I have talked to folks all over that do not live in this awesome land that Father God has allowed me to be born and live in, there seems to be one main thought that all of those people share about America, and that main thought is Freedom! Many Men, Women, Boys, and Girls have lost their lives down through the years to give you and me the right to be free. So many folks take that blessed gift for granted, but I must tell you that at this very moment that it can be taken away at any second! Freedom came with a high cost, and to keep it will also come high with a high cost. Christians, it's time we, as the body of Christ, stand up and be counted. Our salvation came at the highest cost: God's own Son Jesus Christ; He stood for us, and now we must stand for Him. You may ask, "how can taking a stand for Jesus protect our Freedom, our land?" We have the God-given right to speak out for what we believe is the right thing to do. We can accomplish much under our Lord's leadership that will better all man-kind. Importantly, we can get out, get registered, and vote under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Have you prayed about your vote? Are you even registered? Have you taken a stand and spoken out for what you believe is Godly and right? Folks, it's time we stand up for Jesus, for our Freedom, For America!

God bless you and God bless America.
In Jesus,



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N.C.H.A. Summer Spectacular

Cowboys for Christ is again blessed to have worship services at the "Summer Spectacular" it's the second in three large shown held in Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Coliseum each year. Picture # 1 below will show God's awesome musicians; Keith Lyles and the "Sons of thunder" who ministered in music and song the glory of our lord truly all attending were blessed and God received all praise and honor! Picture # 2 is Bro. Ted Pressley bringing the powerful message our Lord gave him, yes the people were moved to salvation, healing and deliverance. We thank the N.C.H.A. for the chance to have the services. To God be the glory!

We hope to see you this year at the Futurity held November/December 2010 at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Ft. Worth.



Thank you to all!
Luke 6:38



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have donated this month and all who have donated over the years, to help keep "The Christian Ranchman" reaching around the World. Also that CFC as an organization can continue to print, produce, provide ministers, and do our massive outreach for lost Souls and minister to the body of Christ Also. Please know that we are also having a hard time financially, and any help you can give would be awesome. THANK YOU!

If any one out there knows of, or you are a part of an Organization with grants available, or if you know of a group we could apply to for Christian financial assistance please contact our office. We will continue to fill father God's kingdom and do it with all wisdom. The word says, "ask and ye shall receive" we do that with pride because we know it is our Lord's will and His way.

In Jesus,



This Pastor Had Guts!

What a Prayer! We thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father,

We come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good" but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech and expression. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God."

"If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

Thoughts To Ponder A Devotional

By Tom Youngquist, Chapter Chaplain of Platte Valley
CFC

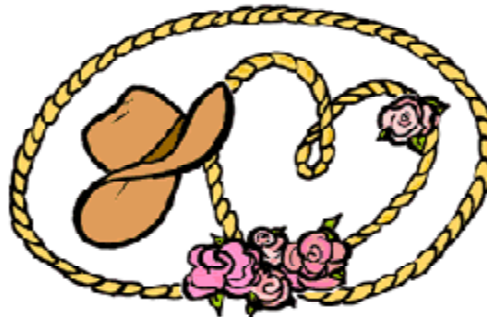
First of all, read Hebrews 11. If you go a little further (I know, we are all busy) and read a few more verses into Chapter 12, you find a great conclusion to the examples Paul is demonstrating. The Holy Spirit is pouring out some encouragement here.

There are several things about tests, trails, and God's discipline pointed out in the Bible. They make us learn, become strong, and accept obedience and submission to Him. Everybody has hard places that God wants to soften, and soft places that God needs to harden. Every time I have to "walk through the valley," there is a big lesson for me, and I have learned to ask His help in learning the lesson the first time so I don't get held back and have to do it again!

Hebrews 12:1 calls the people referred to in Chapter 11 as a "great cloud of witness." That identifies them as examples, and passes the responsibility on to us. They are our examples, and we "watch" them go through hard times and find victory and God's blessing. So, we are not also required to be examples during our hard times? How so people see you when you are hurting? Look back and think of people you know who used their problems or sickness as a part of their testimony or gracious example of Jesus' love, rather than complaining, blaming, or becoming vengeful. Several people in my family taught me volumes about patience and trust in God without saying a word. I'll bet you have some quite godly teachers in your past, too.

To be used of God and testify of Jesus, we have to keep close to Him and the faith He gives us. The truth is people probably watch Christians more closely when we are in pain than when all is going well. Every Old Testament prophet and New Testament apostle who suffered had someone watching. When Jesus suffered and died, the worlds of flesh and spirit watched. Everyone has battles to fight. Maybe your battle is a lesson of faith to be planted in someone's memory, a point of reference for a future battle.

God bless you in every situation, and bring blessing through you, too.



The Mules Went

Some years ago a fiery, prayed-up Holy Ghost preacher held a revival in a country school house. He tore the lid off of sin and revealed its awfulness in the eyes of a Holy God. Each night the altar was filled with souls seeking salvation.

One night among the seekers came a hard-ended, tough man with an uncontrollable temper that would cause the man to let our volleys of scathing curse words. He was converted that night.

His son John said, "I've got to see if this thing is real with Dad. If it is, it will work on his temper."

John watched his dad from behind the barn, from the hay loft and other places around the farm. His dad's temper remained under control no matter what. There were no curse words that came from within him.

The real test came when spring plowing time came. When plowing was in progress the team of stubborn mules balked. Nothing John's dad did would make them go. This was it. This was the time when John knew his dad would forget that night in the old school house.

As John watched, his dad fell to his knees there in the dirt of that field and prayed the Lord would make the mules go. He rose from his knees, took the reins in his hands and said, "Giddap" and the mules went!

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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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The Perfect Example

By Deborah Watts

Jesus said, "And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27) Before Jesus told this to the people who were following Him, He had told them that they must put him first, before their family or themselves. This also pertains to those who proclaim they are followers and Disciples of Christ in the world today.

Often there are times when I think, "Lord why do I have to go thru this? I cannot withstand much more." Then I think of Jesus, and His walk on this earth. His walk was not an easy one. As an infant, King Herod sought to murder Him, so His family had to escape to Egypt. After Herod's death, they went to live in Nazareth. It was in this region that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and the spirit of God lighted on Him. The Bible tells us exactly what happened as Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters. He came up out of the water, and, at that moment, heaven was opened, and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and lighted on Him. Matthew 3:16 Then what happened? Satan came to tempt Jesus. Satan tried three times to cause Him to fall. Jesus overcame Satan who had to flee from Jesus. After this, Jesus moved to Capernaum and began to preach. He gathered His disciples and began to heal people who had all kinds of afflictions. Large crowds began to follow him. Jesus brought dead people back to life! He continued to teach, preach and performed many miracles. Jesus was tempted by Satan but he overcame and through His obedience and faith. He continued to do what His father sent Him to do.

The time came when the authority of Jesus was questioned by the religious leaders of that day. Jesus answered them in parables so as not to directly answer them or condemn them, but they knew He was speaking about them in these parables. Jesus also told the people to not listen to the teachers of the law and the Pharisees because they were hypocrites. He taught them the truth and the gospel.

Then the chief priests and elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest Caiaphas to plot His arrest and to kill Him. It was one of the Twelve, Judas Iscariot, who took thirty pieces of silver for payment to take them to the place where they could arrest Jesus. He was turned over by a friend.

Even after His arrest, torture, humiliation, and crucifixion, Jesus prayed for His enemies that God would forgive them. Jesus truly picked up His cross and carried it His entire life, because He knew what would happen to Him. He truly prayed for God's will to be done in His life, not His own will. On the Mount of Olives, before His arrest, Jesus prayed, "Father if you are willing, take this cup from me: yet no my will, but Your's be done." Luke 22:42

We should not expect our walk in life to be an easier than our Savior's. He was forsaken, tortured, and crucified. What do we have to complain about? Jesus was sent by God as atonement for our sins. He is the only way we can draw close to God. We must believe in Jesus to have eternal life; God's word tells us in John 6:40 "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." Jesus is The Perfect

Example of how we should live our lives in total surrender and perfect obedience to our Father in heaven.



Saved by an Angel

By Annie Downey

Psalm 91:11-12 reads, "For He will give His angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee in all they ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." To me, this verse had usually been associated with Jesus' temptation in Matthew 4:6. I knew that Lord protected me too, and that His angels are around each of us.

This was proven to me the time I was distracted while hitching the trailer to the truck and failed to lock the hitch on the ball! I drove off and went twenty five miles at 50-60mph, and, as I turned into the fairgrounds going 5 mph, the trailer came off the truck. It broke the safety chain and rolled gently into the ditch. Angels rode on the hitch that day!

Meanwhile, back at the ranch...In late July, my husband, Joe, and some friends and I, left for a moonlight supper ride on a perfect night - calm, warm, and lovely. I was bringing up the rear on one of our three-year-old fillies that, since her first training, has been a very good and brave trail horse. She had been over the Cliff Trail many times and never made any fuss. Tonight, however, as we began the descent, she decided to turn around and head for home. (Though, now as I look back on it, I see the Lord wanted to give our friends a taste of His miraculous goodness and me another tangible testimony of His love and grace.)

The trail is barely the width of the horses' feet. It has large boulders going all the way to the bottom and a barbed wire fence along the side. The filly stumbled and her 900 pounds began to fall to the right upside down for the boulders and fence. Centrifugal force and gravity were taking me with her, as I was securely seated in my Australian saddle.

The next thing I knew, my angel had grabbed my left hand and suddenly I was at the top of the trail watching the filly hit a big boulder and land on the fence. It all happened so fast that all I could do was loudly acknowledge the mercy of God in praises. The angels had protected my horse also. She fell with her back to the fence. She got up and trotted over to her mother, ridden by our friend. Our friend just sat there with her mouth wide open in awe of what she had just seen. She had never seen a horse wreck before, and now she had witnessed what God did to protect both of us from really being harmed.

The filly had long rows of barbed wire cuts, which bled for only a few minutes. My saddle seat had boulder bruises and deep wire cuts. I praise God that it was a tough high quality leather saddle and not fragile human skin! The filly ended up being fine. So fine, in fact, that we continued our beautiful ride in God's glorious moonlight with no more incidents.

For many days after the ride, however, I cried and cried - shaken by the thought of the Lord's great love for me and the way He saved my life in the most frightening horse accident I have ever had in over thirty

years of riding. His love and protection are for each of us. He does keep His promises!

Psalm 91:11-12 didn't really jump out at me until I read it in The Living Bible. "For He orders His angels to protect you wherever you go. They will stand steady for you with their hands to keep you from stumbling against the rocks of the trail."

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The Last Ride

By Larry Hudson Jr.

The day was like most others
That this cowboy had seen
He walked around the rodeo
The bulls looked wild & mean

He signed in & paid his fees
The pot was full of cash
It never crossed his mind
That this ride would be his last

The cowboy settled in
On the bull that he had drawn
His goal was just 8 seconds
He'd fight to ride that long

The gate was open wide
With the nodding of his head
But who knew in 5 seconds
This cowboy would be dead

He slipped into eternity
And never knew the Savior
He never knew sweet peace in Christ
Or found God's loving favor

So listen close dear friend
For time slips by so fast
Please give you life to Jesus
For this could be your last.

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

One day as I was reading, I came across this sermon by Jonathan Edwards. I am just going to give you the introduction leading to the sermon and the very end of the sermon. If you ever get the chance, it would be well worth your while to read the whole thing. It's a sermon that needs to be preached in many churches again, today.

This sermon was preached on the afternoon of July 8, 1741, in Enfield, Connecticut. Revival fires had been started throughout the New England area by George Whitefield, but Enfield, the most wicked community of them all, had not been moved. A special service had been called by a group of ministers with Jonathan Edwards as the speaker for the afternoon session. As the ministers entered the meeting place, they were shocked by the levity of the congregation. They appeared thoughtless and vain and hardly conducted themselves with common decency.

As Edwards preached, he used no gestures but stood motionless, his left elbow leaned on the pulpit and his left hand held his notes. His text was Deuteronomy 32: 5, "Their foot shall slide in due time."

Probably no sermon has ever had the effect of this one. It was interrupted by outcries from the congregation—men and women stood up and rolled on the floor, their cries once drowning out the voice of the preacher. Some are said to have laid hold on the pillars and braces of the church, apparently feeling that at that very moment their feet were sliding, that they were being precipitated into Hell. Throughout the house, one could hear the cries of those feeling themselves lost, crying to God for mercy.

Through the night, Enfield was like a beleaguered city. In almost every house, men and women could be heard crying out for God to save them.

"...And let every one that is yet out of Christ and hanging over the pit of Hell, whether they would be old men and women or middle-aged or younger people or little children, now hearken to the loud calls of God's word and providence. This acceptable year of the Lord, that is a day of such great favor to some, will doubtless be a day of as remarkable vengeance to others. Men's hearts harden and their guilt increases apace at such a day as this, if they neglect their souls. And never was there so great danger of such persons being given up to hardness of heart and blindness of mind. God seems now to be hastily gathering in His elect in all parts of the land. Probably the bigger part of adult persons that ever shall be saved will be brought in now in a little time, and it will be as it was on that great outpouring of the Spirit upon the Jews in the apostles' days, the election will obtain and he rest will be blinded."

If this should be the case with you, you will eternally curse this day, and will curse the day that ever you were born to see such a season of the pouring out of God's Spirit, and will wish that you had died and gone to Hell before you had seen it. Now, undoubtedly, it is as it was in the days of John the Baptist, the ax is in an extraordinary manner laid at "the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Therefore, let everyone that is out of Christ now awake and flee from the wrath to come. The wrath of Almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over ever

unregenerate sinner. Let everyone flee out of Sodom. "Escape for thy life: look not behind thee...escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed" (Gen 19:17).

THE WORD

Last month Janet mentioned that chapter elections are coming up this fall. This reminds me of a story I heard awhile back. A group of boys built a tree house, formed a club, and had elections. When a couple of the parents heard about it and asked who got elected, they were amazed to hear that a 4 year old, the youngest member, got elected president. When they asked one of the older boys how the youngest ended up as president, his answer astonished them. He said the young boy couldn't read or write so he couldn't be secretary; he couldn't count so treasurer was out. Sergeant-at-arms was out too 'cause he wasn't big enough to throw anyone out, but they thought if they didn't elect him to be something he would feel sad and left out, so president was all that was left! (Now you know how I got to be the first president and Janet the second!!)

Every story needs a point, so here goes: People are all gifted in one way or another, so what we need to do is match people's skills with the jobs at hand; that is easy enough, right? Except, the best writer wants to be the treasurer or doesn't want to commit the time, and the best organizer and leader doesn't want so much responsibility, just wants "to coast" for awhile! The 4 year old became president by default, even though he couldn't spell it or understand what he needed to do. Friends, life doesn't work like that! God didn't intend us to use our gifts randomly!

By Grace God provided our salvation. The word grace is translated from the Greek word that means gift (charisma, or charity). God gave us our gifts (particular talents) as well as the gift of salvation. God revealed His plan through Jesus. In Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15 Jesus said WE are the plan to reach the world! God gave us salvation, gave each of us a measure of faith sufficient to accept salvation, gave us a plan to reach all nations, and gave us the gifts necessary to pull all this together. Not only that, but He left behind the Holy Spirit to empower us, to encourage us and to give us wisdom (John 14:12-16 and James 1:5).

We are not saved by using our gifts; salvation always has been and always will be a free gift of God, BUT...James 2: 20 says, "But will thou know, oh vain man, that faith without works is dead."

So, as elections approach, look in the mirror and ask, "What are my gifts?" Am I using them to do God's plan or only for personal gain? Am I a treasurer, a secretary, or do I attend meetings regularly and contribute what I know how to do. Do I work at the CFC events, or can I support the work of Cowboys for Christ with my finances? What gifts did God bless me with that I might be a blessing to others (especially the unwashed and unreached of this world)? How can I contribute?

There are many ways to serve God. CFC is only one, maybe not the best, certainly not the least, but it is the one in front of you at this moment. In prayer consider your relationship with God, your relationship with Cowboys for Christ and how you are using what God

gave you (your gifts). God will answer that prayer, you must listen for that inner voice, that unction in your spirit, that with which Jesus left behind for you, the Holy Spirit. Then act!!

Do you want a guarantee? II Peter 1:10 "Give diligence to your calling (use of your gifts) and election sure (faith made visible by your works): for if you do these things, you shall never fail."

Cowboys for Christ has reached many lost cowboys and cowgirls and with your efforts and support it will continue to do so. It takes very little money compared to other ministries, it reaches a crowd often unreached by traditional churches and it is very effective. I have the testimonies to prove it! Cowboys for Christ, and specifically the Lighthouse chapter, needs God's people to use the gifts God gave each of us, each contributing as we can, in order to complete our assignment as stated in Matthew 28 and Mark 16, Go teach, preach, encourage and disciple -In the Name Of Jesus-Amen

In Jesus Is True Peace,
Phil Schwartz



**PRAY FOR
OUR
TROOPS AND
OUR
NATION!**

The Usin' Kind

By Ken Howry

Jesus is here, and he's needin' a mount
He needs a good pony on whom he can count.

Cause there are strays to be gathered, both far and wide,
Could you be the dependable mount he can ride?

You know you were bought and he paid a high price,
Will you give a return on the cost of His life?

He saw some potential when he gave you his brand,
He knew with some training you would fit His band.

He has groomed you and fed you and shown you the way,
Now it's time to find out if he can use you all day.

You've got to be sound and follow His lead,
If you want to become His dependable steed.

Now some horses have much training and their own specialty,
They can perform when the spotlights on, for the world to see.

But when things go wrong they're very hard to find,
So when it comes to catchin' strays, God needs The Usin' Kind.

Total Commitment

Author Unknown

Many Christians think "total commitment" means saying, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, I'll do what you want me to do, and really mean it." That has a noble ring to it, but it's not total commitment as defined in the Bible. The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1 best summarizes the true meaning of total commitment. "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

Notice, this says nothing about you going anywhere or doing anything for the Lord. It merely urges you to present yourself to the Lord. Using the Old Testament sacrifice as an analogy, Paul explains that God wants us to put our lives into His hands. He wants us alive, not dead, yet He wants us like the sacrificial animal in that it offered to do nothing for God. It was simply placed at God's disposal, made available to Him. This is "acceptable to God." This is the only service He wants from us, the only service He does accept.

In pleading with us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, God is asking us to give Him complete control of our lives. He wants us to say not, "I'll go where you want me to go and do what you want me to do," but rather, "Lord, YOU take my life and you do with it what YOU want to do."

In the next verse, Romans 12:2, God reveals what He will do. The verbs are all passive. They do not speak of what the sacrifice will do, but what God will do through the sacrifice. He will see that you are not "conformed to this world" that is, He will set you free from the old programming instilled in you when you had a self-centered nature.

He will "transform" you "renewing your mind." This is, He will give you new ways of thinking about God, about yourself and about others. These new thought patterns will begin to dominate your mind, rather than the old programming.

He will bring forth through your life His "good, acceptable and perfect will." Good meaning it will be His workmanship, which is always good. Acceptable meaning not only that God will like it but also that you will to! And, it will be perfect, meaning ideally suited to you as the unique individual that you are!

In a sense, the sacrifice is made once for all. It never gets off the altar, although it may "seem" to have fallen off at times, because either nothing seems to be happening or what is happening is very unpleasant for the moment. Despite this once-for-all sense, though, the verb indicates continuous action. So, in another sense, presenting the sacrifice is the beginning of a process, a way of life on which you continually present your life to God and depend on His Wisdom, power, purity and resources to bring about His good, acceptable and perfect will.

To make TOTAL COMMITMENT of your life to God, then, you may pray like this: "father, I present my life to you as a living sacrifice. I am not saying I will go anywhere and do anything for You. Rather, I'm saying, Lord YOU take my life and YOU do with it whatever YOU want to do. I trust that You are going to do what Romans 12:2 says: You will see that I am not controlled

by my old programming, which came from satan, the world and a self-centered nature. You will change me by renewing my mind, and You will bring forth Your good, acceptable and perfect will through my life. Thank you for accepting the sacrifice of my life and for the wonderful work you will be doing in me and through me. In Jesus name."



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***These sort of quotes will keep you careful
about what you say & write:***

Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

Thursday night-Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David

Alan Belzer, the sin of Rev and Mrs. Belzer.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4PM there be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.

Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the alter.

The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.

Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

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The River

By Peggy Collins

My People parish for lack of knowledge
They do not seek my kingdom first
It is as if they live by the river
And yet they die of thirst.

My kingdom is so simple, so plain
For it is written in my Word
It is my way of doing things
My laws, my truths, my principles- -
Most of these they've heard.

Yet something in their life is lacking
The words they hear have not taken root
So they continue in their old ways and thinking
My kingdom no longer their primary pursuit.

Some have gone to other sources
To fill the void – that gap
In hopes that they'll find peace
To life and in place they're at.

Oh, children, there are no other answers
That will take away the pain, the strife
But what is written in my word
I am the way, the truth to life.

For you must get my Word-my ways
Deep within your heart
For I've done all I can
Now you must do your part

Hasten to the river of my Words- my ways
Hear them, see them, taste them,
Know that they are good
For then you'll hunger and digest them
In your heart the way you should.

Many see the river flowing
Many hear its mighty roar
But instead of running to it
They run and shut the door.

They fear what is unknown
And much taught by Godly men
They do not understand my ways, my thoughts
They are afraid of them.

So fear, doubt, uncertainty and sin
Keep them in their rut
And there they die of thirst
Because their doors are tightly shut.

While all along outside their world
The river runs close by
Proclaiming wisdom, truth, and knowledge
To all who hear its cry.

Remember, perfect love casts out all fear
Doubt, sin and uncertainty

It causes you to draw near
Not run away from me.

Oh, child, drink in my Words of life
Let them penetrate your soul
Producing fruits of health and happiness
And blessings-more than a hundred fold.

Once you take a taste
Of the river's refreshing, living words
Don't hide them in your heart
Afraid to share, that you might possibly offend- -
Rather, go tell others what you've tasted
Give a drink to them.

So they might run to the river thirsty
Searching out its truths for more
As the Holy Spirit prompts them
To open wide their door.

For true happiness is never found
In titles, self, wealth, or worldly fame
To give up these in pursuit of me
Is considered profit, wisdom, and gain.

My kingdom is contrary to worldly ways
My kingdom is contrary to worldly thinking
My kingdom lies in the water
But you must do the drinking.
Just as the bee is busy
Gathering pollen from the flower
So you must gather from my Word
Daily-love, joy, peace and power.

Once you've taken in my kingdom
And it's deep within your heart
Then hold on and fervently take heed
To activate my promises
It is faith that you will need.

For it is by faith it operates
To open prison doors
So you'll be free
Your eyes on me
I'll show you even more.

Faith is acting on my Words
Accepting without rhyme or reason
Believing what you cannot see
To bring it from the spirit realm into reality.

My kingdom is abundant and able
To intervene, to override, to supersede
The laws of earth- the universe
To meet you're ever need.

So in times of lack and trouble
Don't fear and doubt
Don't die of thirst
Don't complain or try to reason
So don't even stop to think
Just run to the river flowing freely

Bend down and take a drink.

Then ride and stand by faith
Step out on my Word, my way
Don't look down, don't turn around
Don't teeter-totter
For then you'll fall as Peter did
Instead of walking on the water!

Child, I know you want to walk on water
And see signs and wonders and miracles-
For this you thirst- -
But I must remind you, child- -
You must get in the river first!



You Promised!

By Rick Warren

Have you ever promised to deliver by a set date and later regretted it?

Volunteered for a job you had no idea would take so long?

Agreed to a deal that looked great but wasn't?

Accepted an invitation you wish you hadn't?

Eventually we all learn by experience a basic law of life: IT'S ALWAYS EASIER TO GET IN THAN TO GET OUT! The Bible says, "It is a trap for a person to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider his vows." Prov. 20:25

There are three common commitment traps:

The Money Trap: It's always easier to get into debt than to get out of debt! It's always easier to borrow money that to pay it back.

The Partnership Trap: it's always easier to enter into a partnership/relationship than to get out of one! Falling in love is easy. The difficult part is staying and growing in love.

The Time Trap: it's always easier to fill your schedule than to fulfill it! You can get so many irons in the fire that you can put out the fire! Wise man says, "He who burns candle at both ends is not as bright as he thinks he is."

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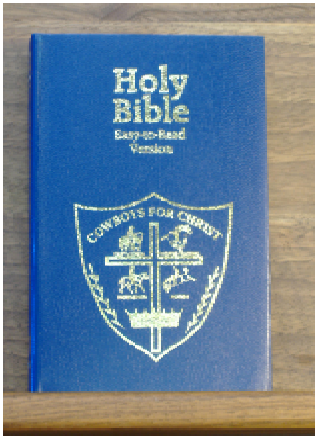


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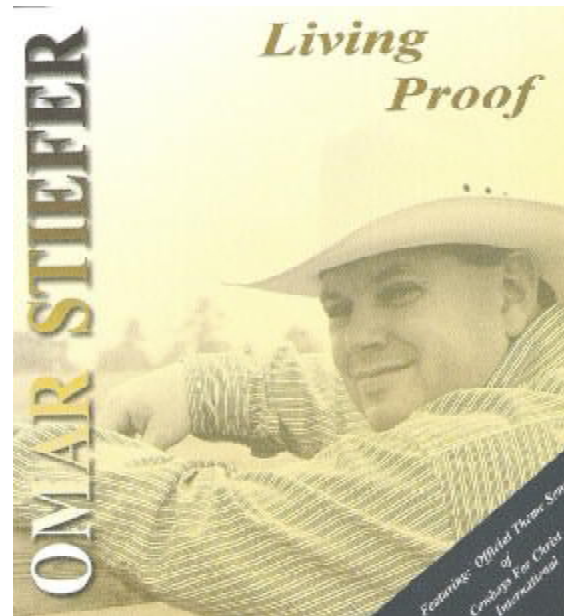


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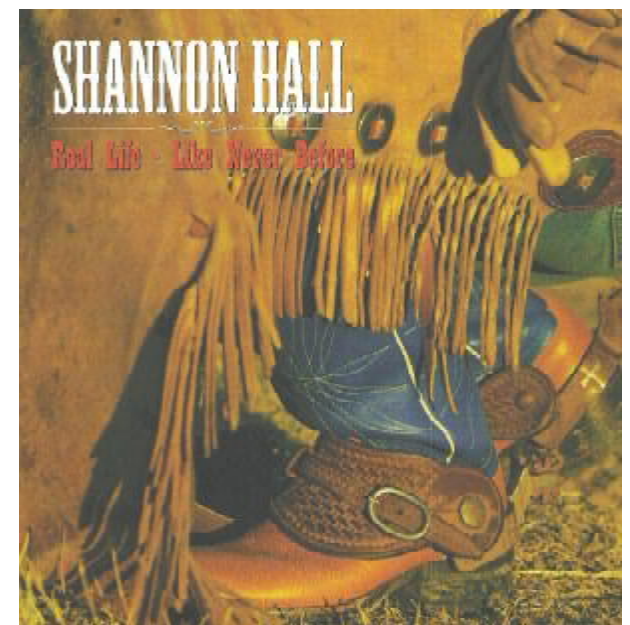


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Upcoming Events: None at this time

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ALASKA

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Upcoming events: None at this time call for information

COLORADO

Durango Chapter – Durango, CO

Fellowship: Thursday 7:30pm at Animas Valley Grange Hall, 7271 County Road 203, Durango, CO
Upcoming Events: None

FLORIDA

Micanopy CFC- Micanopy, FL

Fellowship: Tuesday at 7pm at the Triple Cross Church.
Upcoming events: None at this time

Soncoast CFC – Nobleton, FL

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Village Inn in Zephyrhills FL
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Range Riders for Jesus – Okeechobee, FL

Fellowship: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Basinger Civic Center

Ridin Double CFC- Fort Pierce, FL

Fellowship is the 2nd Saturday of every month @ 6pm at 990 North Kings Hwy.
Upcoming Events: None

Venus CFC- Venus, FL

Fellowship: 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Venus Clubhouse in Venus, FL. Call Libby at 863-465-4621 for more info on this as well as upcoming events.

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McIntyre CFC Chapter- Leesburg, GA

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Upcoming Events: None at this time.

ILLINOIS

Christian Cowboys Outreach CFC- Pontoon Beach, IL

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Upcoming events: None at this time

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Fellowship: 1st Thursday of the Month at 7pm. Weekly Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 6am and Tuesday Evenings at 7pm.

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Ridin on Faith CFC – Shepherdsville, KY

Fellowship: Thursday at 7:00 pm at call for location
Upcoming Events: Sep 11th- CFC second show at the Blue Grass Arena

KANSAS

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Upcoming Events: none at this time

Fredonia Kingdom Riders of Southeast Kansas- Fredonia, KS

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We Are a Fairly new chapter so please come check us OUT!!!!

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Upcoming Events: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Monthly Devotions and Fellowship
August 10 6:30pm Open Trail Ride Eastmanville Farm Park

Heavenly Hoof Beats – Dansville, MI

Fellowship: 2nd Sat from 3:30 -7pm at Dansville, or Perry, MI. Call for more details.
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Upcoming events Sep 10-12 Charlotte Down Home Day
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MI CFC – Midland, MI

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Fellowship: Thursdays 7pm at JM Saddlery
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Upcoming Events: None at this time

MISSOURI

Capital City CFC- Jefferson City, MO

Fellowship: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Timberline Stables, 2380 State Rd. MM in New Bloomfield.
Chapter Ride Day: 3rd Saturday of each month. Please call 573-491-9988 for time/location
Music Jam: 1st Friday of each month from 7-10:00 pm at Timberline Stables in the Lodge.
Upcoming Events: None at this time

Green Hills CFC- Kirksville, MO

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month. Call Jarrod Rapp for details. 660-626-7912

Ozarks CFC – Springfield, MO

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the Month at 6pm. At the Library Station, N Kansas Express, Springfield MO.
We are a new chapter if you have any info please contact Don Day- President at 417-300-1625.
HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE

Pony Express CFC – St. Joseph, MO

Fellowship: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. At King Hill Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO for the winter months. Expect to be back at Pony Express Saddle Club in May Call for address and directions.
Upcoming Events: None at this time

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NORTH CAROLINA

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Upcoming Events: None at this time

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Upcoming events: Aug 19 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House
Sept. 16 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House
Sept. 24-26 Mule Days Benson, NC
Oct. 15-17 Uwharrie Ride 4 B farms El Dorado, NC
Oct 21. 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House
Nov 18 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House
Dec 16 7pm Monthly Business meeting at Our Fathers House

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Upcoming events: None at this time

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Meetings are at 630 till 845 on the 2nd Thursdays of every month.

At Carolina Bar B Q Hwy 70 Garner NC

Upcoming events August 3 7pm SEBRA Rodeo

August 10 7pm SEBRA Rodeo

August 12 6:30pm Monthly Business Meeting

August 17 7pm SEBRA Rodeo

August 24 7pm SEBRA Rodeo

August 31 7pm SEBRA Rodeo

September 9 6:30pm Regular Business Meeting

October 14 6:30pm Regular Business Meeting

October 24-26 Benson Mule Days

October 28-29 East Wake Academy

October 30 Oak Ranch Wild West Days and Trail Ride

November 11 6:30pm Regular Business Meeting

December 9 6:30pm Regular Business Meeting

N.C Foothills- Statesville, NC

Meetings: Call Craig Deal @ 407-873-3421

Upcoming Events: TBA Barrell Racing

They do not have Wednesday night bible study.

N.C Foothills Youth- Statesville, NC

Meetings: Call Billy Saunders @ 704-902-3106

UpComing Events: TBA: Barrel Racing

Trail Riders for Christ Cameron, NC

Meeting at The River Lodge Restaurant in Sanford, NC. Contact Nancy Thornton 919-774-8030 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events: None at this time

Tri County CFC- Marion, NC

Fellowship: 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Providence Farms.

Upcoming events: None at this time

Twin Counties CFC- Rocky Mount, N.C

Fellowship: 4th Thursday at 7pm at the Englewood Assembly of God Church at Rocky Mount.

Upcoming events: None at this time.

NORTH DAKOTA

Dakota CFC

Fellowship: 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm at Kist Livestock, on the strip, Mandan

Upcoming Events: August- Keenie Word

September- Lloyd and Linda Hohn

October- Laurie Gills

November- Greg Hager

NEW MEXICO

Sierra Grande Mountain Top CFC

Fellowship: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. At Harvest Headquarters in Raton NM.

Upcoming Events: None at this time.

OKLAHOMA

Central CFC- Norman, OK

Fellowship: 1st Wednesday night every month at 7pm at Remington Park. Call for more information. Steve Womack 405-872-7329

Pawnee Lakeside CFC- Pawnee, OK

Fellowship: 2nd Monday at 7pm at Pawnee Lakeside Arena

Riders for Christ CFC- Poteau, OK

Fellowship: 1st Thursday each month at 7:00 pm. At Sugarloaf Christian Fellowship in Monroe, OK

Upcoming Events: 1st Thursday of the month at 630 Regular Monthly meeting

3rd Saturday of the month Monthly Trail Ride

Nov 7-8 Sat 9-5 and Sun 12-4 Cowboy Trade Days in Poteau OK

OHIO

Northern Ohio Chapter

Fellowship: Tuesdays at 9pm. At the Leroy Community Chapel 12791 Painesville-Warren Rd

Upcoming Events: None at this time.

Trumbull County CFC- Southington, OH

Fellowship: TBD please contact John Smith Sr. 330-889-3818

Updates:

PENNSYLVANIA

West Keystone CFC – Portersville, PA

Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Sundays call for times at Brenneman's Creek Hill Stables

Upcoming Events: Aug 1st 2pm Trail Ride @ Brennemans

Aug 15th TBA Trail Ride @ TBA

Sept 5 2pm Trail Ride @ Moraine St. Pk

Sept 19th TBA Trail Ride @ TBA

Oct 3rd 2pm Trail Ride @ Brenneman's

Oct 17th TBA Trail Ride @ TBA

Dec date TBA time TBA Christmas Caroling on Horseback

SOUTH CAROLINA

Coastal Riders CFC- SC

Fellowship: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Horry Saddle Club.

For more info on upcoming events please call

Buddy Smith, Pres. 843-397-9133, or Calvin Barfield, V.P. 843-365-5636

Upcoming Events: None

TENNESSEE

Greene County CFC – Greeneville, TN

Fellowship: 4th Saturday of the Month. Call for time and location 423-636-1922 – Brenda Badenhope

Upcoming Events: None at this time

TEXAS

Burkeville CFC – Burkeville, TX

Howdy Neighbor! As one of the newer chapters of CFC, we'd like to welcome you to our fellowship starting at 7:00 pm in the Burkeville Code Building on the 24th of every month. Come be a part of what God is doing in our area!

Cleveland CFC- Cleveland, TX

Fellowship: 2nd Saturday at 4pm at 240 Smith Ln.

SE TX CFC – Kountz, TX

Fellowship: Meeting - 3rd Saturday each month at 7:00 pm.

Playday - 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Both events are at the CFC Barn on Hwy 326 N, Kountze, TX

VIRGINIA

Central VA CFC- Rice, VA

Fellowship: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 10am and Tuesdays at 7pm. At Heart Land Ranch

Upcoming Events: None at this time

Greater Richmond CFC, Bumpass, VA

Fellowship: 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at 1917 Signboard Rd. Bumpass, VA

Upcoming events: None at this time

Southside CFC- Gretna, VA

Fellowship: 4th Sat except in November it is the 3rd Sat. At 6pm The Location is various please call 434-248-5386 for information

Upcoming events: None at this time

WEST VIRGINIA

Christ Cavalry- Crow, WV

Greg Lilly, Pres. 304-894-5166, James Hartsog V.P 204-763-4207

Fellowship- Call for more information

Upcoming events: none at this time

Kyowva CFC – Harrisville, WV

Fellowship: Sunday 7am at the Chapel in Winfield, WV

Upcoming Events:

Ridin For The Brand CFC- Victor, WV

Fellowship: Call President Elbert Horrocks for info. 304-658-5730

Upcoming Events:

WISCONSIN

Lighthouse CFC- Fond Du Lac, WI

Fellowship: Last Saturday every month at 5pm at 871 S Main St. # 43 FDL, WI or 2047 Cumberland Ave Arkdale, WI

Upcoming Events:

WYOMING

Platte Valley CFC – Torrington, WY

If you have any questions about these event please contact David Kendall President at lingletown@hotmail.com

Fellowship: 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm. At 615 Main, Torrington, WY 82240





From The Desk of Dave.....



AT THY WORD

Cowboys and Cowgirls, so often when we think of JESUS CHRIST we picture the SHEPHERD leading HIS flock through green pastures and beside the still waters, as is stated in Ps. 23:1-2 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. (KJV) I prayerfully hope that everyone knows that HE is also the SAVIOR that died on the cross for the sin debt of the whole world. We know HIM to be one part of the Triune GOD: FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. Just as often we go to the manger in Bethlehem where HE was born into the world as a baby from a virgin, but most of the time we stop right there.

The Apostle John gives us the complete picture as we see in John 1:1-3 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. KJV So, the SAVIOR is not only the SAVIOR, but HE is the CREATOR, too. In the first chapter of Genesis it is written nine times that "GOD SAID," but what did GOD say? GOD spoke HIS WORD, and, when GOD speaks, whatever that WORD may be, it is done. HIS WORD goes forth to accomplish the action that was spoken.

GOD sent HIS SON to pay the sin debt and it was done. John 3:16 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. (KJV) JESUS CHRIST accomplished the task of providing a way for mankind to be spared from the penalty of sin, which is death. Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (KJV)

In the Gospel of Luke, we are told how JESUS completed the calling of Peter, Andrew, James and John to be HIS disciples. Luke 5:1-2 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. (KJV) JESUS not only taught the WORD OF GOD to those that had followed HIM to the lakeside that day, but HE is the WORD OF GOD. HE was teaching that the KINGDOM OF GOD was there in HIS person, complete and full, which HE would prove to Peter and the other fishermen real soon.

When JESUS asked to use Peter's boat, HE didn't just happen to pick a boat, HE wanted Peter's boat, in fact, HE wanted Peter. Luke 5:3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. (KJV) While JESUS was teaching, Peter was sitting there in the boat listening to the WORD OF GOD speak the WORD OF GOD. Peter recognized the authority that was being revealed as the WORD came forth and he would be given a chance to put that WORD into action almost immediately after hearing the WORD proclaimed. Because, when JESUS finished speaking HE turned to Peter and told him to take the boat out into deep water. Luke 5:4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. (KJV)

We all know that Peter was a fisherman, and a fisherman knows that the middle of the day is not the best time to fish, and, after fishing all night and catching nothing he knew that it was very unlikely that he would catch anything out in the deep water. In fact, he was feeling like Isaiah when he had written about fishing just then. Isa 19:8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. (KJV) He had just sat under the teaching of the SON OF GOD, who is the WORD OF GOD; how could he ignore a direct command from the ONE who spoke with such authority?

Peter's reply is the perfect example for us to follow everyday, Luke 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. (KJV) AT THY WORD I will do as you command. AT THY WORD which fashioned the heavens, that caused the elements that YOU have created to join together to form each and every part of the universe. Ps 33:6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. (KJV) AT THY WORD, legions of angels respond instantly, mighty rivers stops flowing, light appears, darkness runs and hides. AT THY WORD, demons scatter and the adversary beats a hasty retreat. AT THY WORD, nations rise and fall and the forces of nature are stilled. AT THY WORD, all living creatures breathe, and, AT THY WORD, they will one day stop that breathing, to die forever or to live forever.

Cowboys and Cowgirls, JESUS didn't need Peter to let down the net, HE didn't need Peter to even move the boat. JESUS could have commanded the fish to jump into Peter's boat, but HE wanted Peter to do something to start the miracle. HE wanted Peter to put forth some effort, because fishing for men would require Peter and all of GOD'S servants to put forth effort to share the Gospel to a lost world. Cowboys and cowgirls will not come running to hear the Good News, and they won't chase you down to hear about a living SAVIOR, and the Plan of Salvation that is free to all who will only believe. Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (KJV)

In fact, it would take much more that fishing just one night or one day. It would take a lifetime of work, because the time is coming when the labor will be over and the LORD will return for HIS children. John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. (KJV) "AT THY WORD" those that believe in the "WORD" will be saved for eternity, and "AT THY WORD" those that do not believe will die for eternity, John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (KJV)

I hope that each and every servant of the LORD will be like Peter. Luke 5:6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. (KJV) and that you will exclaim "AT THY WORD I will do as YOU command." On that day Peter left his boat full of fish and followed JESUS to be a fisher of men. Shortly after JESUS ascended into Heaven, Peter again filled his boat full of fish (dead sinners) to be alive for eternity when three thousand were added to the Kingdom of GOD in one day. Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. (KJV) I pray that as you cast out the net of the Gospel that your boat will be full for the praise, honor, glory and gainful service of the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS.



In CHRIST,
Dave



The Blessing of Bible School

During the past 3 months, we were able to share the Lord with 8 local Bible Schools.

Using our wagon and 3 lead line horses, we have been able to bring joy to around 400 children. Many of them had never ridden a horse before. We achieved our goal, which was to share the gospel with them. While riding in the wagon, our chapter president, Bill Queen, told the children about different events in the Bible and explained to them God's love and mercy. He shared the love and grace we have through our Lord Jesus Christ with them. While using the lead line horses, members were able to discuss with each child what they had learned in their Bible school, how important bible school is, and for children to be in church. We were amazed at how many children could answer questions, even the younger ones. Our churches need to continue on with bible school, and teach our children about Jesus Christ.

At some of these events, we had some special needs children. This made all our efforts worth it. To see smiles and joy come out of them was a true blessing, and we will always remember how happy they were.

Our hope is that the children will use what they have learned in bible school throughout their lives into adulthood, and, most of all, that this experience will lead them to be saved. There were souls saved at some of schools, Praise the Lord!

Since our chapter has been formed, we have been able to minister to many bible schools and fall festivals throughout the years, and our goal is to continue to do this. We want to be used to teach the word to all who will listen. We are willing to share the gospel with anyone who will listen. Even when are able to go camping, we always have our church service and invite fellow campers to join us.

We are a blessed nation to be able to have bible schools that our children can attend and learn about Jesus Christ. Many nations in this world do not have the privilege to send their children to bible school or even to church.

May God always use our chapter to do his will, and to share the gospel with others. Remember us in your prayers and may God bless you

Teresa McKinney
Tri-County chapter
Marion, N.C.



Driver Bob Brackett assisted by Joe Hutchins. Ministering to the children Bill Queen



Clay Center Cowboys for Christ Chapter, Clay Center, Kansas

We recently sponsored the Cowboy Church Services at our Clay County Fair and at the E.K.H.A. Point Horse Show we hosted. Here are some pictures from those events.



Adam Ebert and Jessica Hitsman, young members of the Clay Center Cowboys for Christ Chapter in Clay Center, Kansas carry the flags for the E.K.H.A. Horse Show.



Dirk Westerman, Wakefield, Kansas, delivers the message for the Cowboy Church service sponsored by the Clay Center Chapter during the Clay County Fair.



At the E.K.H.A. Horse Show on Sunday, Stan Norman from Abilene, Kansas presents the message at the Cowboy Church service held in Clay Center, Kansas

TESTIMONIES!



Revelation 12:11 says,
"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the WORD of their testimony."

**Have you shared His Word lately?
Send us your testimony today!**

Tragedy to Triumph

By Nancy Kent

Tragedy came and shattered out heart.
 Satan came, tried to rip us apart.
 But God's on His throne; we met Him there!
 He heard our cry and with love and care,
 Put the pieces of our broken life
 Together again, and pulled out the knife,
 That sliced and tore our faltering steps;
 Mended the wounds no matter the depths.
 He picked us up, held us in His arm,
 And showed us the doubts of Satan's life.
 Safe in God's arms, our son did not die.
 Stronger and greater than any force,
 Our Lord was there for us, of course.
 And so when we cried out in such fear,
 We had only to reach; God was near!
 He took our hand and He held it tight,
 and when we all could no longer stand,
 It's then we knew we were in God's hand!
 And now God bless our friends so dear!
 When we needed you, you were here.
 Yes, you came and you called and you prayed.
 We couldn't see, but we know you stayed
 Close in our thoughts and deep in your hearts.
 Held us near God when we fell apart.
 We felt you there and we knew you cared,
 Praying, calling, and coming to see
 How Brian was, and checking on me.
 Thanks for bringing the snacks and food
 To lift our family, it was sure good.
 Our young friends, we say thanks for the tree.
 Brian says "Thanks for thinking of me!"
 Bethlehem friends, we love you so much!
 All are important, we felt your touch.
 And if your name we've failed to say,
 We're still aware of the part you play,
 For us and always for the others.
 And when it comes to loving mothers
 And in-laws who go beyond the call,
 Oh yes, you can say we have it all!
 There is something else I want to pray,
 This accident taught us how to pray.
 We found it out, we are not strong.
 We're very weak, but to God belong
 When we needed strength jut to get up
 We learned to drink from the Master's cup,
 And seek the things we thought we had.
 The things like God's strength to not be mad
 About this trail so uninited.
 Yet, but its horror, we were united
 As a family, we sought our God
 And met him in the nightmare we trod.
 So my friends, I say to all of you,
 In life's joys there must be sorrows, too.
 And when life hits a deep, darkened hole,
 And rips your heart to very soul,
 Do not despair; you can make it through,
 Oh, but only if God carries you!
 One last thing my heart must surely say,
 Thank you to my family today.
 Ronnie, whose shoulder I had to soak
 With tears I cried when my heart broke.
 Thank you for you support, I love you!
 With God we are three, instead of two.
 And to Gina, my dearest daughter,
 We hold each other when we falter.
 Yes you are the best, I am so proud,
 You are sunshine when there is a cloud.
 And Bradley, my son, how dear are you!
 Your help though this, carried me so far.

You helped your dad and you worked so hard.
 I know the times when you were so tired.
 But you like the rest you kept on going,
 Your love for us was always showing.
 Our miracles we have in Brian,
 Thank you, dear God, for him not dying!
 Through all of this to us makes no sense,
 It did happen and it now is past tense.
 God sent his angels to the roadside.
 Without these angles you might have died.
 Oh, but you were spared, and left with us
 And you're God's child, left to our trust,
 We have each other and God be praised!
 We still have Brian, out joy be raised!
 Thanks to the angels who stood by him
 And brought him through when things looked so dim
 Glory to God and praise to His name.
 On this earth we know God is the same!
 Always near and so always ready
 To hold us up when we're unsteady.
 Pillar of strength, keep us always near
 Through good and bad and through joy and fear!
 We say thank you God for all our life,
 The joy, the peace, and even the strife!

TO THE COWBOYS Both Large and Small

By Charles Chancellor

Cowboys are a rare breed of men, approved by God to handle the cattle on a thousand hills that He owns, to ride a good horse, sometimes the rough string, and to take a care of the land. Most of you don't realize that no matter what your bill of sale or your deed might say, God still owns all the cattle, horses and the land they run on. You are His trustees in these matters.

Most of you don't realize that there are millions of people who would love to have your lifestyle and the privileges that you enjoy. For the world still sees you as a hero, mighty in stature, who's word is as his good name. So, when the going gets tough, think on how blessed you are and give the Lord thanks, for you are of the chosen few.

Cowboys are the most prideful of all mankind. They don't bend, they don't break, they wont let you see them cry, and you sure won't stuff your ideas down their throat. Only by the Holy Spirit may you reach any of them. For the most part, many cowboys, horse people, and ranchers don't ever see the inside of the Lord's house except for a wedding or a funeral, their own or a loved one. As I have traveled across the land from the East Coast, I don't find the cowboys any different from the ones in Texas.

God has given you, the membership of CFC, a great avenue to gather the harvest of souls. You, as Cowboys carrying the Christian faith in you, are, as God commanded, to tame the wild beast, ride the rank horse, and subdue the earth and nature under his control.

Ask the Lord how you could be of help in the harvest of men's souls. For the midnight hour cometh, and the Bridegroom stireth even now. For you are a timeless role-model for all humanity. Many eyes see the way you sit a horse, and the way you walk the pathway of life. Remember your special place in the history of man. For we all are living in the greatest time of men.

Explain God

Written by Danny Dutton

One of God's main job is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies, I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of his goes on since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. Since HE hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your parent's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to your church.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and HE told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive than and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay n Heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God, like a secretary, only more important, of course.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to Church on Sunday because it makes God happy and if they're anybody you want to make happy, its God.

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more full like going to the beach. This is wrong! And besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you do believe in God, besides being atheist, you will be very lonely because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you cant swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And that's why o believe in God."



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RULE BOOK TALK

By Ted K. Pressley

Failure or Success

In all the years I've been around the livestock industry, I have never seen anyone get into the business that has planned to fail. I've seen lots of folks fail, but they didn't plan it that way. In our industry, you can see people everywhere who plan to be the new success story of the century. One will have a new way to feed cattle. Another will have a product that will make your horse run or perform like some world-renowned animal. And still yet another will have designed something and declare if you use it even the old Hall of Fame bucking horse "Five Minutes to Midnight" couldn't buck you out of the saddle. Folks, many like these, are failures. No one wants to be or likes to be a failure.

Why, in our day, are there so many businesses like second, third and fourth generation ranches failing? We hear of horse businesses and rodeo companies failing. We hear of men and yes, many marriages failing. One professional

trainer commented, "It looks like divorce is just part of ... (his particular event)."

What if I told you God has a formula to prevent failure? It's found in His word, The Holy Bible. I call it The Rule Book. Hosea 4:6 NKJV tells us, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being Priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God. I will also for get your children."

Neighbor, Hosea says God's people are "destroyed". Why? "... for lack of knowledge." There has never been a day like today when we wager so much on knowledge – I mean secular knowledge. We get more degrees than a thermometer. We study and learn for a lifetime. We read, write, and learn arithmetic yet we forget to study God's Word, which declared we are destroyed for lack of knowledge. We are failures because of that lack.

The Rule Book goes on to say, "...because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being a Priest for me...and I will forget your children." There are many being rejected as God's priestly believers because of their lack of studying The Rule Book. We see them failing daily, and, with all of their secular knowledge, they still fail.

This is very bad, but how about when we subject our kids to failure because of our bull-headedness? ("...and I will forget your children.") Some of us find ourselves in the same situation as King David, God's chosen person who led His people. They Rule Book says in Psalms 31:10, "For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity (sin) and my bones waste away." Because of the lack of our study and obtaining knowledge of God's grace, we are like King David.

Today, so many depend on their money or on what they have gained as security from failure. Hear what Jesus says in Luke 12:33, "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the Heavens that does not fail; where no thief approaches or moth destroy..." Christ is telling us to not put our trust in earthly possessions that will fail, but have enough Godly understanding to build treasures in Heaven.

Before I go on to success, please let me share 1 Corinthians 13:8 with you. "Love never fails." Hear this verse for your hope. 1 John 4:16 says, "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and he that abides in love abides in God and God in him."

Now, there's also a formula for success. The Rule Book tells of that in Joshua 1:8, "This Book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success."

First, He tells us to keep the Word of The Rule Book in our mouth. Do you know one scripture you can quote? Next, we need to think (meditate) on the Bible and allow it to be a vital part of our lives day and night. By doing this, we will start to observe and do things written in The Rule Book.

By doing this simple thing, God's word says, "you will make your ways prosperous." And I don't know anyone who couldn't use a bit of prosperity. The last part of that verse says, "...and THEN you will have good success." Notice is not only says we'll have success, it says we'll have GOOD success. That means GOOD success in your life, business, marriage, etc.

Pard', I don't know about you, but I can use lots of GOOD success. How about you? I'll leave you with this word from The Rule Book in Deuteronomy 29:9. "Therefore keep the Words of this Covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do."

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