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GO FORWARD

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

I thought about the time when Israel had left Egypt and was being led by the hand of God on their journey to the Canaan land. In Exodus 14 we read about their coming to the Red Sea and how Pharaoh and his host was after them. The people were sore afraid, but the LORD said unto Moses in verse 15, "...Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." The people had murmured about their peril, saying it would have been better to have stayed in Egypt than to come out here and perish in the wilderness. But the LORD commands them to go forward. Moses had problems with the people in keeping them going forward. Any kind of adversity or obstacle caused them to falter. They even wanted to thrust Moses away and, as Acts 7:39 says, "...in their hearts turned back again into Egypt." This grieved God greatly and at times He was going to destroy them had not Moses interceded for mercy for them.

Today we are pressing forward on a journey from this life to yonder world to come. Paul said in Philippians 1:21, "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." He was pressing on, looking forward to that which was to come. When he was on his way to Jerusalem, forewarned by the Holy Spirit that bonds and afflictions were ahead, he steadfastly declared, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24. Paul further testified in Philippians 3:7-14 of what he was pressing forward for. He had counted all things but loss that he may win (gain or possess) Christ, be found in Him with His righteousness, to know Him, the power of His resurrection, the fellow-

ship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death, that he might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. He says further, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect but I follow after, if that I may apprehend (lay hold of) that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Then he added in verse 15, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded:..."

There is no going back at any stage of the game. It is full speed ahead all the way. He said in Hebrews 12:1-2 that in the face of "so great a

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Someday you will read in the papers that D. L. Moody, of East Northfield, is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now. I shall have gone up higher, that is all, out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal; a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint, a body fashioned like unto His glorious body. I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever.

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cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was **set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Jesus had a work that He was pressing to accomplish, a goal He was seeking to attain to. He did not shrink from the sufferings that He knew He had to go through. He was looking beyond the cross to the glory that He was to enter into.

Paul said to the Philippian brethren that he was "confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform (finish) it until the day of Christ." Philippians 1:6. Song of Solomon 6:10 says, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Hosea 6:3 says, "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Psalm 110:3 declares that "Thy people shall be willing (freewill offerings) in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth." Psalm 19:5 describes the sun "as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race." These scriptures picture the sunrise of a new morning that we all look forward to with anticipation. In Psalm 130:6 the writer says, "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." We are travelling through this world toward the sunrise of a new day, an eternal day, toward the resurrection and the change from these corruptible temples of clay to bodies fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21.)

I Timothy 6:11-12 says, "Thou, O man of God, flee these things (the love of money and earthly wealth); and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." In verses 17 to 19 Paul charges us to not trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy, to do good and be rich in good works, laying up in store for ourselves a good foundation for the future, that we may lay hold on eternal life. Hebrews 13:13-14 says, "Let us go forth therefore unto him (Christ) without the camp, bearing his reproach.

For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." II Peter 1:5-7 speaks to us who have obtained this precious faith, "giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." And verse 11 says, "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Then let us view Paul's words as he was nearing the end of his life's pilgrimage in II Timothy 4:6-8, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Oh, what a blessed hope we have in our Saviour! We have something that we are ardently looking forward to! There is nothing to go back to, or nothing for any of the departed saints to come back to in this world. We are going forward and some day we will reach that goal of life immortal.

FAITH AND VICTORY

Ascension Song

"...He ascended up on high...." Ephesians 4:8.

*Golden harps are sounding, angel voices ring,
Pearly gates are opened—opened for the King;
Christ, the King of Glory, Jesus, King of Love,
Is gone up in triumph to His throne above.
All His work is ended, joyfully we sing,
Jesus hath ascended! Glory to our King!*

*He who came to save us, He who bled and died,
Now is crowned with glory at His Father's side.
Never more to suffer, never more to die:
Jesus, King of Glory, is gone up on High.
All His work is ended, joyfully we sing,
Jesus hath ascended! Glory to our King!*

*Praying for His children in that blessed place,
Calling them to glory, sending them His grace;
His bright home preparing, faithful ones, for you;
Jesus ever liveth, ever loveth too.
All His work is ended, joyfully we sing,
Jesus hath ascended! Glory to our King!*

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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My Response to Grace

Jesus wept for Jerusalem,

As I accept his gracious gift

because of their response to him

My heart, my soul, my life I lift

He said like kids in the marketplace

It changes things like what I wear

You don't respond to truth nor grace

It's why I love to kneel in prayer

I piped to you and you would not dance

It limits where my thoughts can roam

I mourned and you would not lament

It governs what comes in my home

It puts tears on the Savior's face

I love that smile on my Savior's face

When we don't respond to grace

When I respond to grace

CHORUS:

CHORUS:

But I will respond to grace Not like kids in that marketplace
I will run this Christian race It's my response to grace

I will respond to grace Not like kids in that marketplace
will run this Christian race It's my response to grace

People now days think it strange

Do you feel the Savior's love

If my life I rearrange

God's gracious gift from up above

To please someone who walked below

Does it produce a change in you

A couple thousand years ago

Do you respond with love that's true

They see a list of cans and cant's

Can you behold amazing grace

I see another awesome chance

And act as if it's commonplace

To put a smile on my Savior's face

It puts tears on the Savior's face

When I respond to grace

If you don't respond to grace

CHORUS:

CHORUS:

I will respond to grace Not like kids in that marketplace
will run this Christian race It's my response to grace

Will you respond to grace Not like kids in that marketplace
The way you run your Christian race is your response to grace

Yes I will respond to grace Not like kids in that marketplace
I will run this Christian race It's my response to grace

“We are not called to be successful, only faithful.”

wait on the Lord -- as a server in a restaurant.

A MORNING RESOLVE

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.



A relationship with Jesus is something that can never be taken away from us—even after we may have given up our car keys, or grocery shopping, or walking unaided. No matter how old we grow, Jesus remains. And when we close our eyes for the last time and take our final breath, our time at the feet of Jesus continues. Nothing can take that away from us. Though we may lose our grip on life, Jesus still holds us fast.

Forward Day by Day

SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD IN YOUR HEART

By Bro. Adriel Bowman

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:..." I Peter 3:15. God has a rightful place in our hearts; this place we are to set aside, reserve for, hold Him in, respect Him, exalt Him, acknowledge and honor Him in. Don't intrude upon what is rightfully His, or place anything else in it. It is His. It is for Him to direct, control and lead our lives. It is for us to surrender to Him. He allows situations, conditions, afflictions and hardships to come into our lives for our purposes to be affected, and brought into His will. His overriding will is to redeem us and get us to Heaven, yet most of our efforts are expended to understand the world around us and to effect as much comfort from this earthly life as possible. So much of man's intelligence is based on the analysis and attaining to understanding of cause and effects of things we encounter in nature, relations with people, the physical world, our bodies, in financial matters, history, business matters, organizations, the church, our lives and mechanical things. We compartmentalize, classify, compare, contrast and identify things in terms of their cause and their effects until we become intelligent and knowledgeable of all these things. How many times have we made judgments and decisions based on what we have seen and learned in the past? This learning

is always rearward looking. Sometimes we may be right and sometimes we will be wrong. Only God knows the future and how to guide us into the unknown future. All of this mental effort tends to make us miss the spiritual and eternal realm that God has us involved in. Where is God in all this? It is true that we can, in a measure, see God and acknowledge God in the temporal world that we live in, but is that all that there is to getting to know God?

We stumble along trying to understand our lives within this natural and finite framework of our intelligence. God is using things that we are trying to analyze to get us to Heaven. We are to give Him His place in our lives. Things are in His control if we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts. We need to see Him in everything and see His overriding purpose. We are not just being hurt, opposed, inconvenienced or falling sick for what we can analyze as being apparent. We satisfy ourselves with restricted, temporal reasons—we are sick because of some virus or bacteria, we are hurt because of some selfish person, we are opposed because someone disagrees with us/dislikes us, or because people don't like change; we are inconvenienced because there was a flat tire when we needed to leave and go



We plan for happiness but we're formed by suffering!

We're not at the mercy of blind forces. God has his hand in all our affairs. He is profoundly involved in the lives of His children.... and doesn't desert them. As with the sparrows, He lets me know, "I've got you!"

Finding TRUTH & Hope

somewhere in a hurry. God is behind these things. He governs causes and tailors causes for specific purposes to produce certain effects in our lives. He controls causes to produce the effect of getting us to Heaven. We see ourselves as being able to manipulate and control causes to effect our will in/on others and manipulate circumstances and situations around us to our advantage.

Our thoughts and analysis, efforts at understanding things and controlling things that affect our temporal lives, crowd God out of the place that is rightfully His. In so doing, we will become more worldly and carnally minded, and never get to know God and form that relationship with Him that He desires.

I Peter 4: 12-13 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." We have hard trials that just appear out of the blue for no apparent reason, without cause, and we wonder: now what brought this on me? Do you think by analyzing the temporal causes and effects of the fiery trials that envelope us from time to time, we can arrive at an understanding of His glory that is going to be revealed in us? Probably not. More likely than not, we will be prompted to complain, retaliate, justify ourselves, seek some temporal relief, find a way to avoid or circumvent the pain or suffering. But glory? Not at all.

Here are a couple of more verses: II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal." Our light affliction is limited in scope and time to this temporal world. By looking at it and concentrating our attention on it, we can learn more about this temporal world, and become more connected and attached to "the things which are seen." Jesus said, "...for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14:30. The more we are caught up with this temporal world, the more effect the prince of this world, the spirit that works in the children of disobedience spoken of in Ephesians 2:2, will have on

us. But, as earlier stated, we will never find the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Ah, but "while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen," we will escape/transcend the things (efforts, reasoning, logic, understanding) of this world. If in our light affliction, we begin to look to God, put Him in His rightful place, wait upon Him to work things out for our good (Romans 8:28 says, "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.") instead of trying to work it out ourselves, our faith will begin to take hold. His glory will begin to be revealed in us and to us, and our relationship with God will strengthen as we are drawn closer to Him.

We can begin to see that the things that come our way in life are part of God's plan to get us to Heaven. He is all-wise, eternal; He knows exactly what it takes to bring about His plan in us. He loves us too much to hurt us. He doesn't bring or allow anything into the life of one that has sanctified Him in their heart that will destroy them. He doesn't, just by chance or whim, allow something to affect such a one by accident or without His control. He never answers us with, "Oops, I'm sorry," "I missed it," or "I didn't realize that trial would affect you like this." Emphatically, He knows us. He knows the past, He knows the future. He knows how to get us to Heaven. We can confidently look to Him in all things, and quit trying to figure and work things out on our own.

All thy griefs by Him permitted,
Needful is each one to thee;
All thy tears by Him are counted,
One too much there cannot be.
And if while they fall so quickly,
Thou canst own His way is right,
Then each bitter tear of anguish
Precious is in Jesus' sight.

For, too well thy Savior loves thee,
To allow thy life to be
One long calm, unbroken summer,
One unruffled, stormless sea.
He would have thee fondly nestle
Closer to His loving breast,
He would have that world seem brighter,
Where alone is perfect rest.

Put the Lord in His rightful place in your heart.

FAITH AND VICTORY

"Sometimes the storms we go through are somehow part of His plan."

How Screen Addiction Is Damaging Kids' Brains

By Seth Ferranti

Dr. Nicholas Kardaras, one of the country's top addiction experts, details how compulsive technology usage and reliance on screens can neurologically damage the developing brain of a child the same way that drug addiction can.

Can a screen addiction even compare to a heroin or cocaine addiction? Most people would say no, especially since phones are a necessity in today's world.

Well, I definitely think that screen addiction meets all diagnostic clinical criteria for addiction. My whole thesis is that we should let the child's brain fully develop first before we expose them to these digital drugs (which they definitely are). I've worked with hundreds of heroin addicts and crystal meth addicts, and what I can say is that it's easier to treat a heroin addict than a true screen addict, precisely because they're so ubiquitous in our society that people inevitably have to interact with them on some level. Not so with heroin. In my clinical experience, the key to digital addiction prevention is to be mindful of the potential dangers of screen addiction and limit usage during those key developmental ages before it creeps over into digital addiction,

How does screen tech affect behavioral disorders like ADHD, anxiety, depression, increased aggression, and psychosis?

Dr. Dimitri Christakis' research has found that screen exposure increases the probability of getting ADHD, and several peer-reviewed studies have linked internet usage to increased anxiety and depression. I think some of the most shocking research is that which shows how kids can get psychotic-like symptoms from gaming, wherein the game blurs reality for the player. It's known as "Game Transfer Phenomenon" and has been extensively studied .

It's scary stuff. We know that children develop their sense of what's real and what isn't—what psychologists call "reality testing"—between the ages of three and ten. If they are exposed to reality-blurring imagery during that key developmental stage, it compromises their ability to discern reality. That's less likely to happen to an adult gamer, but it's occurred.

Even though we are seemingly more connected than ever with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, it seems there's a big disconnect in the way people communicate in person

I like to call social media the illusion of connection. Author Johan Hari calls it a "parody" of genuine connection. We are social animals hardwired for social connection, but that seems to require genuine, in-depth, face-to-face intimacy and connection—not Facebook friends and Twitter followers.

Research has shown that the more Facebook friends one has, the higher the likelihood of depression. That's been attributed to the "comparison effect": *I get more and more down about my life the more and more idealized images I keep seeing of peoples projected happy lives* . Let's face it, most people don't post Facebook pics of when they're struggling. Instead, it's just, *look at how wonderful my vacation is!* types of photos.

OUR CHILDREN VS SMART PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES OF SATAN

Our children come to us as sweet innocent packages from heaven. It is our responsibility to protect them soul, mind, and body. Their minds are an empty slate we must fill with the wonderful fruits of God's spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith.....

The devil has many schemes to get in our children's minds. The devil is just laughing at us. All that we have protected them from, we have put right in their hand: ungodliness, porn, bad movies, evil people, corrupt books, sensual music is now all at the tip of their fingers.

Can we please wake up? It is a snake in their hands ready to fill their minds with all kinds of deadly poison. 2 Cor. 6:17 -18. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." God wants us to separate from evil: not bring it in our home or expose our children to it.

I am tired of seeing children glued to their phones while their family relationships are crumbling. Not to mention all the social graces they could be learning. I'm tired of hearing about sweet innocent teenagers that have been caught up in porn , or are being groomed by a predator. It breaks our hearts to hear of those that have been raped and killed.

Pornography is the fastest growing industry in the world! The average age that boys first click is 8 years old. It is an addiction! It is worse than drug addiction, because with drugs you can return to the same drug to get the high. But with porn it always requires a deeper and darker level to get its high. The image won't do any more; they want our children. In our small town, we visited with a detective who is not a Christian but he voiced very strongly that he knew the world would be better off if the Internet had never been invented. Evil has exploded because of the Internet. I guess there's nothing wrong with having a phone to call your mom, since the times are changing. But the internet..., society has lived without it for the past 6000 years; I think our children could do without it. Why would we put in their hands what we have always screened at home? Why would we let them have contact with people we don't know? Is technology running away with our children? I think we better keep up with 'the times', so we can protect our children. Isn't that why they have parents? If you wouldn't put a poisonous snake in their hands, then don't put the Internet in their pocket.

Rosie Gellenbeck.

Our Father is not sitting in the heavenly ramparts wondering how history will unfold!

TELEVISION AND TEENS; BY SHEILA TROPPE

The subject of television violence has long been a topic for study and controversy. Congressional studies were carried out in 1954, 1962, 1964, and 1970. The intense interest becomes understandable in light of the following fact: the number of juveniles arrested for serious and violent crimes increased 1600 percent between the years of 1952 and 1972 according to FBI figures.⁶ This is precisely when television became a fixture in the American home and a part of our daily diet. It is no wonder experts searched for a link.

By age 5, the typical child in the U.S. has logged over 200 hours of violent images, and the average fourteen year old has witnessed the killing of 13,000 human beings; usually without pain, funeral, or grieving relatives. Studies in the late 1960's showed six times more violence in Saturday morning children's programming as in adult prime time. In the fall of 1978, after more than a decade of public concern about violence, the rate of violent incidents on weekend network children's programming actually rose to a near record level of 25 incidents per hour.⁸

God's Voice

(Edited excerpts from two messages Bro. Michael Williamson preached at the 2016 West Virginia campmeeting, titled, "Incarnate Word" and "Faith.")

God came down to talk with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. Apparently, it was a very pure, complete language that was UNMISTAKEABLE. When Adam and Eve heard the voice of God, they KNEW who it was.

You know, I believe it is still that same way today. I believe that when the Lord comes by to speak to us, it's unmistakable Who it is.

Now, I know the enemy likes to get involved, and he likes to work in his shadows of darkness and clouds and mists and things of that nature. And, I've counseled individuals before, who said, "Well, I don't know if it was the voice of the Lord, or if it was the enemy trying to lead me astray." And, I say to them, "Always, ALWAYS, if there is mist and clouds of confusion involved with it, and ANYTHING of darkness, it is NOT God! It is the enemy!" If there's ever confusion and things you don't understand, with clouds and mists about it, it is the enemy of your soul. God says that He is LIGHT. There is NO variableness in Him, nor shadow of turning. He does not change. So, anytime that you feel that there's something in your mind that you're confused about, and you wonder: Is that the Lord, or is that the enemy, or is that my own thoughts, be assured, if you're confused about it, it's NOT from the Lord! Because He speaks in direct, clear, understandable circumstances! A language that God is able to communicate with you and me, and help us to see and understand and know His will.
("Incarnate Word")

The Gospel is practical. Something that we can do. Something that works. Attainable. Something we can reach to. God does not ask us to do anything that we can't do. Never will the Lord require you to give up something that is wholesome and helpful to you. He's not going to ask you to do that.

Now the enemy is quite different in that. He's a hard taskmaster. And, he's going to try to put things on you and make you feel like you're required to do things that are just unreasonable things. When you're in that battle of decision and confusion, you can be sure that if there's fog and mists and clouds of darkness around it, it's NOT the Lord! It's the enemy, because he comes in ways that are shrouded with confusion, and things that are hard to reckon with. The things of God are deep things, but He has a way of bringing out the deep things to us in simplistic ways, and helping us to understand the depth and magnitude of His goodness and His love and His mercy to us.
("Faith")

WHAT DID THE FIRST LIVING CELL EAT?

Colossians 1:16

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

Not long ago, I was talking with another creationist about the impossibility of the first living cell coming into being through natural causes from non-living chemicals. I asked him, "Even if such a thing were possible, what would the first living cell eat?" Without missing a beat, my friend said: "Cellery?"



The two of us shared a good laugh together, but I can assure you that the origin of life is no laughing matter to evolutionists. Many evolutionists, in fact, prefer to sidestep the issue completely, asserting that evolution deals only with the origin of different species after that first living cell has somehow come into being.

But have you ever stopped to think about how that first living cell could have survived for even a millisecond? Unless its environment was perfectly suited to sustain that cell's life, it would have died in an instant. Unless the cell had necessary nutrients, it would likewise quickly perish. And unless it had the means to reproduce itself, that first living cell would be the last. Or, perhaps, hundreds of millions of years later, the second living cell would ooze out of a primordial soup of non-living chemicals ... and once again die a millisecond later!

No, as the great scientist Louis Pasteur demonstrated in 1859, life comes only from life. Pasteur confirmed what the Bible tells us – that life on Earth came from the living God.

SPRINGS IN THE VALLEY

"Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters." (Psalm 77:19.)



OD'S path is in the sea"—just where you would not expect it to be! So when He leads us out by unexpected ways, off the strong solid land, out upon the changing sea, then we may expect to see *His ways*. We are with One who finds a path as He goes. That is better than having a path already tracked out, for it makes us perfectly independent of circumstances.

There is an infinite variety in the paths God makes, and He can make them *anywhere!* Think you not that He, who made the spider able to drop anywhere and to spin its own path as it goes, is not able to spin a path for you through every blank, or perplexity, or depression? God is never lost among our mysteries. He sees the road, "the end from the beginning."

Mystery and uncertainty are only to prepare us for deeper discipline. Had we no stormy sea we should remain weaklings to the end of our days. God takes us out into the deeps; but He knows the track! He knows the haven! and we shall arrive.

*"And with Jesus
Through the trackless deep move on!"*

—Rev. C. A. Fox.

O fathomless abyss of God's rich bounty, of His wisdom, of His knowledge! Who can explore His decisions? Who can track out His paths?

(Romans 11:33, Way's Trans.)

"We will flee upon horses." (Isaiah 30:16.)



OD is never slow from *His* standpoint, but He is from *ours*, because impetuosity and doing things prematurely are universal weaknesses.

God lives and moves in eternity, and every little detail in His working must be like Himself, and have in it the majesty and measured movement, as well as the accuracy and promptness of infinite wisdom.

We are to *let God do the swiftness and we do the slowness.*

The Holy Spirit tells us to "be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." That is, *swift to take in from God, but slow to give out the opinions, the emotions of the creature.*

We miss a great many things from God by not going slow enough with Him. Who would have God change His perfections to accommodate our whims? Have we not had glimpses into God's perfections, insight into wonderful truths, quiet unfoldings of daily opportunities, gentle checks of the Holy Spirit upon our decisions or words, sweet and secret promptings to do certain things?

There is a time for everything in the universe to get ripe—and to go slow with God is the heavenly pace that gathers up all things at the time they are ripe.

What they win, who wait for God, is worth waiting for!

Going slow with God is our greatest safety!

Love Permits Pain

"No!", said her little daughter very defiantly when she was asked to pick up the dust pan and put it where it belonged. Mother looked at her daughter who stood there with a rebellious look. It had not been too long before this that she had jumped out of bed after awaking, and ran to her mother for a good-morning kiss and hug. Her mother dearly loved her beautiful little girl. She was their first child and their joy. She still could almost feel those chubby arms around her neck and her warm love that cheered her very heart. Then as she looked at her daughter standing there so determined not to be obedient, her mind raced ahead to the years to come. She would soon be in school and she would meet authority, and, oh, the trouble she would have if she had not learned to obey! Then when she became older, she would meet the laws of the land and again trouble would come to her if she had not learned to respect authority. And there was her God and Maker. She would face Him. If she disobeyed His commandments, her soul would land in hell. And if her daughter didn't learn while young and grow up with a deep respect for her parents' word, love them for their deep care and discipline, she would surely bring them great grief and get into trouble as she went out into the world with other unruly young people. Her mother also knew of others who were not taught obedience that had a lot of heartaches and even some ended up in the reformatories and penitentiaries.

Knowing her duty toward her daughter and her soul, and knowing the girl needed to be conquered while young, she picked up her switch and gave her some good swats. Again she asked her to pick up the dust pan. She again refused. Her mother had given her only enough to make her mad. So with tears her mother prayed to God to conquer her and to break this stubbornness. She again gave her a spanking, while asking her if she was going to mind. All of a sudden, that stubbornness gave way and her rebelling ceased. She was a broken little girl and she picked up the pan and put it where it belonged. Her mother sat down, took her upon her knees and talked to her about how Jesus wanted her to mind her mother. Mother and daughter kissed each other.

Love permits pain. It was because she loved her daughter that she wanted to conquer that disobedience, so as to spare her of great troubles as she grew up. Of course, her mother had to do this again and again, but she kept at it and her daughter grew up as an obedient student at school and at home with a love and respect for God's laws and the laws of the land. Love will cause parents to punish their own flesh and blood so as to spare them many troubles and heartaches in this world.

"For God so loved the world." What kind of a world did God love? It was a world of people that were liars, murderers, adulterers, etc. The people were headed for hell. How could they be spared such an awful ending? "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." John 3:16. Love permitted pain. The love of God caused Him to permit His one and only Son

to die on the cross so the wicked people of this world might be spared eternal destruction and damnation. Oh, such a great love! "Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—The saints' and angels' song. . . . God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin." Love permits pain. It melts our hearts in love for our God and we love to keep His commandments and please Him. His love broke our rebellious heart and caused us to be obedient to His laws.

Lazarus was sick. Jesus tarried. Lazarus died. Then Jesus went to Mary and Martha. "Oh, if you had been here, Lazarus would not have died," cried Martha. As He saw their sorrow and because of His great love for them and Lazarus, Jesus wept. Love permitted this pain to come to this home. Jesus wanted them and also others to believe Him to be "the resurrection and the life." Jesus would have rather spared those He loved from pain, but how could they be convinced and others know that He truly was God's Son that had come to give them eternal life and teach them about salvation and the resurrection? Martha did believe and saw the glory of God manifested. Lazarus came forth. "Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him." John 11:1-45.

Bro. D. S. Warner, who was publisher of the "Gospel Trumpet" and a chosen vessel of God to herald this "evening-light" truth, was permitted to be severely tried which, he said, was from God. His wife was swept away from him into a great deception. She left him and openly renounced him and his teachings. She asked him to come and get their child, as she didn't care for him. Later, she remarried after getting a divorce, in which Bro. Warner did not appear against her. Through this suffering and "in one long sleepless night of parching fever and inward pain a portion of his hair suddenly turned grey. What a wonder that the 'Trumpet' during this period was sometimes late in reaching its readers or that for four months it failed to appear at all." ("Birth of a Reformation," page 316). But God brought him through this terrible heartache in which he felt that part of his own flesh had been severed and he felt the reproach that Satan's vile slanderers used to try to hinder His work for God. But God's love permits pain. Victory came to his soul, and "he took it all for good and felt that by it he would experience all the more of Heaven's riches in his soul." We further read of how God blessed his labors in a mighty way as he continued to uncompromisingly declare the whole counsel of God. We read that "marvelous healings were common . . . power over devils . . . and a great outpouring of [God's] Spirit."

As a child of God, may you dare to believe in the wisdom of God which is unmerited, yet unchanging. Suffering and pain bring to us faith, confidence, and experience, and we are able to comfort others with the comfort wherewith we are comforted.

D. S. Warner wrote:

"We would not cast away the gold
We've gathered in the furnace flame,
Nor would we wish again the dross
Here purged in our Redeemer's name."

—Sister Marie Miles



Life Legacy of Elizabeth Kay Bock

Elizabeth Kay Bock was born July 2, 1955 to Ted & Alta (Perkins) Bock. She moved to her mansion on August 12, 2016. She was the eldest of four children. She was a boisterous little girl. Someone once stated that she could come in and see more mischief to get into than many little boys.

She was a 1973 Daniel Webster graduate. She also held an associate degree from Tulsa Junior College in Liberal Arts. She continued her education in nursing throughout her career.

Her nursing career started at Bartlett Memorial Hospital in Sapulpa. Her career led her to California for a while, however, when she was back for her brother's wedding, she realized that she was missing out on her niece and nephew's lives. Upon her return to California she made plans to move back to Tulsa.

She worked in many of the hospitals in the Tulsa area. Beth's nursing career also included doing private duty, hospice work and many episodes of family nursing duty. She was privileged to attend to the health needs of different Tulsa socialites during her career.

Beth's most enjoyment came from family events whether it was reunions, weddings, birthday parties or the Perkins family Christmas dinner. She loved our Bock family camp trips the most and that was her time marker. She was the one that would bring all the necessary care items.

Her niece, nephews and the greats were the apple of her eye. She loved taking them to see the Christmas lights. This was a special time for her and them.

Beth donated her time in many capacities. One of these was head breakfast cook at our National Campmeeting at Monark Springs MO. She was field trip coordinator at Bethany Christian Academy for several years. Beth, also, enjoyed her work at the voting poll with friends for 12 years.

Beth was preceded in death by her mother in April 1999. She is survived by her father, two sisters and one brother, Colleen and husband Marvin Probst, Dwight and wife Kimberly Bock, Karen and husband Curtis Williams. She is, also, survived by her niece and nephews, Weston and Kristy Probst, Chris and Beth Probst, Nick and Kyra Probst, Andrew and Valarie Probst, Jessica and Michael Sorrell, Matthew and Megan Williams, Teddy Bock, Kelly and Olivia Bock; by 11 great-nephews and eight great-nieces...and a special Uncle and Aunt, Ronnie and Jeanie Bock.

A Prayer For Parents

Oh, God, make me a better parent. Help me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say and to respond to their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children and to ask them for forgiveness when I know I have done wrong.

May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule for punishment.

May I not nag, and when I am out of sorts, help me, Lord, to hold my tongue. Blind me to the little errors of my children and help me to see the good things they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise. Help me treat my children as those of their own age. Let me not expect from them the judgment of adults.

Forbid that I should ever punish them for selfish satisfaction. May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to withhold a privilege that I know will do them harm.

Make me fair and just, considerate and companionable, so they will have genuine esteem for me. Help me to be loved and imitated by my children. Oh, God, give me calm and poise and self-control. —Selected

HOME LIFE

It is all in vain to preach of truth
To the eager ears of trusting youth,
If, when'er the lad is standing by,
He sees you cheat and he hears you lie.
Fine words may grace the advice you give,
But youth will learn from the way you live.

Honor's a word that a thief may use,
High-sounding language the base may choose.
Speech is empty and preaching is vain,
Though the truth shines clear and the lesson's plain.

If you play false, he will turn away,
For your life must square to the things you say.

He won't tread the path of your righteous talk,
But will follow the path that you daily walk.
"Not as I do, but do as I say,"
Won't win him to follow the better way;
Through the thin veneer of your speech he'll see,
Unless you're the man you would have him be.

The longer you live you will find this true;
As you would teach, you must also do.
Rounded sentences, smooth and fair
Were better not said if your deeds aren't square.
If you would teach him to live to his very best,
You must live your life to the self-same test.

-Selected from Faith & Victory-

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In Memory of Genevieve Hazel Capps Carver

September 25, 1925 - July 20, 2016

Obituary

BOSSIER CITY, LA-Services celebrating the life of Genevieve Hazel Capps Carver, 90, will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home, 601 Hwy 80, Haughton, LA 71037 with Bro. Rodney Smith and Sis. Maxine Busbee officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery, 3700 St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport, LA 71103. The family will receive visitors Friday, July 22, 2016 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Hill Crest Funeral Home.

Genevieve was born in Collinsville, Oklahoma September 25, 1925. After graduating from high school, she moved to Guthrie, OK where she worked for Faith Publishing House before her marriage. She loved music and sang with The Carver Quartet for over 50 years. She was ordained as a minister of The Church of God in 1965. Her ministry was her life and carried over beyond the pulpit. Not only was she a minister, she was a nanny and a support worker for C-BARC where she cared for others.

She had a great appreciation for all things beautiful. She loved everybody and never met a stranger.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Arnett Jackson Carver. She is survived by her children; Nathan Carver, Jonathan Carver and wife Cindy, and daughter Lisa Kelly and husband Galen of Ponca City, OK. Also left to cherish her memory are her 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

To leave online condolences, please visit our website at

www.hillcrestmemorialfh.com

There are 165 photos in the gallery

Leslie C. Busbee

(August 25, 1938 - July 18, 2016)

Leslie C. Busbee, 77, of rural Bartlett, Kansas, died at 3:42, p.m., Monday, July 18, 2016 at his home.



He was born on August 25, 1938 in Guthrie, Oklahoma to Ray Busbee and Thelma E. (Davis) Busbee. He grew up and attended schools in Guthrie, graduating from Guthrie High School in 1956. He was saved that same year and began preaching shortly after. He was active with the Church of God and was ordained in 1960. Pastor Busbee preached for almost 60 years in Anthony, Kansas, Springfield, Missouri, Coffeyville, Kansas, Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Enid, Oklahoma, where he retired. He also provided a children's tape ministry, nursing home ministry, and assisted in a program on KGGF Radio called "Herald of Truth" for several years. For 35 years he wrote "Bible Lessons" in the Sunday School Quarterly. He was a vital part of the Path of Life Christian School in Guthrie. He and Sylvia J. Forbes were married on July 17, 1960 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. She survives of the home.

SURVIVORS:

Wife – Sylvia Busbee of the home

One son – Phillip G. Busbee Oklahoma, City, OK

Two daughters – Jeanne Eck and her husband Herschel Bartlett, KS

Angela Gellenbeck and her husband Dan Gravel Switch, KY

One Daughter-in-law – Dee Ann Busbee Guthrie, OK

Eighteen grandchildren. four great-grandchildren

Two brothers – Leland Busbee and his wife Barbara Lorena, TX

Loren Busbee and his wife Maxine Edmond, OK

Two sisters – Doris Bardell Hot Springs, MT

Sandra Porter and her husband Richard Lake Park, GA

One sister-in-law – Dorothy Busbee Woodward, OK

He was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph Erle Busbee and Jonathan Ray Busbee, and two brothers.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m.. Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Monark Springs Campground in Neosho, Missouri. The family will receive friends at 8:30 a.m., Thursday morning until service time at the campground. Burial will be at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, at the Summit View Cemetery in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Memorials donations are suggested to the Monark Springs Campground Building Fund.

Online condolences may be left at www.forbeshoffman.com.

Upcoming Church of God Meetings

	Dates	Location	Details
11 Sep 2016	18 Sep 2016	Wichita KS	Fall Meeting Wichita Chapel
15 Sep 2016	18 Sep 2016	Duncannon PA	Revival Duncannon Chapel
18 Sep 2016	25 Sep 2016	Roatan Honduras	International Meeting Politilly
02 Oct 2016	09 Oct 2016	Prague OK	Tent Meeting Prague Park
23 Oct 2016	30 Oct 2016	Oklahoma City OK	Revival Oklahoma City Chapel
26 Oct 2016	30 Oct 2016	Fresno CA	Fall Meeting Fresno Chapel
23 Dec 2016	01 Jan 2017	Guthrie OK	Assembly Guthrie Campground
23 Dec 2016	01 Jan 2017	Pacoima CA	Assembly Pacoima Campground
03 Mar 2017	12 Mar 2017	Senftenbach Austria	International Meeting Pfarrkirche Senftenbach
26 May 2017	04 Jun 2017	Guthrie OK	Campmeeting Guthrie Campground
21 Jul 2017	30 Jul 2017	Monark Springs MO	Campmeeting Monark Campground
20 Jul 2018	29 Jul 2018	Monark Springs MO	Campmeeting Monark Campground

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- Word of God**
2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matt. 24:35
- Relationship of Love**
Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:21-23; 1 John 4:7-11
- Repentance**
Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10
- New Birth**
John 3:3-7; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:1-4; Eph. 2:1, 5-6
- Freedom From Sin**
1 John 5:18; Matt. 1:21; John 8:11
- Infilling of the Holy Spirit**
Acts 19:2; Acts 15:8-9; Acts 1:8
- Holiness**
Luke 1:73-75; Heb. 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 6:22
- Kingdom of God**
Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17; John 18:36
- The Church**
Acts 2:47; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Col 1:18
- Unity**
John 17:20-23; Gal 3:28; Rev. 18:2-4
- Ordinances**
Matt. 28:19-20; Matt. 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 11:23-27; John 13:14-17
- Divine Healing**
Luke 4:18; Isalah 53:4-5; James 5:13-16
- Sanctity of Marriage**
Matt. 19:5-6; Luke 16:18; Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:10-11
- Outward Appearance**
1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Cor. 11:14-15; Deut. 22:5
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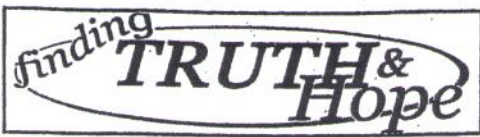
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we each + every one be ready!

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At Press Time

(Excerpts of message by Bro. Michael Williamson delivered outside under the trees in front of the Loranger, LA chapel, Aug. 21, after reoccurrence of flooding on August 12.)

With just 17 inches of floodwater, the front church doors burst in and the sandbags washed away! There's nothing you can do to try to withstand that kind of force!....There are grievous abominations in society trying to say it's not what it is. The forces that we experience in nature express just a portion of the power that God has. You can't push aside or redirect the power of God when He comes back. If you've sown to the flesh, you'll reap destruction. If we've sown to the spirit, we will reap life everlasting.

Read the first chapters of Job. Calamity after calamity came. This man arose, shaved his head, fell on the ground, and worshiped saying, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." We are going to have reverses. It would be unhealthy to always have flowery beds of ease. Let your words be few. Let's not be rash with our mouth. Bad things come - but come only as far as God allows them to be. In the flooded area we see street after street - everything ruined and piled at the street. Where do they go to get something to eat? Jobs are gone; stores are gone; resources are gone. We see folks reaching out to help people - our fellow man!

"Contentment is great gain" (I Timothy 6:6-8) "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

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