

# Distracted by Fear



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There were two things I needed to get at Food City. It had started to rain and I HATE

getting my head wet so my son dropped me off at the door. I knew it would be a quick trip so I told him to stay close. Mask on, I entered the store reading the signs posted everywhere. Quick as a wink, I made my purchases and was back at the door. I saw his silver car parked right outside. How nice! I thought. He knew I didn't want to get my head wet! I hurried to the car, opening the door in a rush. One leg in, I was sitting down in the seat, when a COMPLETE STRANGER said, "Umm, ma'am, I think you may be in the wrong car." Horrified, I jumped out like a ninja, "Ohmygoodness! I'm so sorry!" I laughed a little too hysterically. "I thought this was my son's car! Oh, THAT'S the silver car I was looking for over there!" I pointed across the lot and fled

the scene. I cackled over to my son's car. He had seen me across the way and was curious what I had been doing at the other vehicle. Here's the thing: when my head gets wet in the rain, it chills me to my bone marrow. Five minutes later I have the sniffles. Ten minutes later I'm sure I have a scratchy throat and need some over-the-counter cold medicine. (THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO GET SICK!) I had let my fear of getting a cold distract me. In my hurry to stay dry, I rushed to a place I didn't need to be. Regarding the Coronavirus, I was ready: masked up and six feet away from everyone else. I race-walked in, used the self-check-out, and then sprinted out. Boom! But, then a much

smaller concern had me all freaked out. Has fear ever distracted you? Thankfully, I can go to God's Word for an applicable true story. The disciples were caught in a storm-actually, a squall which was much worse. Matthew 14 reports that it had scared the willies out of them even though several were experienced fishermen. The waves were too high, wind too fierce, thunder too loud! When Jesus appeared, they thought He was a ghost! Peter, always the one quickest to speak, yelled out, "If it's You, call me to come out there!" Jesus called, "Come," and Peter did. For just a bit, he walked right out there with Jesus! It was awesome! Nobody had EVER done THAT before! Did Peter have swag? Then, in a

nanosecond, he got distracted. The wind, the waves, the thunder! Suddenly, he found himself where he didn't want to be! Verse 31 is my favorite part: immediately-not after teaching him a lesson or trying to make a point, but immediately-Jesus reached out and grabbed him! Shew and pTL! He has had to do that sooo many times to me! Every day it seems there's more to be concerned about. Covid 19 is larger and closer by the minute! Like the disciples-OK, and me-we can be brave one minute and scared the next. That day, Jesus invited Peter to walk with Him through uncertain waters. He invites us to walk with Him, too. On a bright note: since I still had my mask on, that complete stranger won't ever recognize me if he sees me out!

# Church News

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336 Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Sundays at 9:45am

## United Methodist Facebook Message

If you are missing church, the Irvine United Methodist invites you to go to their Facebook page at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. The pastor, Bro. Aaron Batey will be sharing the word for UMC's Morning Worship.

### seeds of Hope



"You know, Larry," he began in a soft voice, "I'm troubled by the fact that all of the horrible things I see on TV or hear over the radio don't bother me as much as they once did. What's happening to me?" he asked.

We all wonder, at one time or another, how a group of people can watch a person being beaten or robbed, or fall ill in a crowded mall or on busy street corner, and no one responds. We see the ravages of war, watch people die on a battlefield, see disabled veterans trying to adjust to life with artificial limbs and seem to accept it as "normal" in today's culture. It seems as though the pain and suffering of others matter little to anyone except the one enduring

the hardships. The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 94 was troubled by the evil in the world. He looked around and saw people oppressed. He was aware of calloused leaders whose only concern was for themselves. He was troubled by the lack of concern for widows and children and asked, "God, if You created ears for people to hear, and eyes for people to see, why don't You hear the cries and see the suffering of those whom You created?" Do something God! So, has God, like us, become insensitive to the needs of people and the condition of the world? Does He not care about what is happening to His creation? Indeed He does. "He will repay them and destroy them for their wickedness," says the Psalmist. But until He does, we are responsible to bring His hope and healing to the suffering. [Sower Ministries.org](http://SowerMinistries.org) 236

## Obeying Civil Authority

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In my 50 years of attempted Gospel preaching, it has never occurred to me that I would ever undertake to write such as article as this.

In the recent weeks, we have undergone a situation that has never occurred before that has affected the whole world. This Corona virus has affected millions of people and is very much feared in the world. This situation that we find ourselves in has caused all leaders of civil and health organizations to consider plans to cope with it to protect it from continually spreading. And one way that has been chosen is to prevent the gathering together of any groups for recreation or for religious worship as well. So today, many who feel that they owe their allegiance to the Lord are still gathering together to conduct some form of worship.

Now, even though I am sympathetic to their efforts, I know from the Bible that they are not acting properly to its commands.

First of all, all who may be acting as civil authorities are not attempting to withhold anyone from the practice of their faith or are attempting to overthrow their faith. So, what is happening?

Believe it or not, these men who are attempting to stop or prevent the virus from killing more people are in reality working as ministers for good, even though they may not be godly men themselves; but the civil laws they use are from God himself. Would you take just a little of your time and read Romans 13:1-7. Here the information from our God is that all men are to be subject to the power or authority of God. Thereby God has given authority both in religion and civil government into the hands of men. These men have been appointed or elected, still they must act so as to oversee to the needs and protection of all whom he may serve. Even as God ordained these men, many of these men may not even be men of God themselves, yet civil government is of God.

The Ten Commandments was a good example.

So then, if civil government is of God, even so is the foundation of law, order, regulations. So any civil servant or President or governor who administers the laws of state according to the Constitution are the ministers of God for the good. Whereon God's word says that we are to be in subject for our conscience's sake. Just as civil governments are given by the order of God, they are given for the defense, for support, and happiness of any society. So, any who transgress these laws expose themselves as being against civil law but also to guilt in their own conscience, because in reality, it is a sin against God who gave these civil laws in the beginning.

Then again, in 2 Peter 2:13-15, it is written, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; <sup>14</sup>Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. <sup>15</sup>For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

Now I will admit that these restrictions placed upon us by civil authority is hard for a Christian to submit unto, even though at this time there is no report of the virus here in Estill County. Yet, we are still part of the whole state upon whom our governor has placed these restrictions. And to rightly serve the Lord, we must abide by them to please our Lord.

In closing, I never imagined that a day like this would ever occur in my lifetime; yet, here we are engulfed in it. So, what is a person to do as a Christian? My advice is, to use every means at your disposal to attempt to serve the Lord in any capacity as long as it does not violate civil law. You have the network and all the services that you can communicate with others; and getting on the phone still works just as well. And yes, you can communicate with us by reading our articles each week also.

A personal thanks to the editors of this paper for the continual good job they have done and are still doing to communicate with all of us. Pray for all people is our plea.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

Bro. Warren Rogers invites everyone to Ivory Hill Baptist Church's drive-up service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Park 6-feet apart, facing the front of the church at 8430 Winchester Road, Irvine, and turn your radio to FM 90.1. You may also listen at home if you live nearby the church.

### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." MATTHEW 22:18-21



## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. As found in Exodus 4:6-7, what ailment/disease was Moses healed from? Slurred speech, Leprosy, Roaring fever, Multiple seizures
3. From Exodus 28, who was the first person given

priestly robes to wear? Aaron, Abraham, Adam, Abel

4. From Deuteronomy 33, to whom did Moses give a blessing? Micah, Children of Israel, Joshua, Ruth

5. What did the people of Lystra call Barnabas? Pluto, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars

6. Whose two sisters were Mary and Martha? Andrew, David, Thomas, Lazarus

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"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

PSALM 18:2

The **LORD** is my **rock**, my **fortress** and my **deliverer**; my **God** is my rock, in **whom** I take **refuge**, my **shield** and the **horn** of my **salvation**, my **stronghold**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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"Whatever it is, it's \_\_\_\_\_!"

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Peak
- TOSSICLE
- Puncture
- RECIPE
- Belief
- CORNDIET
- Aspect
- IBANGER

TODAY'S WORD

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