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Focusing on the Box



by Dawn Reed E. Ky. Columnist

Elizabeth* skipped into our office for her orthodontic appointment a little more bubbly than usual. Her one had their own square where their territory.

too. Elizabeth has been one of my favorite patients since she was four and THREE MONTHS! smashed her mouth on her scooter. She is almost 13 now.

claimed through the bubbles, "Dance her excitement!

Due to Corona, it has been a season of drought for dancers. Along with everything else, classes were cancelled for hip hoppers, ballerinas and tap dance box, it was tiny. In my mind, my dancers. Cold turkey. And it hurt. Very likely they have all carried on at home-I mean who can stop a dancer?! Yet, they have not been allowed to dance **TOGETHERRRR.** Until today!

wear masks? Did they have to stay six my heart has wanted to soar, my feet feet apart? Yes on both. Elizabeth told were often concreted in my comfort me matter-of-factly that the instruc- zone, where I felt safe. The fear of failtor had taped off boxes on the floor-six ure limited my moves, keeping me feet apart-for them to dance in. Every- from stepping out of the box into new big time dancer, too (2 Samuel 6:14)!

smile was bigger than usual and her dance bag would be waiting. The more eyes were a little brighter than usual, she talked, the more enthusiastic she stories I can learn from. Fishermen became. She had missed this for OVER

After her visit, we walked outside to give her mom an update on her teeth As she brushed her teeth, she ex- then chatted about dance resuming. I asked about the box and she laughed. starts today!" That was the reason for "It's about four feet wide or maybe Israelites. David moved from being a six."

> "Ohhhh," I said. That made a big difference.

> When I had tried to picture the feet were together and I only moved my arms. In real life, it was much bigger allowing more movement. I was focusing on the box, not the dancing.

I had questions. Did they have to focused too much on "the box". When do..."

The Bible is full of out-of-the-box (Peter, Andrew, James, and John) got out of the boat and became fishers of men. Matthew/Levi left a lucrative but unfulfilling life as a tax collector and joined them. Moses went from prince to fugitive to shepherd to leader of the shepherd to being a king. Rahab courageously escaped a life of prostitution beginning a new life with new people, ultimately becoming the great-greatgrandmother of a king. Shew and PtL!

Isaiah 43:18-19 encourages me to stretch my boundaries: "But the Lord says, 'Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Unfortunately in my lifetime, I have Watch for the new thing I am going to

> With God's help, I can step outside the box and be used in sometimes unexpected ways!

Now that I think of it, David was a *name changed

Within the Belly of the Earth by BOB CASEY, preacher Cornerstone Church of Christ 70 Bond Street at Camp Avenue in West Irvine

As a young man, I had the opportunity to sleep in a cave one time. Now generally, I never cared very much about entering a cave because of all the hanging rock and even seeing places where some rocks had fallen before.

So, sleeping in the cave became a necessity because a very high storm was fastly approaching and this seemed to be the only remedy to escape it. And so, we took our sleeping gear and food supply and even the logs burning in the camp fire.

prise, not a drop of rain fell nor did the strong winds remembered his five brothers who were still alive on blow. Even the lightning was powerless against the earth and desired Abraham to send Lazarus back to interior of that cave. Our campfire burned gently all testify unto them. But, even at this, his torment was night long, and to my surprise, even the dirt floor so great he desired just a drop of water from Lazawas soft as goose down. Well frankly, I never had a rus' finger, but, none was forthcoming. No! Never a better night's sleep than that.

ing in the belly of the earth; so much so that we used headed for the belly of the earth, but what compartit again a few times. Then, it began to dawn upon ment you will live in depends upon the kind of life me that there must be a powerful message from the Bible here. Then, I remembered how David and his Revelation 20:11-15, Jesus will return to judge us all. men used caves in fleeing from King Saul and also And before he does, he will resurrect the dead from how that our Lord Jesus himself was down in a cave Paradise first. Then, he will raise the souls in Hades used as a manger.

time when we will all enter the belly of the earth. This will be, of course, when we die and are buried Where will you go when you enter into the bellies of

Just as I was comforted within the cave, we can also be assured that God has a place prepared for all his righteous when they part from this world. It is called Paradise, a beautiful, forested garden. This is the place where Jesus and the repentant thief went to when they died. It is also called death. But Jesus did not go to Heaven immediately after his death, for he allowed not many to touch him, saying, "I am not yet ascended to my Father." (John 20:17)

Then, we read in Luke 16 about two men who died and entered unto the belly of this earth, but where did they go? Lazarus entered into Paradise, of Abraham's bosom, where he was enjoying comfort. But, on the other hand, the rich man found himself in torment of fire. He could even see Lazarus, but alas! There was a great chasm between them which no And then, the storm struck, and to my total sur- man could cross over to the other side. Why, he even drop! So, what is the point here? We need to make I have thought a lot about that night while sleep- our calling and election sure, because we are all you will have lived here. Then, one day, according to or torment, along with those in the sea, and we will Then, my mind led me to think about another all give an accounting before the Judgment Seat of Jesus. Why? Because 2 Corinthians 5:10-11 savs so.

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Howard "Doug" Isaacs, 75 VETERAN

Howard "Doug" Isaacs, 75, widower of Peggy Catrain Downey Isaacs, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at his son Levi's home, in Winchester, Kentucky.

He was born in Irvine, Kentucky, on March 14, 1945, to the late Delbert and Anna Coyle Isaacs. In Mr. Isaacs' earlier years he served in the United States military. From there he became the founder of Isaacs Roofing and Sheet Metal. For years, his sons Delbert and Levi worked alongside him until he retired, passing his legacy on to them. Mr. Isaacs was a about the Bible. Survivors include three Levi Isaacs (Emmy), and Cigrandchildren, Kaycee, Collin, Terra, Brylee, Cole, Jake, Dylan, and Oliver; two great grandchildren, Marlee and Raylan; three sisters, Lucille Winchester is in charge of Rice, Sue Dickerson, and Charlene Douglas; several



Howard Isaacs

extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents Jehovah's Witness and spent and wife, he was preceded many years teaching others in death by one son, Delbert Isaacs.

The family will have the children, Danisha Isaacs, Zoom memorial service on Saturday, July 4th, at 2:00 ara Hagedorn (Brad); eight p.m. If you would like to receive a link to attend the memorial service, please call 859-229-7385.

Scobee Funeral Home of arrangements. <ScobeeFuneralHome.com>

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Martin Luther, who is recognized for his work in reforming the church, had one deep desire that drove him every day of his life: he wanted everyone to have a copy of the Bible and a song book in their own language. He had an unswerving belief that people needed God to speak to them directly through His Word and the songs they sang during times of worship at home. This was not a new idea, but one that had its beginnings in the earliest worship of the Lord.

Music and God's Word have always been a very important ingredient in worship. When there is joy in the hearts of the faithful, praising God is a natural part of life and is always evident in times

of worship. With shame and sorrow the captives of Babylon admitted this in Psalm 137:4. As their captors ridiculed them for it they said, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?" Sin separated them from God and they lost the joy of their salvation. It will do the same to us.

In the Old Testament we find many occasions of God's children coming together to sing and shout and praise the Lord. In Psalm 95:1 the "worship leader" looked at the crowd before him and said let's "sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." That invitation remains open to us today.

When we pause and ponder the grace of God in saving us and becoming our "Rock" our only source of safety and security in times of trial and temptation, defeat and despair - it's time to lift our voices in worship.

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in the earth. But, just as we die, we only bury the old the earth? body of flesh; but the spirit man will live on somewhere else. So, no one ever dies completely.

6. Where did Hagar

meet an angel? Prison,

River. Wilderness spring.

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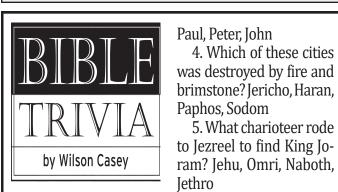
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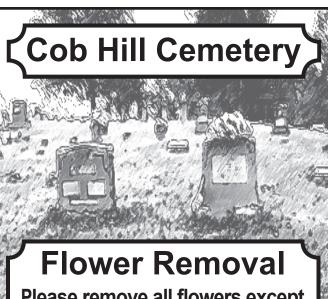
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1.Is the book of Exodus in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Esther 7, who met his death on gallows that he built for another man? Herod, Haman, Jehu, Ezekiel

3. In Matthew 14, who tried to walk on water but began to sink? Thomas,



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2 KINGS 20:9

Isaiah answered, "This is the LORD's sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or shall it go back ten steps?"

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