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**Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is a day of love, romance, and of course, the market place. Marriage ceremonies are popular and roses are a pricey gift for sweethearts.

We hear about romantic marriage proposals, engagements, and weddings taking place on Valentine's Day. After all, February is the

love month. June is the only month with more people getting married with February coming in second.

Valentine's Day is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other by sending Valentine's cards, love letters, flowers, jewelry, lingerie and candy.

One of the most memorable Valentine's Days was when Bob and I were dating and I'd been TDY to Anniston, Alabama for training. When I got home he had me a huge bouquet of roses with purple heather. He also gave me a gold heart necklace with fourteen diamonds.

Another Valentine's memory was when he gave me a hand-made wooden linen trunk and when I opened it, it was filled with red roses. What a wonderful surprise.

The best Valentine's surprise was when Bob took me to a nice restaurant in Chevy Chase in Lexington for Valentine's Day. We had prime rib dinner and complimentary roses. The

"Trendells" band provided 60's and 70's music. They were a great group!

Also, we had the most expensive dinner one time at Ruth Chris's in Louisville. They had the best steak I ever put in my mouth, but also the most expensive. The waiters wouldn't let you get one little crumb on your table when they would scrape it off; that annoyed me, at least they could have waited until we were finished with our dinner.

The most embarrassing Valentine's Day was the year we went to dinner at Ruby Tuesdays in Lexington Green. We arrived at the restaurant and immediately I saw his sister in another booth with her husband. I thought, I guess they are celebrating too; because they lived in Lexington. It wasn't just a few minutes that Bob got up from the table and said he was going to the restroom. I didn't think anything about it, but all of a sudden I heard his voice come over the PA system, and he said, "This is Valentine's Day and I'm going to sing a special song for my beautiful wife who is sitting in the back booth".

The song was, "You Are So Beautiful to Me." By Joe Cocker. Little did I know but his sister, Julie Rae was filming my reaction. I wanted to crawl under the table I was so embarrassed; he can sing, (Thank God), and it sounded beautiful. After he finished singing,

several guys came up to him and told him that he had a lot of guts to get up in front of everyone in a restaurant and sing to his wife.

It was great even though I was surprised and embarrassed. It rates up at top as one of the most precious things he has ever done for me.

Bob has always been thoughtful and romantic. He has a big heart and loves doing surprises and pranks. He keeps my life interesting. Yes, we have our ups and downs but no marriage is perfect and you really have to work at it. We have been married 29 years. Most of all; get into church, make God the Lord and love of your life and he will always be with you through trials and troubles.

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 2016**

**top ten**

**AVALANCHE RESCUER MUST-HAVES**

1. Maps
2. Compass
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5. Sunscreen
6. Extra food
7. Fire starter
8. Extra clothing
9. Multitool
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"I know I'm forgiven," he said, "but I don't have the same feelings I once had. Will they ever come back?"

While our salvation is established on facts, feelings play an important role in our relationship with God. They come from the Holy Spirit and from God to let us know what our condition or relationship is with Him. If there is joy and gladness in our lives, we know God is with us. When we are uncomfortable in His presence and feel a sense of alienation from Him, we know there is a need for us to confess our sins and repent.

When we go to God and experience His restoration, He, as well as others, will see the fruit of His forgiveness in our lives. David sets our example: "Then - after my restoration when I am given a recreated heart - I will teach transgressors

Your ways and sinners will turn back to You." When we receive a renewed heart there is a renewed desire in us to worship and witness for God. "Old things have passed away and all things are new again!" When we once again walk in God's ways we, then once again do God's work.

Is anyone a more powerful witness to the wonder of God's grace than someone who has been redeemed from a hell they created for themselves by being disobedient to God's laws? When we recover from our own self-inflicted wounds, we can recognize the pain and hurt in others who are suffering as we once suffered. We become more open to their needs because we "have been there, done that, suffered and recovered" because God continues to love us and then continues to grant us His mercy and grace. And the more we witness the more we will worship God. Our strength to witness comes from our worship of Him.

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**False Teachers Will Be Judged...**

**2 Peter 2:12-13**

**Profane and Blasphemous Seducers**

***12But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;***

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**Slow Season**  
Sometimes, there just isn't a lot of activity in the backyard. Very few birds come to visit. I don't know why this is, but even though it's slow, I still put seed out on the tray feeder and keep the birdbaths filled with water. Just for those few who stop by.

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**The Parable of the Tares**  
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It is recorded in Matthew 13:37-43, the teachings of our Lord using something simple to teach a great truth. Here, he says that the son of man soweth only good seed. He goes on to say that his field is the whole world; but, also, as he says, there is someone else sowing also. The he mentions counterfeit seed called here, tares (resembling good seed but are useless.) These he says are those resembling the children of the (devil) wicked one.

So, now, before we elaborate any farther, we ask this question, "How did the wicked ones become so wicked? Does all of mankind begin with the same intellect to recognize the hand of God in this world?" **Psalm 19:1** says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament (earth) sheweth his handywork." There may be some who did not have all the training they should have had simply because their parents did not go to church. Neither did they read the Bible nor teach it to their children. So, naturally, these kind of like ones could more easily become the children of the wicked one. So, parents who refuse to bring their children up in the admonition of the Lord will have a lot to answer for at the judgment.

Secondly, I do not believe that anyone intentionally aims to become a child of satan, but as they grow to manhood, they closed their minds to things of God and became the followers of the devil. You see, Satan has a lot of worldly pleasures to offer men, and if you put the judgment out of your mind you can sin without fear of impunity. But, the judgment still lingers. In verse 40 of our text, it says, "As therefore the tares (wicked ones) are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world." In verse 42, he calls it a furnace of fire and tells of the wailing that will take place there. All this time, the devil is offering so many worldly attractions that allure men to one and at the same time sends them any from any contact with God.

God has sent Jesus to teach us his ways, to promise us a better way of life here and a future life in Heaven with him. But, if men close their ears to the words, there will be eternal consequences to follow. In John 5:24-25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Then he went on to say in verse 25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead (unsaved) shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." So, there is still hope for the non-believer in sin, there is still hope for the procrastinator. There is also hope for the backslider if they will repent and ask for forgiveness. But, let me say again, all that refuse our Lord's calling are remaining the children of the devil! Then in verses 23-24, he tells us of impending judgment, how all shall come forth to be judged, the children of the evil one to the resurrection of damnation. But, the children who received the good seed, and faithfully lived by it, shall partake of the resurrection of eternal life. All of us will make our own choice, just as all of us will live or die by those choices we will have made.

Let me strongly encourage you to choose the Lord and eternal life. Satan has nothing eternal to offer you, except to be his neighbor, forever in the lake of fire. So, the consequences of failing to believe and obey are just too great.

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