

A Change of Life



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My friend Beverly* is going through a change of life. Not the hot flash kind, but the whole new life kind.

I first met Beverly in January at the jail. She had come to Bible study, one Tuesday night.

She was bubbly and easy to like. I loved her right away. After two weeks, she came to me and said, "I'm almost ready." She was talking about giving her heart to Jesus.

On January 29th, she did just that! She was baptized two months later at the jail. (Give me a sec while I do a cartwheel!)

One of many things I love about Beverly, is that she is completely honest. It can be shocking, but also refreshing. She is an open book and often shares stuff that leaves me speechless.

One day Beverly told me that she had started doing drugs when she was 11 years old. "Do you mind telling me where on earth an 11 year-old gets drugs?" I asked, totally shocked. "From my family!" she exclaimed as if I should know. She quickly told me everyone in her family did drugs, including her very, very old grandmother who was on

parole. She had lost her mother, father and a brother to the evil scourge.

After her decision and baptism, Beverly began to change. At Bible study she would rush to tell me if she had said something she shouldn't have or how she had messed up, as if going to confession. She started to read the Bible and was amazed at all that was in it. Once when someone got drugs into her cell, she hid behind a table with another inmate to stay away from it. Radical after decades of drug use!

A handful of months ago, Beverly was moved to an inhouse rehab at another facility. It came at the perfect time in her "new life". As of this writing, she has been clean 297 days!!! That's almost a whole year! This is the first time since she was 11 that she has been drug free! Thinking, relating to others, dealing with problems and feeling emotions have

all been new to her. She graduated from the PSAP program last week! The rehab activities have been eye-opening and often difficult. She has learned so much about herself, who she is, and those she has hurt due to her drug addiction. She reads her Bible like she's getting paid for it, amazed at how helpful it is for every day. She is set to be released in a few weeks!

As exciting as all this is, I'm not sure where Beverly will go. Because she doesn't have family to help, I have been in contact with a few addiction recovery centers for direction. (Her lawyer is at work, too!) Beverly hopes to go on to Phase II of her rehabilitation, ultimately becoming a peer counselor. She is finally hoping and dreaming of the future! And it's without drugs! PtL and another cartwheel!

I have two favors. The first,

please pray for "Beverly". I so want you to know her real name, but God will know who you are talking about. Pray for her to be stronger, wiser and braver than ever as continues her journey! Please! And second, if you have any ideas or direction where she could go for further treatment, please contact me. Time is ticking away and she needs a firm place to land. Thank you in advance!

My dream (and prayer) is that one day there will be a transition house here for women who sincerely want to start new drug-free lives but have no place to go. I voiced this to my beloved last week. "What do you need to do it?" he wanted to know.

"A house and the money," I returned.

"Is that all?" he asked.

"Yep. Miracles still happen!" I proclaimed with tears in my eyes.

*not her real name

Church News

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Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 8-10

Revival at Turning Point Apostolic

Turning Point Apostolic Church, 735 Cow Creek Road in Ravenna, will be having a three-night revival, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, November 8, 9 & 10, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m.

George Stidham will be speaking on Friday night,

Bro. Charles Clark will be there on Saturday, and Sunday's speaker will be Bro. Jeremy Keavie.

Pastor Larry McIntosh and the congregation says "Come out and join us for some old fashion gospel preaching!"

Sunday, November 10th at 11:00am

Friend Day at Calvary Baptist

You are invited to join us for Friend Day at Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday November 10th @11:00 a.m. Special guest speaker will be former Pastor Willie Means.

Everyone is invited to

stay for a Fellowship Meal immediately following the morning service.

Come expecting a blessing and bring a friend with you. Calvary Baptist is located at 21 Glory Street in West Irvine.

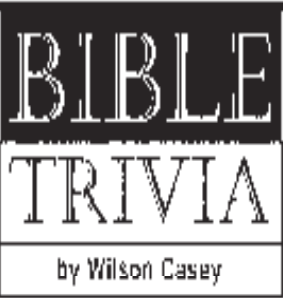
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"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country, is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards."

— Teddy Roosevelt

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by Wilson Casey

Mercy seat, Mordecai lid, Mina top, Myrrhan mirror

4. What of Jesus' does Matthew 13:56 speak of? Brothers, Sisters, Parables, Apostles

5. Which prophet was famous for his vision of the dry bones? Hosea, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Nathan

6. What was the first sin? Idolatry, Gluttony, The Fall, Covetousness

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Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in stores and online.

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

2. Whose first verse is "The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth"? 1 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, 2 Peter, 3 John

3. From Exodus 25, what pure gold cover was placed on the Ark of the Covenant?

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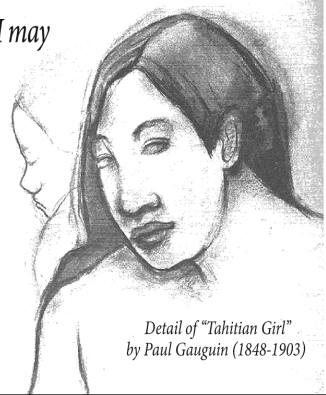
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For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

MATTHEW 9: 21,22



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Seeds of Hope



He was late for church and slipped quietly into his regular place for Sunday morning worship. He listened as the pastor prayed: "We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done." After a moment of silence he continued, "You know, Lord, I believe I've found my kind of people. I belong here."

No one escapes failure but our Lord. Whatever He said He would do, He did. Whatever He has promised, He has or will fulfill - in the past, present and future.

The Bible contains about 5,000 promises. As the One who created the universe, all of its laws

and living beings that are under His control and command, no one or no thing can stop Him from keeping His promises. "Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave," said Solomon.

His compassion for His children never fails. His Son has experienced suffering and humiliation that is beyond us and has endured them with grace. So, He can be sympathetic with us in the deepest, darkest moments of our lives. Jeremiah reminds us that "His compassion never fails."

Equally important is His faithfulness. He is not strong one day and weak the next, nor attentive one moment and indifferent the next. When He created us He did so with the knowledge that He would be faithful to us. Said the Psalmist, "I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness!"

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19

All **this** is from **God**, who **reconciled** us to himself **through Christ** and **gave** us the **ministry** of reconciliation: **that** God **was** reconciling the **world** to **himself** in Christ, **not counting people's sins** against **them**. And he **has committed** to us the **message** of reconciliation.

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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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The Foes of Faithful Brethren

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In the Proverbs, 6:16-19, we find these words, "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Upon one's examination of these topics mentioned here, we can clearly see that almost all evil is tied to these descriptions. So then, we can see that these are a foe to the welfare, peace and happiness to mankind. And, we can also clearly see that the enemy of all mankind is solidly behind it, ole Satan himself. He uses mankind to carry out his ways of misery and destruction among the people of this world.

I will mention only three ways today that Satan is revealed doing his work. First of all, in Matthew 10:36, Jesus says, "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." Did our Lord experience any of this? Notice in John 7:5, "For neither did his brethren believe in him." Did this hurt the Lord? Of course it did! Then again, every Christian that believes and obeys the truths also experiences the same things today! In Matthew 10:34-35, Jesus used the konic word set in our English as variance, meaning disagreements. So, we are not to ever compromise the truth just to have family peace; the future sake of our eternity depends upon our Lord for the truth, even though our own fathers and mothers may disagree with you. Jesus called this a 'cross' in verse 38. Yes, this is a burden, but it is a burden that we must accept if we are ever to go to God's Heaven.

Secondly, disagreeable brethren among the churches whoever wants to rule or ruin. This may be members in pretense only, but the Lord knows whom they are. Read the parable of the tares and wheat in Matthew 13:36-49. Then also today, the devil is doing his work in sowing discord among brethren. This is happening with churches that hope to gain numerically by spreading false rumors. It may be about one's business dealing among men of this world or about the spiritual beliefs or practices of other brethren in nearby churches. Rumors in the which, that they couldn't prove if their very lives depended upon it; and by the way, our lives do depend upon whether we practice the truth or not.

Jesus was in Nazareth for a visit (Matthew 13:57) and the very people that should have known him the best were offended in him, causing our Lord to say, "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house." Have you as a preaching Christian every shared in this experience? I truly doubt that there exists one Bible believing, practicing Christian who has (not) also shared in this experience. How sad.

Last of all: All Christianity that is faithful to the truth also has many foes, there are among the denominational preachers (those) who disagree with the Lord and also disagree with all who may preach only the truth. These work within their own pulpits, never content outside the safety of their own church buildings; sitting behind their desk they write their sermons in private but never defend them in public.

Then, when they hear of someone preaching accounts that are different than their own, do they call them up to discuss these differences in public? No! But, this they do, they work silently among others, one on one, but never stand and defend their own beliefs. What do they have to fear? The answer is, the truth. Sadly today, the devil is doing his best work among his false preachers who turn willingly illiterate folks from the truth.

The Apostle Paul worried about the very thing when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:12-15, calling the preachers "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." But, don't be amazed, for the devil himself is transformed into an angel of light; so, it is no great thing if his ministers do likewise.

So, we have many foes without and within, but as the Lord encouraged the church, so he does us also, saying, "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10)

Visit with us soon. The Lord is coming soon.
Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local