

Make Your Moments Count



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My beloved and I were sitting outside a manor last Friday. (Never said THAT before!) It was the Warrenwood Manor in Danville. We were there for a wedding rehearsal and were waiting for the rest of the bridesmaids and groomsmen to arrive.

The two of us were sitting on an old wrought iron settee chitchatting with the new friends we had made. They were all connected to the bride and groom.

As we talked, suddenly a tiny blue butterfly flitted between us. We both smiled when it appeared. And then, across from us, an orange butterfly danced around. We

watched as it flew here and there and then away.

"Don't you just LOVE butterflies?!" I asked my beloved, knowing he does. I sat for a moment enjoying the little treat of seeing them. "I wonder how long butterflies live," I pondered aloud.

So I did what you do nowadays when you don't know something: I Googled the life span of a butterfly. Don't do it! It's dreadful! It's terrible! It's sad!

According to kidsbutterfly.org, an average butterfly has a lifespan of TWO WEEKS or LESS. It went on to say that no adult butterfly could live over ONE YEAR! What?! Monarch-

butterfly.com, told me that the Monarch butterfly, possibly the best known, lives only TWO-SIX WEEKS. Holy Mojaleski! The mayfly, also on the website and really creepy (you need to look it up), lives only 24 HOURS! Yikes!

This was such disappointing news! Butterflies bring such joy! They seem so happy! And now . . . after reading on the internet, I find their lives are as short as a long vacation! That's the bad news.

The good news? Butterflies make their moments count. They flit here and there bringing happiness to strangers every single day. In little ways, we can also bring butterfly

joy every day to people in our path. "Butterfly joy" sounds weird, but you know what I mean. We can smile, say thank you, open a door, LET SOMEONE ELSE GO FIRST, tip well, share the gospel, text or email an encouraging word, or just plain ole be kind! Be the bright spot of someone's day!

In Genesis, when God made the earth, He made so many wonderful things . . . zebras, giraffes, elephants. And then, He made butterflies! When He looked at all He had made, He said it was good and was RIGHT!

FYI-If you see me running around in glittery wings, I'm scattering "butterfly joy"!

Seeds of Hope



One of the most irritating, aggravating, frustrating - and yet stimulating - questions is - "Why?" It angers parents and annoys teachers. It disturbs moments of quiet reflection when we think we have the answers to "everything" then we realize we don't. It bothers us deeply when we are asked "why" did you do this or "why" did you do that. It seems to be planted deep within the brains of children to make us defensive or angry or even feel stupid.

But "Why" is an important question. It can force us to look at what we have done or what we are about to do. It can, in all reality, keep us from doing wrong or encourage us to do what is right.

David addresses the

"Why" question quite frequently. In Psalm 86, however, he makes an observation and then answers it with "why."

He wrote, "I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever." Then he adds the why for us: "For great is Your love toward me; You have delivered me from the depths of the grave."

"Praise" and "glorify" are a most important part of our worship. When we look at these two verses together, we find an important reason to remind us why we worship God: it is because of His love and mercy.

We may not know what he is referring to when He said that "God delivered me from the depths of the grave."

And perhaps that's good. What's don't matter - God does! There are many days when we feel we are about to be "buried alive." Then, God delivers us. It's time to worship.

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Sins of the Flesh

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In Galatians 5:19-21, we find the written words of the inspired Apostle Paul as he tackles the problems of all the things mentioned here, saying, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Knowing present day situations that are done among men today, none is more clearly being committed more than adultery and fornication. Adultery is a sin committed by those who may be in a marital state or just by being married and the other not married. Either way, this, in the mind of God, does constitute adultery. Then, fornication is all sexual communications between all who are not married. So, by the Scripture, we know that God despises the two sins; especially if one will take note that when the sins of men are categorized, that adultery and fornication are at the top of the list.

So all, of every religion where there are preachers present, there is an ample supply of material to preach from. But sadly, there may possibly be very few congregations that do not have some who have been involved in these sins; or even some who may be active in them at this time. Just recently, a neighbor of mine was lamenting that in one of the Lord's assemblies, these included both the preacher, and also his wife, not knowing such was being committed by the other. So both at the same time confessed that each had a sexual partner aside from their

own. This caused the man to say strongly, 'What is this world coming to?' So, these two sins have always been in existence, but it seems to me that they are much more now than in the past; only God knows.

But, once again, unless all those who are committing such sins repent, they will not find favor with the Lord at that Great Day of Judgment. Revelations 22:15, declares that those who do repent such things want to go into the eternal city of God.

Now, I also want to point out that the devil is working to deceive all our marital age youth into thinking that marriage is not any longer necessary; that it is just a brief few words spoken and a piece of paper that really is not important. So, what are they doing instead, flying in the face of Almighty God who performed the first marriage between Adam and Eve while in the Garden of Eden. So, marriage is endorsed by the Lord. Anything less is not approved.

I also notice in our local newspapers that nearly, on the average, 65% of all births are between unmarried people. God has only one plan to bring children into this world, and this is between two persons devoted to each other, plus unto God's will. Then, legitimate children can be born. God's Word clearly states in 1 Timothy 5:14, "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." Then, Paul also wrote in 1 Corinthians 7:2, "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

So, today, we see that for most, marriage is being ignored and divorce is also a mockery of the vows made before God and man. Will such ever be in Heaven? I think not! So, we'd better awaken to righteousness, the Lord is coming!

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

2. From Proverbs 22, what is foolishness bound in the heart of? Wicked, Poor, Child, Foolish

3. Who led the Israelites over the River

Jordan? Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah

4. Which Psalm begins, "O God, thou art my God"? 60, 63, 74, 117

5. What was the name of Samson's father? Noah, Manoah, Jesse, Levi

6. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Jude, Moses, Solomon, Isaac

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— Vince Lombardi

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PSALM 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

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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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Uncle Babe Crowe Spring

Down over the hill,
From Grandma's house;
A beautiful sight to see;
Two cave-like rocks,
Down there in the shade,
Shaded mostly by a big
Chinquapin tree.



Chinquapin Nuts

Granny's milk, cheese,
Butter and beans,
Were always there
In the spring.

She had no other way to keep them cool,
Not a refrigerator, ice box or any thing.

A small tin cup, hung there on a tree;
Passersby could stop for a drink.
Everyone drank from the same old cup;
Today, no one would this kind of thing.

We walked for a mile, to Grandma's house;
Maybe we would stay for an hour or so.
We would always head, over the hill;
Granny would always say,
"Take two buckets as you go."

We would watch the water run over the hill;
We stuck our feet in the spring,
Even though it was cool.
We had a big rock there,
By the side of the stream;
This wouldn't be a big thing for kids today;
They have so many things to do.

We ate Chinquapin acorns from the big oak tree;
We watched the cold water roll over the hill.
We could not drink it all, even though we tried;
And Granny would know if we took a cup of milk.

Today, sitting here alone on my porch,
I think about the entertainment
The children have today;
Yet, they sit on the streets with nothing to do,
They would be a lot better off
Under the Chinquapin tree.

"What is a Chinquapin acorn?" the children would say, If we told them we used them for food. "Acorns is something the hogs eat,"

They'd probably say;
But back at the Babe Crowe Spring . . .
They tasted awfully good.

Madalene Wasson, June 2001

A Kinder Touch

Chorus

What we need, is a kinder touch
To replace the harshness, we use too much
Don't we know, what love can do
It can make more dreams, of ours come true

A kinder touch, would be just fine
To remind us of, a way that is divine
To help us move, toward eternal light
To help us escape, eternal night

Is there a better, way you know
To make a friend, and forgiveness show
Is there a better, way to give
Than showing kindness, as we live

Let's be a kinder reminder,
in everything we do and say
Let's improve life for others,
by showing them a kinder way
Let's give love a chance, each and every day
Let's follow words with action, and we will be OK

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