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SPIRITUAL GROWTH WHEN LIFE IS NOT WHAT YOU PLANNED

Gen. 39:20-23
 Jim Laws

Genesis reveals the life of one of the greatest people of the Bible, Joseph. Genesis 39:20-23 recounts Joseph's time in an Egyptian prison. How did this young man, who always believed in and trusted God, come to this predicament? Through no fault of his own, Joseph had been sold by his own jealous brothers to Ishmaelite traders for 20 shekels of silver. In turn, the traders sold him to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard. Even though God made Joseph prosper in his new position, his master's evil, covetous wife brought a false charge of intended rape against him. This charge was blatantly false, as Joseph avoided the woman's advances, even fleeing from her. However, weak Potiphar listened to his wife and threw Joseph in prison. One wonders what Joseph was thinking during these events. When life doesn't turn out for us, as we planned, I'm sure we share some of the same feelings Joseph felt. When adversity comes our way, where do we go for help? In the New Testament we read of another example of an unexpected, even horrifying, turn of events in the life of the apostles of Christ--the crucifixion of Jesus! They had heard his sermons, seen his miracles, and witnessed his popularity with the common people. Now, in a few short hours Jesus was arrested, endured unfair treatment, was falsely accused in an illegal trial, and finally crucified as a common criminal! What happened? How can one have hope, when faced with such trying circumstances of life?

Spiritual maturity is needed to KNOW God will not forsake you, when circumstances are dire. Joseph experienced God's faithfulness, and the disciples of Christ learned it. Even though Joseph did not deserve prison, he did not retaliate against the injustice. He let God settle the score and continued to be a faithful child of God. Even as a young man, he exhibited spiritual maturity, i.e., he possessed a confident faith and hope in God to work His will in his life. Like the early Christians, his character improved over time; despite the ill-treatment by others, even family members. Joseph was thrown in prison, but God was with him there, as well (Gen. 39:2, 5). First century Christians were not exempt from the trials and tribulations of life, either. The book of Revelation is filled with hope and encouragement for suffering saints. Revelation 2:10 states "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Spiritual maturity is needed to accept the fact only sin separates one from God, not the circumstances of life. Isaiah plainly tells us the spiritual consequences of sin (Isa. 59:1, 2). Sin separates from God. Neither circumstances, people, nor Satan, can separate us from the love of God. When we firmly trust in this blessing, the "dungeon experience" will not tempt you to despair, for God has not forsaken you. Hebrews 13:5 states, "Make sure your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.'" Spiritual maturity means walking by faith, regardless of the circumstances.

Spiritual maturity is needed to use tribulation as an avenue for service, as did Joseph (Gen. 40:1-8). The jailer committed the charge of other prisoners to Joseph, an administrative-type work. (Gen. 40:4). Joseph's work was not even supervised by the jailer, because the Lord was with him (Gen. 39:23).

Your continued spiritual growth is vital for you: now to help you through the circumstances of life and later to properly prepare you for heaven.

This Week at Broadway:

Sunday, Feb 10, 2019	Wed, Feb 13, 2019	Wed, Feb 13, 2019
Bible Class and Worship 9 am, 10 am, 6 pm	Bible Class for All Ages 7 pm	Ladies Bible Class 10 am

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ON THE HOME FRONT

GOSPEL MEETING – This year’s Gospel Meeting will be March 31 – April 3 (Sunday through Wednesday evening). Bro. Robert Johnson will be our guest speaker, and I look forward to his visit and your participation. Robert has selected the theme **SIN BUSTERS**. I believe this theme will make our meeting very interesting and encouraging. A fifth Sunday fellowship dinner is planned after our worship services. I hope you will stay for this gathering, so we can become better acquainted.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – We continue to study the life of Christ chronologically in the New Testament. So far, we have re-visited important scenes from the life of the Lord, such as the feeding of the five thousand and his sermon on the Bread of Life (John 6). This great sermon in the synagogue at Capernaum marks another turning point in the life of Jesus. John 6:6 states, “Upon this *many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*” Now he entered into a period of private instruction for the apostles. Few miracles are recorded during this time; even public speaking and teaching was curtailed. He began training the twelve in the fundamentals of his kingdom and prepared them for his approaching death. During this period of his life, we will devote ourselves to the conflict over ceremonial cleanness (Matt. 15:1-20); the interchange between Jesus and the Syro-Phoenician woman (Matt. 15:21-28); the healings Jesus performed in Decapolis (Matt. 15:29-31), and his confrontation with the Pharisees and Sadducees, who sought a sign from him at Magadan (Matt. 15:39-16:4). A lot can be learned from this material; as always, I look forward to discussing these important details from the Scriptures.

I hope your week proves to be both a happy and satisfying one. Please remember, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).

--Jim

NAT’S NOTES

Our youth along with some parents attended the first annual Youth Summit at University church of Christ on Saturday February 2. It was a great day of singing and a time to fellowship with other youth while hearing four great lessons and practical applications about The Greatest Commandment and The Second Greatest Commandment. We appreciate the Elders and the congregation for supporting our youth and allowing them opportunities such as this.



Speakers: Neal Thurman and Nat Ayers
Song Leader: Mike Hartman



Welcome

To Visitors and Members alike!
We ask that you fill out an attendance card and drop it into the collection plate so that we may have a record of your attendance.

Attendance Sunday, Feb 3, 2019

Bible Class	119
Morning Worship	150
Evening Worship	76
Wednesday (2/6/19)	72
Contribution	\$7892
Weekly Budget	\$7400

Birthdays

Boots Nichols	Feb 11
Glenda Howell	Feb 12
Ted Young	Feb 12
Carson Stokes	Feb 14
Alex Mogle	Feb 16
Jacob Mogle	Feb 16

Anniversaries

Virgil & Nancy Draughon	Feb 13
Clint & Cindie Costner	Feb 15

Bread Makers

Feb 17 - Mitzi Wilkinson
Feb 24 - Need Volunteer

Nursery Attendants

Feb 17 - Rachel Shumate
Feb 24 - Need Volunteer

Daily Bible Reading

Day 41 - Numbers 7
Day 42 - Numbers 8-10
Day 43 - Numbers 11-13
Day 44 - Numbers 14-15
Day 45 - Numbers 16-18
Day 46 - Numbers 19-21
Day 47 - Numbers 22-24



Recent Requests:

Helen Young - health concerns
Jim Barham - recovering at home - broken clavicle
Kathi Fansler - recovering - broken foot & wrist
Bob & Mamie Bone - Bob is home following surgery; Mamie continues to have ongoing health concerns
Tommy & Sandra Gentry - ongoing health concerns
Marvin Hollingsworth - ongoing health concerns
Debra Shepherd - ongoing health challenges
Timothy Mays - serving in the Marines
The Caylor Family - continued prayers for all

Family & Friends:

Laree Hall - former member; started chemo this week
Jeff & Laura Jenkins - preacher & wife at Lewisville church; Laura’s cancer has returned
Randy Daw & family - brain cancer
Bill Chandler - Nadine’s brother - health issues
Jewel Burcham - Tammi Huddleston’s mother - recovering from fall and broken pelvis
Windle Gaston - friend of Scott Baker; cancer
Kevin Costner - Clint’s brother; Lymphoma - prayers following bone marrow transplant

Mark Your Calendar

Sweethearts Dinner	Feb 10
Youth at Patton Lane	Feb 17
Spring Gospel Meeting	Mar 31-Apr 3

Our Homebound Family

Bill Buttram | Carlos Cudd
 Sammie & Laurie DeFratus
 Nancy Draughon | Jo England
 Mary Jones | Frances Mason | Ed Morris

Missionaries

Scott Richards - Northeast India Missions
 Gage Coldwater - Manna Project
 Monterey School of Preaching
 Brown Trail School of Preaching