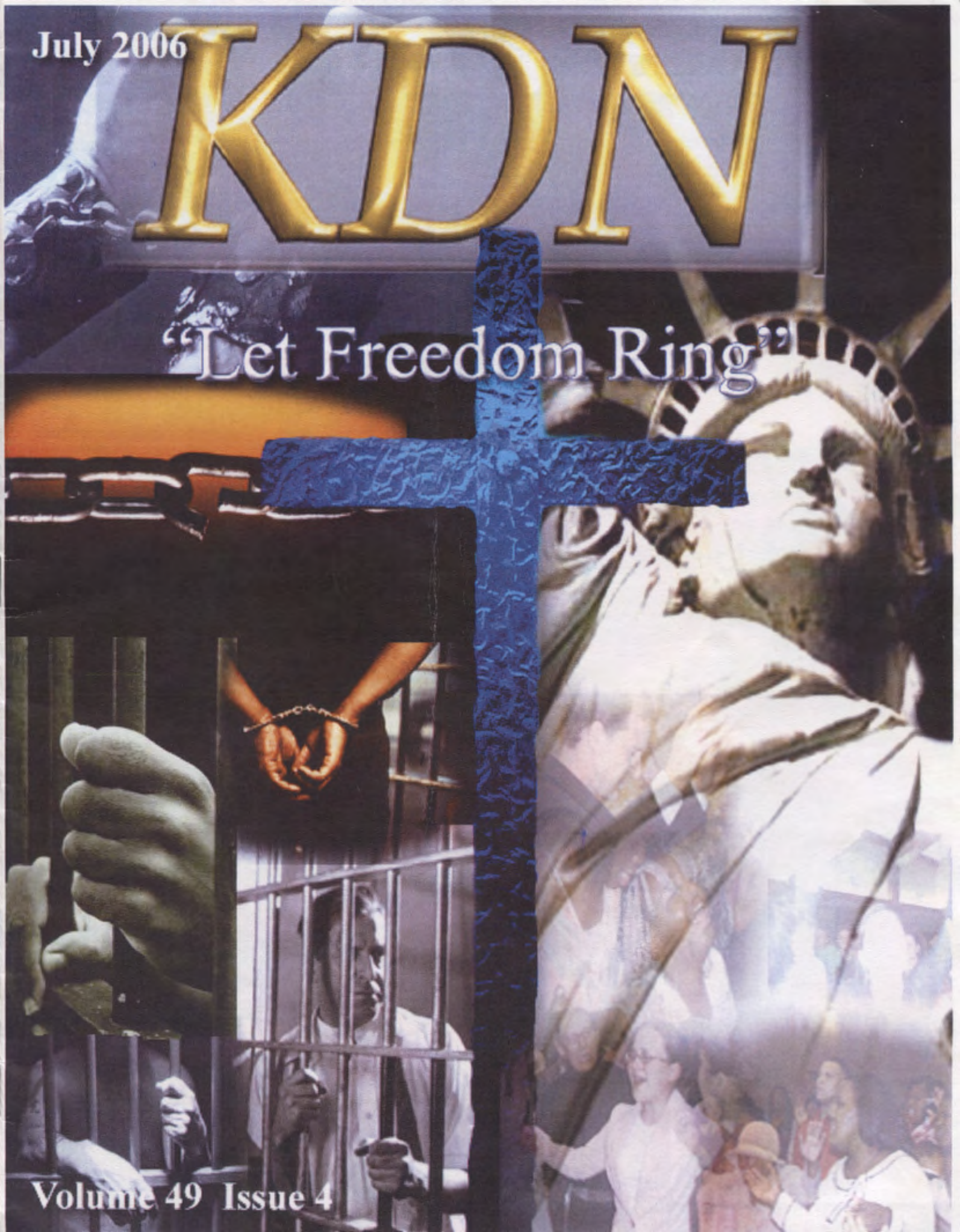


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Leaders Network for Nurture & Accountability

God has an infinite variety of tools to shape our lives into what He wants them to be. He determines our genetic makeup. He sets us in a certain time and place. He appoints a mix of experiences, great and small, and punctuates our lives with pivotal events. But for the most part, second only to our relationship with Him, it is the people He brings into our lives that have the most profound influence upon us. The moment we are born, those relationships begin their impact. Throughout our lives those relationships may include a wise father, an attentive mother, teachers, mentors, and close friends. Whether we have a gregarious nature or not, our relationships, good and bad, mark us and change us for better or worse. When we finish our formal schooling and move out on our own, taking on heavier responsibilities, it is still our connection with others that God uses to help us continue growing and avoid shriveling up in the restrictive environment of self.

Our living union with God through Jesus Christ and the regeneration and indwelling of the Holy Ghost is by far the most significant source of our transformation. But passages like Ephesians 4 and I Corinthians 12–14 teach us that God Himself has designed our growth and maturing in grace to flow from Him through others with whom we have connection. He is at work, not just in me but also in my brothers and sisters in Christ. What He is doing in me is not solely for my benefit—it is for the profiting of the whole body. In the same way, what God is doing in other members of the body of Christ is to flow through them to me. In this way we all grow toward Christlike maturity through the mutual building up of one another in love.

The shepherds of God's flock are not exempt from this dynamic of spiritual survival and growth. We do not do well without strong interactive relationships with others. Much like a parent, a pastor is continually drawing out of his own spiritual reservoir to meet the needs in the lives of others. But we pastors must have some way to keep the reservoir full lest we run dry and face spiritual deprivation ourselves. We need our thinking challenged by honest, loving friends we can trust. We need counsel, for we are often out of our depth. And we need to be open to the scrutiny of others. The heavy responsibilities we carry increase our accountability to God and to others.

The greater our authority, the greater our danger. Satan loves to take down a leader of God's people. The fact that we lead people does not make us strong. Whatever we leave vulnerable in our own lives, the devil is sure to exploit to dishonor our Lord and to scatter the sheep committed to our care. We face threats relative to our role in the body: pride, discouragement, loneliness, limited perspective.

Those who carry similar burdens and face similar dangers can keep us balanced, humble, honest, pure, and energized.

When I entered my first full-time pastorate as a church planter, God graciously arranged for me to be part of a group of godly men who serve as pastors. For the last fifteen years, seven or eight of us have met together every couple of months. Within the group is a variety of personalities and viewpoints. We serve in diverse locations in the state, but we all are committed to the same core truths and biblical philosophy. The open and frank discussions (and even the heated debates) about the challenges we face have sharpened us all as iron sharpens iron.

We meet in a relaxed setting that is conducive to heart-to-heart sharing. We eat together. We share our burdens and pray for one another. We select and read a substantive book each time—generally on theology, ministry, or church history. The reading not only enlarges and challenges us; it also serves as the starting point for our discussions. The focus of our interaction can range far, but it hits home. A group of about eight has been the right size for us. With larger groups it has been nearly impossible to achieve the same mutual impact, because someone ends up dropping out of the interaction.

Setting aside times together like this has become more difficult over the years. Yet whatever the sacrifice of making it to one of these fellowships, I have always thanked God for the inflow of refreshment and strength it provided. By bearing one another's burdens, we have lightened each one's assigned load.

Our congregations need this kind of networking for nurture and accountability too. Some ministry to the church body can be done in a crowd, but that cannot take the place of the close, loving care that happens one-on-one or in small groups. We cannot interact with hundreds of people at once in the nitty-gritty demands of everyday life. Learning to follow Christ requires mentors and prayer partners, veteran saints to answer the tough questions that are all new to younger believers.

No matter how our roles change over the years in the body of believers, we are still most profoundly marked by our close relationships. The health of the flock depends on those close relationships. The Scriptures call us to live this way, and we who teach the Scriptures dare not neglect doing so ourselves. We are undershepherds, yet we are still sheep—weak, vulnerable, in need of God's strength and care. He has chosen to use other believers to provide that care for us. We would be fools to go it alone. God knows us—He knows that we need each other.

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. (Proverbs 27:17)"

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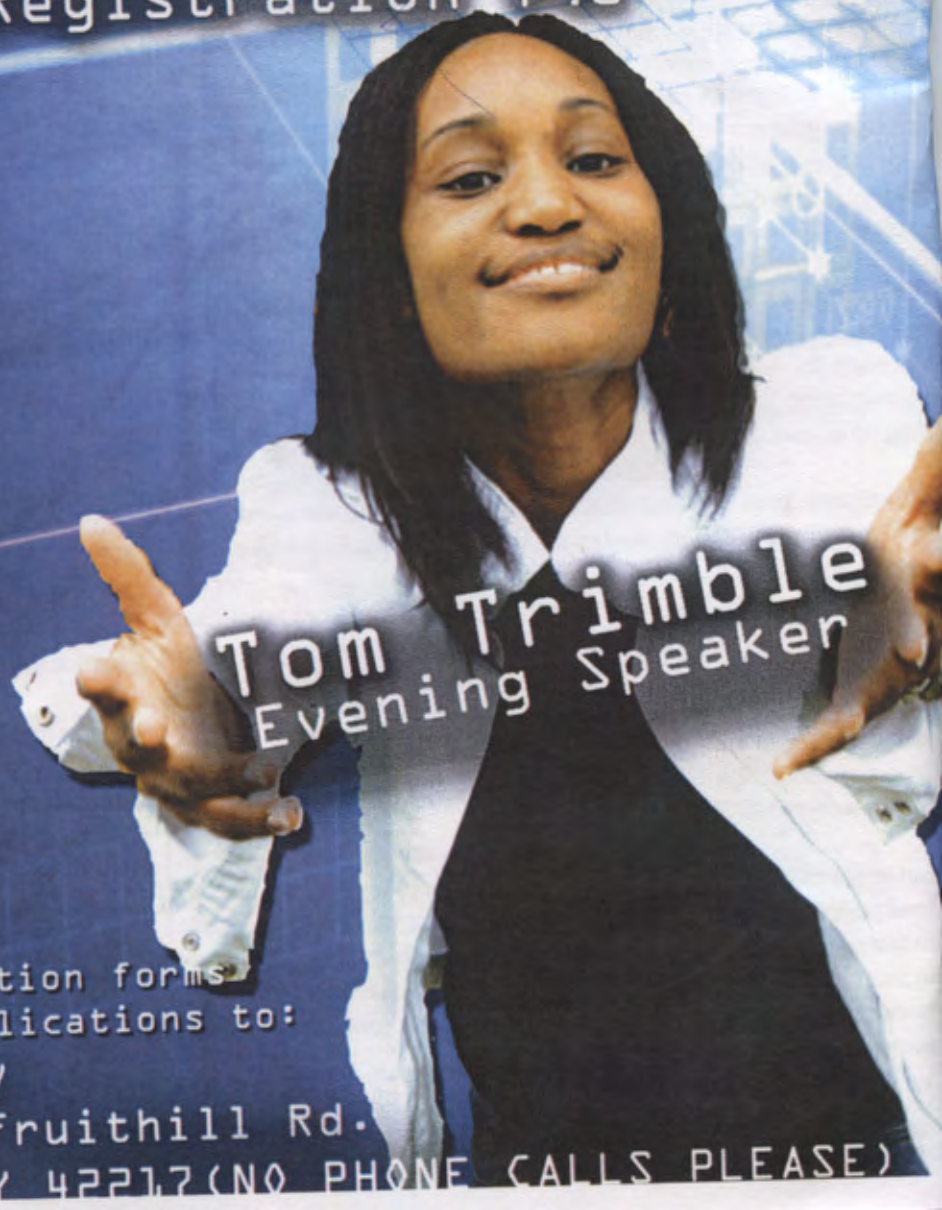
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Summer Youth Camp 2006

By James Maroney

As we reflect on the Kentucky District Youth Camps of 2005, we wonder how they could get any better. Memories of wake up rallies, dunking booths, softball games, and late night fun still fill our minds. However, as the summer months draw closer, we begin to anticipate the real reason for these camps; A genuine move of the Holy Ghost enabling each young person to have a closer relationship with the Lord.

In 2006, the Kentucky District Youth Department is commissioning every young person ages 12 through 15 to be a part of this life changing week. **July 10th through the 14th** will be a time of fun and excitement! But more importantly, it will be a time of worship and consecration as young people make important decisions concerning their walk with the Lord and their ministries. It is the goal of the Youth Department to encourage the youth of this district and to challenge them to live faithful, separated and dedicated lives. Teen Camp 2006 will exceed expectations as we

enter the campground in Summersville for an action packed week. We will be ministered to nightly by an anointed choir under the direction of Dustin and Liz Fergie. The hearts of our teens will be impacted everyday by the timely ministries of our very own Kentucky District Youth Committee. As anticipated, we will be connecting our youth with men of God known for their ability to effectively minister to young people all over the country. This year, **Rev. Tom Trimble** of St. Charles, MO will be the evening speaker.

Fun and excitement everyday; Anointed worship, singing, and preaching every night. Life changing moves of the Spirit. This is a camp that you won't want to miss! You will be receiving information in the forthcoming weeks containing registration information, schedule and advertisements for Teen Camp 2006. Make plans now to attend and be a part of this memorable week.



Youth President
James Maroney



Youth Secretary
Anthony Gally



Praying for Your Prodigal: Have Faith in “Hopeless Cases”

I received an email with a heartrending question:

I have a daughter that I don't believe is saved. I pray for her but often times I can't. I suppose that I'm angry she isn't responding and feel incapable of helping her. What can I pray for on a daily basis so that she will come to Christ? At times I feel such sorrow, thinking she might go to hell.

This parent speaks for mothers and fathers everywhere who pray for their prodigal children, often for years, with seemingly no results. I do not doubt that praying parents must at some point feel like giving up, and it must be hard not to get angry when you see your children repeatedly making bad choices or showing no interest in the gospel. What do you do then? How do you keep believing for your own prodigal son or daughter?

I think it is good to consider this after Easter. We need to be reminded that an astounding miracle lies at the heart of our faith. We believe something absolutely incredible—that a man who was dead came back to life on the third day. That “God raised him up.” Now if God would do that for his Son, indeed if God has the power to raise the dead, who are we to question God's power to change the hardest hearts?

In thinking about hard questions, it's crucial that we start in the right place. Nowhere is this more important than when we pray for our prodigal sons and daughters. Because we have so much invested in them, we may be tempted to give up because the pain of praying when nothing seems to be happening finally becomes overwhelming. We must therefore start with God who can raise the dead, not with the person who is spiritually dead. After all, if you went to the cemetery and stayed there waiting for a resurrection, you'd wait a long time. You'd see a lot of funerals and no resurrections. The odds would seem to be against anyone rising from the dead. You can't start with what your eyes see or with what you can figure out. And you can't trust your feelings in something like this because your emotions can play tricks on you.

If it is God alone who can raise the dead, then our focus must be on God alone. Take these two verses and use them as the basis for your prayer:

“The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes” (*Proverbs 21:1 NKJV*). “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened” (*Ephesians 1:18 NASB*).



The heart has eyes. Did you know that? When Paul speaks of “your heart,” he's not referring to the organ in your chest that pumps blood throughout your body. The term “heart” refers to what we might call “the real you,” the place inside where the decisions of life are made. The heart is the place where you decide what values you will live by and what direction you will go and how you will live your life each day. Every important decision you make is made by your heart. And your heart has eyes that can be open or closed. When the eyes of your heart are closed to the light of God, you stumble blindly through life, making one dumb choice after another. You fall into sinful patterns, you break God's laws, you end up driving into the ditch, you make the same mistakes over and over again, and you enter one dead-end relationship after another. Why? Because the eyes of your heart are shut and you lack moral vision. The light of God is shut out of your life. That means you can see and be blind at the same time. That is, you can have 20/20 vision with your physical eyes, but the eyes of your heart can be blind to the light of God.

There are lots of people like that in the world. Physically they can see but spiritually they are totally blind. We see this principle at work when we witness to those who don't know Christ. After sharing the gospel with them as best we can, sometimes they will say, “I just don't see it.” That's not an excuse. They truly don't see it. That's why you can talk to a lost person until you are blue in the face and it will do no good.

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Until their eyes are opened, they will not "see" the truth about Christ.

What is the answer? We must pray for the lost that God will open their eyes, give life in place of death, enable them to hear, create within them a desire to understand, give them a hunger for Jesus, and then grant them faith to believe the gospel.

If you have a prodigal daughter, pray like this: "Lord, open the eyes of her heart so that she can see [You]" That prayer is so simple and yet so profound. Apart from God's grace, we all have the same problem. Our hearts are closed and we cannot see the truth. Only God can open the eyes of the heart. When God opens those eyes, she will see the truth and light from heaven will come flooding in. Do not focus on her going to hell. Focus your prayers on God and his power to change her heart. When you pray for a loved one who seems hardened against the Lord, pray that the eyes of their heart

might be opened so that the light of God can come flooding in. And if that seems hopeless, at least it puts the hopeless case at God's doorstep, which is where it belongs. On Saturday night there was a "hopeless case" in the Garden Tomb. On Sunday morning the whole world changed. You never know what God will do, so keep on believing and keep on praying. God specializes in impossible situations, and he loves to prove that hopeless cases aren't hopeless after all.

It is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." How precious are a mother's tears!

There is no substance more valuable in all the universe than the tears of a godly mother. There are mothers and grandmothers who have prayed their children and their grandchildren to Christ. There are mothers and grandmothers who have seen their children in the "far country" of sin and

have prayed them step by step back to the Father's House. When everyone else gave up, godly women laid hold of heaven and claimed their offspring in Jesus' name. And God heard those prayers and answered them. . I do not believe that our prayers contain merit in and of themselves. But God has ordained both the means and the ends of salvation. And the two chief means of salvation are fervent prayer and the proclamation of his Word. We pray because everything depends on God, and we preach because the gospel is the power of God for salvation. Your prayers are thus an indispensable link in the chain of God's purposes.

So never give up. Pray, pray and keep on praying. Your prayers accomplish more than you have ever dreamed

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Men: Beware of Temptation

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Men and women respond to temptation differently. Women tend to flee temptation, while men like to crawl away slowly and hope temptation will overtake them.

No man sets out to succumb to temptation on purpose. Yet every day we learn of men, Christian men, who fail. Unless a man remains perpetually vigilant, his own evil desires carry him into temptation and sin.

Six temptations men face:

* Emotional neglect. Men are most tempted not to give their wives the thing they desire the most: emotional connection and intimacy; the sharing of yourself at the deepest level, and wanting to know the same level in your spouse. God commanded, *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church* (Eph. 5:25). The Bible gives no similar instructions to wives because

wives are naturally drawn to an intimate love relationship. For men it must be learned.

* Lust. Men become sexually stimulated visually. When a man looks and lusts, that does not mean he no longer loves his wife. He is engaged in temptation -



physical and spiritual. We live in a sexually over-stimulated culture in which many men are drained of the spiritual energy needed to expose temptation and the moral energy to resist it. The best way to resist sexual temptation is to flee from it.

* False gods. You can have only *one* god. Most men try to worship an idol *and*

God. That, too, is impossible. Idolatry is the error of giving worship or homage to any power or object other than God. It's either going to be Jesus Christ or something else. And whatever the *something else* is, it will never satisfy (e.g. accomplishments, money, pleasure, possessions, power, prestige, or position).

* Money and debt. Men find money intoxicating. Jesus named money as his chief competitor: *No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve both God and money* (Matt. 6:24). Not only is man tempted to *earn* more money, but also to *borrow* more money than he can afford to repay. The temptation is not to love God or money. The temptation is to love them *both*.

To live debt-free within your means, with Jesus as the god of your life, is the goal.

* Whining. The Bible tells of people who grumbled about the sufficiency of God's care. When men see others advancing more rapidly, frequently resentments, jealousies, envy, and bitterness build up. Sights, perceived and real, grind on his ego. The way to overcome the temptation to complain is



to accept your lot in life and get on with a positive outlook. Paul said, *I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances* (Phil 4:11).

* Pride. Stubborn pride often keeps a man from humbling himself and admitting

Temptation to pride comes in many disguises. The most common form is for a man to look down with disdain on others. It is a sin of comparison in which a man compares his [perceived] strength with another's weaknesses.

Equally insidious is the temptation for a man to look up in disgust to others who have it better or have accomplished more. Pride can even cause some men to feel they are above talking about "touchy feelings," and so emotionally neglect their wives.

Important Growth Principles

In a recent study of church growth, the following factors and strategies were noticed as being utilized in growing churches while churches that were declining were not using these principles.

1. Reach out to Newcomers. Focusing on the needs and concerns of newcomers, making inquiry convenient and non-threatening, and allowing people to move at their own pace characterized the growing churches.
2. Build Member Commitment. While reaching newcomers is most important, the growing churches expected much of members, and active involvement of everyone was sought.
3. Train and Involve Laity. There was always a bold compelling vision for the congregation's future as well as ways of equipping and deploying laity drawn to the vision for ministry.

4. Make Bold Plans. Churches with goals and dreams far beyond current ministries and resources were more likely to grow than other churches, all other things being equal.

5. Pace Change. Conflict over the implementation of these bold and innovative plans was one significant cause of membership decline. When change moves members so far out of their "comfort zone," resistance and conflicts set in and diminish the congregation's capacity to reach out to new people.

6. View Laity Positively. A "we-they" relationship between leaders and members leads to a defensive posture by all and works against outreach. A more positive view of human nature assumes that people want to be part of God's vision for the church and have much to contribute to understanding and implementing the vision.

The Powerful Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Your Marriage



Have you ever experienced marriage seminar meltdown? You come back with a wheelbarrow full of notes, proven principles, and sure-fire methods to put the spark back in your relationship. Your kids and friends notice the difference - you cuddle like high school sweethearts, you bring back your pet names, and you clear out Friday nights for romantic rendezvous.

But after a few weeks, the dates are shoved out by long hours at the office, conversations go back to one-syllable discussions, and the spark starts to dim as you spend what seems to be every moment driving the kids around town. What happened, you wonder?

Seminars, Sunday school and small groups are great ways to learn marriage principles, but on our own we don't possess the power for long-term change. Sure, we can change for a time, but we lack the power to consistently pursue oneness like God intended. That's one reason why God sent the Holy Spirit into the life of each believer.

Who is the Holy Spirit and how can He help your marriage? He is an often hidden resource that couples forget to call upon for help in their marriage. Let's take a short look at the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit and what He offers for your marriage.

Attributes of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God with the attributes only God can have. He is:

1. Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-8)
2. Omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
3. Omnipotent (Genesis 1:2) Ministry of the Holy Spirit

As the Holy Spirit enters our lives, He does a number of works to produce a living fellowship between God and us. Of course, these works also affect the relationships we have with others around us, particularly our spouses and our children. Here are some of the works of the Holy Spirit that strongly impact our relationships:

- * Gives us power to be Christ-like (Ephesians 3:16)
- * Directs our lives on a daily basis (Romans 8:14)
- * Convicts us of sin (John 16:8)
- * Empowers us to fight sin in our lives (Galatians 5:15-16)
- * Causes our marriages to glorify Christ (John 16:14)
- * Helps us produce the "fruit" of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

When we yield to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, our marriages will lift up Christ and make Him known by our words

and deeds.

Call on the Power of the Holy Spirit in Your Raising kids, making a living and facing trials such as infertility - all of these make it hard for couples to maintain a strong marriage today. Stress leads to tension and our sinful human nature comes out. We need power that is beyond us to overcome our sinful tendencies. God provides this power through the person of the Holy Spirit.

Isn't it time you relied on the Holy Spirit to help you succeed in your marriage? If you're nodding your head in agreement, consider these four steps - they can lead your marriage toward a renewed sense of oneness:

1. Ask God to teach you these insights concerning His Holy Spirit;
2. Believe that God loves you and that He desires to walk with you in oneness through the power of the Holy Spirit;
3. Confess to God your utter dependency on the Holy Spirit for power. If there is any known sin in your life, confess it by agreeing with God that it is sin and is displeasing to Him;
4. Draw upon God's power by faith and obedience. Begin walking by the Spirit in your marriage: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25).

Article taken from crosswalk.com

Fusion 2006

By James Maroney



Fusion – (fu-sion): The merging of different elements into a union. This is the theme and vision behind the Kentucky District's Senior Camp 2006. It not only receives a name change for this year, but many other changes as well. As in years past, Senior Camp has been a camp dedicated to young people "growing up." Understanding this, we encourage that their relationship with God "grow" as well.

We believe the Kentucky District Youth Department has worked tirelessly to make this week a week of relevance to our youth. From real life topics in split sessions to life altering messages from some of the most relevant preachers in Pentecost. All these facets of Senior Camp will remain the same and continue to get better every year. But, an important element of growing up means change.

The dates for this awesome event will be *July 19th through the 21st*. As young people from all over the state ages 16 through 21 gather in Summersville this year for Senior Camp, they will feel a fusion from the moment they arrive. As worship, excitement and fun used to be spread out over a five day period, has now been "FUSED" into three power-packed days and nights! There will not be one dull moment at "FUSION 2006". As service begins on Wednesday evening, there will be an explosion of praise and worship. The

anointed choir under the direction of Angie Blanton will prepare our hearts for what will happen next. Our youth will then be fused together and, most importantly, to God's purpose in their lives as they connect with the preaching of His word by Rev. Tim Gaddy of Cabot, AR, our evening speaker. The altars will fill with youth fervently seeking God, sacrificing and committing their lives to the Lord. What an image! Perhaps greater, will be the image of our youth leaving that altar to live out their renewed commitments! All this is the purpose behind "FUSION 2006".

More than the days of this camp will reflect change. There will be "fusion" groups led by our own Kentucky District Youth Committee promoting worship, vision, separation and commitment. Not to mention late-night fun, music and entertainment. Let me say, if you are a young person age 16 through 21, you will not want to miss this camp. The mid week start will accommodate those youth holding jobs and other priorities and enable them to attend without missing a thing. The Kentucky District Youth Department believes this camp will raise the bar and take our youth to the next level.

As with Teen Camp, you will be receiving information in the mail very soon concerning this camp. Registration information, schedule and advertisement will be included. Get ready Kentucky District Youth and make preparations NOW for "FUSION 2006!" See you there!





INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/4 cups Lawry's® Hawaiian Marinade With Tropical Fruit Juices
- 1 1/4 pounds salmon fillets or steaks
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, drained and cut into small pieces*
- 1/3 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 small red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 medium jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped (optional)

*Substitution: Use 2 cups chopped fresh pineapple.

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DIRECTIONS:

In large resealable plastic bag, pour 3/4 cup Lawry's® Hawaiian Marinade With Tropical Fruit Juices over salmon; turn to coat. Close bag, and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

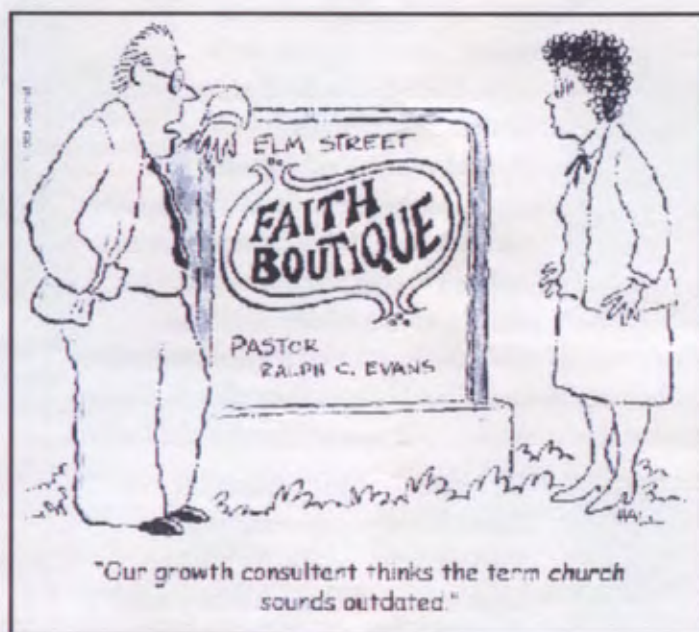
Meanwhile, in medium bowl, combine 1/4 cup Marinade with remaining ingredients. Let stand at room temperature up to 1 hour.

Remove salmon from Marinade, discarding Marinade. Grill or broil salmon, turning once and brushing frequently with remaining 1/4 cup Marinade, 12 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork. Serve salmon with pineapple salsa.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



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ONE NATION.. WITHOUT GOD?

This
too
Shall
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*If I can endure for this minute
Whatever is happening to me,
No matter how heavy my heart is
Or how dark the moment may be-
If I can remain calm and quiet
With all the world crashing about me,
Secure in the knowledge God loves me
When everyone else seems to doubt me-
If I can but keep on believing
What I know in my heart to be true,*

*That darkness will fade with the morning
And that this will pass away, too-
Then nothing in life can defeat me
For as long as this knowledge remains
I can suffer whatever is happening
For I know God will break all of the chains
That are binding me tight in the darkness
And trying to fill me with fear-
For there is no night without dawning
And I know that my morning is near.*

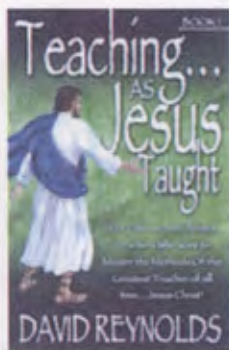
Biblical Church Growth by David G. Brown



Biblical Church Growth by Gary McIntosh focuses on seeing the church grow, but according to Biblical principles. He aptly notes that, "There is a difference between growing a crowd and growing a church." (p. 110) What is needed in the 21st century are churches which are built on a sound foundation, and not on a slick marketing campaign designed to bring people in but provide little else. While some church growth books focus on alternative types of growth, McIntosh makes no apology for the fact that he sees church growth as synonymous with evangelistic growth, i.e. unsaved people getting saved and becoming established saints and effective witnesses themselves. The rallying point is the words of Jesus himself, as McIntosh notes, "In the very first mention of his church, Jesus sovereignly guaranteed its growth:

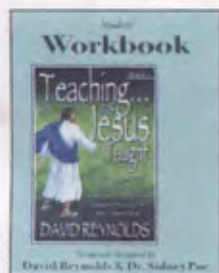
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Humor

A young man was having some money problems, and needed \$200 to get his car fixed and road-worthy again. But had run out of people to borrow from. So, he calls his parents via the operator, and reverses the charge and says to his father. "I need to borrow two hundred dollars," he says.

At the other end, his father says, "Sorry, I can't hear you, son, I think there may be a bad line."



The boy shouts, "Two hundred. I need two hundred dollars!"

"Sorry, I still can't hear you clearly," says his father.

The operator cuts in, "Sorry to butt in, But I can hear him perfectly clearly."

The father says, "Good. YOU send him the money!"



VeggieTales presents *A Knight to Remember*, based on the DVD, *Duke and the Great Pie War*. This whimsical tale takes place at the annual Tournament of Pies that features the Three Dog Knight, the Saturday Knight, who has a fever, the Knightly Knight, the Silent Knight, and one very special knight who seems to care more about helping others than he cares about winning the tournament. When lovely Petunia is asked to pick a champion among knights, she will help kids to discover that God wants everyone to be a "true" knight by learning the importance and joy of putting others first. Recommended for ages 4-8.



In the age of the 'extreme makeover,' women have a unique set of pressures and expectations, but more often than not, it's about transforming the outside in a vain attempt to heal the inside. Obviously, women are not being healed. Total Heart Health for Women explores the undeniable link between our physical bodies and our spiritual state of mind.



These delightful new additions to the Little Blessings line help young children understand two more basic truths about God and Jesus. Why Is There a Cross? tackles the difficult subject of Christ's death. This read-to-me book for children ages 3-6 explains both the how and the why of Christ's death in simple words and pictures that communicate the wonder of his sacrifice.

Man's Impossibilities are God's Possibilities

By Andrew D. Urshan

Often some ask how Jesus Christ can be the only begotten of God and yet the very God Himself. The puzzling part of this question is the reconciliation of two seemingly separate and distinct persons into one Divine Being or in one person - God. Such a oneness with man is indeed impossible; but God would be no more "The Almighty" if this would be impossible with Him. Yea, with Him with whom all things are possible it is an easy matter to be the three-in-one person, and one being having different manifestations of Himself. Some may argue that God, being a God of harmony, could not be one thing and then another, no more than a son can be his own father. Very well; let us see what the Scriptures say.

The Bible declares Jesus Christ to be the Lamb of God," yet he is "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." With man it is impossible to make a lamb a lion. With man, a lamb cannot dwell with a lion very long before the lion will eat the lamb. With God, the Lamb is the Lion; the two distinct and separate and unlike animals, yet one with the same person.

The wise scientist will mock the very thought that the little morning star is the great big sun. With man, these are two distinct, separate and unlike heavenly bodies. With God, Jesus is both "The Morning Star" and "The Son of Righteousness." Son as one continues studying the Word of God he cannot help seeing that Jesus Christ is "All in All" the Son, yet the Everlasting Father; the man of Galilee, yet, the mighty God. (See Isa. 9:6.)

For further examples - Christ calls Himself the good Shepherd, yet the door of the sheepfold, (John 16: 14). With man, a door is an object, and a shepherd is a human being; but with God the human is the object and object is the human. A thing impossible with man, but with God it is the very fact. Christ calls Himself "the root", and yet, "the offspring of David." Man cannot call the root of the tree the trunk of the tree, but with God, Christ is both the Father and Son of David in one person (Rev:22:16). Again, Christ is called the Judge", and yet, "The Advocate." He is the Lord of the Battles" (Hosts), a fighting God, yet, "The Prince of Peace" (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10-11; Rev. 20:11-12; I Tim. 2:5; Psa. 24:8 and Isa. 9:6). Again, Jesus Christ is called "The Rock," and yet, the very gushing water of life (I Cor. 10:4; John 7:37-38). He calls Himself the "Alpha," yet the very last letter, "Omega" (Rev. 21:6-7). He calls Himself the Son of God," yet, the very God - the Father of the overcomers for the eternity to come. See Rev. 21:6,7.

He is called "The Servant of the Jehovah, I am," yet, He calls Himself the "very Jehovah, I am," (Isa. 43:10 and John 8:57). a precious stone to some, yet, at the same time, a stone of offense to others. The corner foundation stone of the Temple, yet, the whole Temple and the sacrifice on the altar in the Temple. He is the Lily, yea the Rose of Sharon. All these, contrary to each other, with man are impossible to be one and the same; but you see, reader, with God in Christ, they are not contrary; they are not two separate, but one and the same, only manifested differently. For with God all things are possible.

Now, if I am prepared to believe all the above facts, why should it be hard for me to believe that Jesus Christ the

Lord can be, and is, in His humanity the only Son of God, and in His absolute Deity the very God the Father. Why not? Can He not be seemingly distinct and separate, yet the very united three in one? Well, He is, and that is why He said, "I and my Father are one." And, "...he that seeth me, seeth the Father." "For the Father is in me."

God, as the Creator, is absolutely divine; but as the Saviour, He is both God and man, or the Father and the son. And, as the Comforter, He is the Holy Spirit, not three distinct, separate, divine

persons, but a God of might, love and comfort, manifesting the above three graces in three different and distinct divine offices and operations. This is a holy oneness.

God, in Himself, is infinite and invisible and unapproachable. In His Word (the Son) He is both finite and infinite, visible and invisible, and tangible and approachable. In the Holy Ghost, He is active, operative and powerful; but the one and same person - God. As the Father, God is the one that begets; as the Son, He is the seed of life eternal, and as the Holy Ghost, He is Emmanuel-or God in and with His Spirit-filled church, but one and the same. In short, God is one being, one person, and therefore one God, the "I am," and not the Holy three, as some try to teach. This great and holy one of Israel can be seen, felt, and enjoyed only in and through Jesus Christ our Lord, for "In him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." See Co.. 2:8-9. This does not explain the Godhead, but it reveals Him in His Son, Jesus Christ.



Does God Really Want You to Be Single?

By Kathleen Hardaway



passion, you have a longing in your heart to love someone and to be loved. This is normal. I would encourage you to give your hurt, your heartbreaks, and your desires over to God. The bible says to cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). Tell Him it hurts, tell Him it's hard, tell Him you cannot go alone anymore." That's where He wants you to be, totally and completely dependent on Him. You're not alone. He's always with you (Psalm 73:23). Does God really want you to be single? God has a plan and a purpose for your life. Do you believe Him for His plan? Believing God and trusting God go hand in hand. Have you ever heard anyone say, "I believe in God," but they don't live by his precepts, His principles, His promises that give them the direction they need for their lives?

Have you ever wondered if you've made a mistake? That there's something you've done wrong and that's why you're not married?

I have. The thought has entered my mind that maybe I didn't try hard enough to find someone, maybe I've gone to the wrong church all these years, maybe if I was just a wee bit thinner, then maybe I would have found the man of my dreams.

Have thoughts like these plagued your mind, and you've gotten caught up with doubts that you'll ever get married? There are very few singles who I have talked with who haven't at times felt like it's their fault they're single.

Is it your fault? Every person has a different story. I can't give you an answer for why you're single, but I can tell you that God desires you to do one very important thing as you deal with your singleness – believe that He knows what's

best for your life. When I have questioned God about why I'm single, I've had to come back to the fact that He's in control of my life. Does this mean you eat a gallon of ice cream every night? That you can live any way that you want to? Of course not. You are to have self control in all things (Galatians 5:22).

Self control in your eating, self control with what you're reading, self control with what you're viewing and self control with who you're spending time with. Be the very best you can be in every area of your life.

There may be someone you're very attracted to, but you know they're not a Christian. Why are you dating them? God tells us not to be unequally yoked (2 Corinthians 6:14); therefore, getting caught up with an unbeliever is a big mistake. Singleness at times can be lonely, but going outside God's principles in any way will only bring you more heartbreak.

Certainly you have desires, you have

Hang on to His Word; hang on to His truth that says, His ways are higher than your ways (Isaiah 55:9). Hang on to the great hope in the true and loving God who says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not lean on your own understanding, acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Live each day with a dream in your heart and a purpose in your life to believe God when life doesn't make sense, when life doesn't seem to be going as you had hoped, but when you know that your Heavenly Father knows what's best.

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How Do You Recognize a Missionary Call?

What compels a young woman such as Marilyn Laszlo of Wycliffe Bible Translators to leave her family and friends in America and move to a small aboriginal tribe where she does not understand the language? A place where she does not eat the same food or share the same culture, and almost dies from malaria and other diseases?

What motivates any person to go to the uttermost parts of the earth, or even to a nearby city, and live apart from family, friends and familiar surroundings?

"The notion that every Christian is a missionary, popular as it might be, misconstrues the fundamental nature of the missionary call," says C. Peter Wagner in *On the Crest of the Wave*. "To clarify this matter, the most important consideration is understanding the relationship between the missionary call and the biblical doctrine of spiritual gifts.

"Wagner uses Paul, in contrast to Peter, to illustrate: 'Paul's spiritual gift enabled him to minister in another culture. The best statement of what this missionary gift does is in I Corinthians 9:22 where Paul says, 'I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.' Not everyone can do it. Peter, for example, couldn't. That's why Paul says clearly, 'The gospel for the uncircumcised (Gentiles) had been committed to me, as the gospel of the circumcised (Jews) was to Peter' (Gal. 2:7). If we adopt the hypothesis of the missionary gift, all these pieces fall into place.

"Just having the missionary gift doesn't guarantee that a person will be a good missionary, but it increases the probability considerably. It helps the person learn the new language and culture. It reduces (but never eliminates) the effects of culture shock.

"Wagner defines the gift: 'The missionary gift is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister whatever other spiritual gifts they have in a second culture. It is the specific gift of cross-cultural ministry.

The aim of all missionary endeavors should be a clear and persistent witness in the missionary's words and actions to "Christian truth and life, and the building up of living Christian communities, trustfully leaving to God what He will do with the work of His servants," says Hendrik Kraemer in *The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World*.

With this aim in mind, a missionary is free from anxious thinking and acting and will have a total spiritual outlook of lifting up his eyes to the Lord for his help.

The only valid purpose of missions is to call people to confront God's acts of revelation and His salvation for man as the Bible presents them, and to establish a community of believers who will serve Jesus Christ, Kraemer concludes.

All other motives, such as transmitting Christian ideals into a village, people or civilization, or even instilling the blessings an enlightened spirit can give into an emerging world culture, should be secondary. The same motives that impelled the first apostles are the only valid, tenable motives and should therefore be primary.

The missionary needs an untiring and genuine interest in the ideas, sentiments, institutions—in short, in the total life of the people among whom he works, for the sake of Christ and the people. If a man feels someone is interested in him out of intellectual curiosity or merely to see him converted, and not because he is a person, then there cannot arise a meaningful relationship, that indispensable basis for all spiritual contact between two people. Without this acceptance and relationship, the door to that person and

to his world remains locked.

God's love is remote and abstract. The missionary demonstrates God's love by showing a genuine interest in the total life of the people to whom he goes.

What the people learn of Christ depends largely on what they see of Him in a missionary. Unfortunately, they often see arrogance or even ignorance in a missionary who does not accept or appreciate them in their environment or place in history.

God's love motivates the missionary to reach out to a person in need and communicate God's solutions to his needs. Even when rejected and humiliated, a missionary must continue to have and show a servant's love, or at least be growing toward having that kind of love.

Pride and prejudice are other self-serving motives which have, along with ignorance, contaminated the missionary's message.

Bring Glory to God

Our motivation for missionary work and evangelism has often been misdirected. Going out to seek a lost soul and bringing him into a saving knowledge of Christ seems like a worthy goal. But the missionary's primary goal should be to glorify God.

As Juan Carlos Ortiz, pastor of a large congregation in Buenos Aires, wrote in *A Call to Discipleship*, "We are not going to save souls because of the souls. We are going to extend the kingdom of God because God says so and He is the Lord. Our motivations must be cleaned up."

Judge: No prayer at Graduation

But student delivers religout remarks anyway,drawing loud applause.

Russell Springs - A federal judge barred prayer during a Russell County High School graduation ceremony; it included a religious message nonetheless. Megan Chapman made sure of that. Chapman, chosen by fellow seniors to deliver opening remarks, had planned to include a prayer as had been the practice at commencement for decades. Instead, she talked of her faith and God's love.

"God will never leave you or forsake you," she said drawing a loud standing ovation from the 2,000-plus people packed into the gym.

Many in the conservative county did not agree with U.S. District Judge Judge Joseph McKinley's decision barring the prayer.

Mark Lawless, a minister in Russell Springs, and several members of his church stood at the entrance of the high school holding signs with religious messages. There are more than a 100 churches in the county, and religion is important to many people, he said, calling it a travesty that a minority view could override a majority view.

"They call it a free country (but) they're taking religion right out of the schools. I don't call that free," said Tom Crawford, who was holding a sign that said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Anthony Padgett, whose daughter Misty was graduating, called the judge's ruling wrong.

Kentucky Readies for Another Ten Commandments Battle

Lexington, Ky. (AP) – Kentucky's battle over Ten Commandments displays in state offices may be on again.

The Lexington Urban County Council, the latest government entity to join, voted tentatively by 8-1 to accept a gift of historical documents that includes a framed copy of the commandments, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

This year the state legislature voted to restore a Ten Commandments monument on the state Capitol grounds that was removed by court order in 2000. The American Civil Liberties Union recently filed a lawsuit against that action.

The Lexington donation, from the Body of Christ Ministries in Irvine, would include framed copies of the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence and other documents. The ministry has made offers to a dozen Kentucky counties and only two have turned down the gift. A 2000 poll by Louisville's Courier-Journal showed 86 percent of Kentuckians had no problem with displays in government buildings.

The state has twice gone before the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold displays in public settings. In 1980 the high court threw out a law allowing public school classroom postings and last year it outlawed McCreary County's court-house display.

By JOHN FRIEDLEIN

ELIZABETHTOWN — In the small sanctuary — with its sparkling ceiling and cross that faintly glows blue — Rita Aldridge's strong voice led the congregation in a song about remembrance.

On Sunday, the day before Memorial Day, Faith Apostolic Church dedicated the service to those who have died. And, with a wreath-laying ceremony, they dedicated their new memorial — a granite pillar with a plaque next to a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol on Sept. 2, 2004.

"We know what it means to look at that flag and be proud," Aldridge said.

Her husband, the Rev. David Aldridge, later read the names of church members who have died during the past 20 years. And their pictures were displayed on a communion table in front of an altar.

While today is a time to remember family members, emergency service workers and soldiers who have died, Aldridge had another thing to ask of his congregation Sunday: "Remember God."

They prayed. "God, we're most thankful for the time that we had their acquaintances," Aldridge said. "God, let us never forget them."

Then the congregation filed outside the church on Nicholas Street. Army Maj. Michael Kirkland, a church member, laid a wreath on the monument.

Its inscription reads: "Dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces and civil servants who gave their lives for the freedom and safety of this United States of America, and to the saints and friends of Faith Apostolic Church who have departed this life."

Calendar of Events

July

- 4 - Independence Day
- 10-14 – Teen Camp
- 19-21 – Senior Camp
- 22 - Home Missions Board Meeting
- Ladies Committee Meeting
- 30 – Fifth Sunday Camp Offering

August

(Senior Bible Quizzing Championship
T.B.A.)

- 5 - Youth Committee Planning Session
- 9-11 – North American Ladies
Conference/Louisville
- 28-30 - Vision & Planning Session

September

- 4 - Labor Day
- 10 - Grandparents' Day/Patriots' Day
- 11 – SFC Deadline
- Kentucky Bible Institute
- 18 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 23 - First Day of Autumn

- 25 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 27-10/1 - General Conference in Columbus,
OH
- 30 - 3rd quarter district tithe/dues deadline

October

- 2 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 7 – SOC Crusade – Madisonville/Hendricks
- 9 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 16 – Kentucky Bible Institute
- Section E Christmas For Christ Promotion
- 20 – Section I Christmas For Christ
Promotion
- 21 – Section N Christmas For Christ
Promotion
- 23 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- Section U Christmas For Christ Promotion
- 29 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- Fifth Sunday Camp Offering
- 30 - Kentucky Bible Institute

NOVEMBER

- 5 - Early Pentecostal Disciples' Day
- 6 - Kentucky Bible Institute

- 7 - Election Day
- 10-11 – Minister & Spouse Retreat
- 11 - Veterans' Day
- 10-12 – Singles' Conference/
Elizabethtown – Ron Tiller
- 13 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 19 – Mission of Hope Offering
- 20 - Kentucky Bible Institute
- 23 - Thanksgiving
- 27 – Kentucky Bible Institute

December

- 1 - Mail Christmas cards to
missionaries
- Paid District & Section dues
- 21 - First Day of Winter
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 – New Year's Eve
- 4th quarter district tithe/dues
deadline

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