

Life's Trials

Although I've trusted Jesus as
My Savior, Lord and Friend,
That does not mean my problems
Have all come to an end.
At times I get discouraged.
I want to ask God, "Why?"
I cannot see my circumstance
Through His all-knowing eyes.
He always plans what's best for me,
Although I may not see,
How He could bring forth virtue
From pain or tragedy.
But then I am reminded
Where in His Word I am told,
When I am Tried and tested,
My life shines forth as gold.
The trials and the testings
Are always for my good,
And only through my Father's eye
Can they be understood.

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Sent in by Edmond Wilson,
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But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10

With Love and Prayers,
Wings of Eagles

OUTCAST

Jeremiah 30:17 But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds.' Declares the Lord, 'because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.'

Lord, What Will I Do If I Stop Trusting You?

Lord, What will I do if I ever stop trusting you?
Will I know which way to go when the night
is turning cold, when I'm trapped on every
side and there's nowhere to hide?
Oh, Lord, what will I do if I stop trusting you?
When the storm has come again and I face the
raging wind and my day has turned to night and I
can't tell wrong from right?
Will I give it all to you or try it on my own?
Oh, Lord, what will I do if I stop trusting you?
So, Lord, help me every day to trust you in all I
do and help me, Lord, to pray when I think I can't
go through. For you always know what's best and
I know you'll carry me through, so help me,
Lord, to trust in you.

This is not a poem, but a song that was written by a teenage girl in our church when her daddy had an accident and was in intensive care for over a week. She had an argument with him the night before his accident and of course had a lot of mixed emotions during that time and after she got herself back together, she wrote this song. She has sung it at church and it is such a blessing to hear her and the sweet testimony she gives. This goes to show me that God can give us grace in the storm. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

By the way, her dad did pass away, but she had her heart right.

By: Mary Caldwell

Sent in by, James Carol, Union Corrections, Raiford, Fla.

TIME

Have you ever considered how much time you spend with the Lord???? I dare say, most of us don't. We may be fairly serious about tithing our money, but not too serious about tithing time. It works out to 2 hours and 20 minutes a day...how do you rate? The Word tells us to learn to pray without ceasing, not to hard a task if you are in the habit of consulting God about your daily itinerary...again, most of us aren't, we go ahead and make our own decisions without bringing God into the equation. Your might be surprised at how much He would have to say about the

matter. That still, small voice of His can powerfully affect our hearts and minds, and change them. He always sees the bigger picture and the other people involved plus, the long term implications for all concerned. He always wants what's best for us...all the time.

Personally, I think this present generation is so self-centered it rarely if ever thinks beyond "me" and that's a pity. The Godhead constantly thinks of us and the out workings of our lives. We don't make it easy for him either...beside being selfish, we're stubborn and don't want to be corrected, even by God! I teach a class to prisoners on Healing For Damaged Emotions. It takes us back to the way we were raised, by whom, and how. It is pretty amazing how much the Holy Spirit can bring back to memory scenes long forgotten, or thought to be. We are all as product of our upbringing, good and bad. It is those bad habits and character traits God wants to change by the power of the Holy Spirit in us. However, and it's a big however, we must voluntarily give Him the time through the reading of the Word, prayer, meditation, memorization to show us our flaws and lead us in the proper way to correct them in order for us to be whole, emotionally. Every generation that allows that to happen on a personal basis, breaks the cycle of bad character and it's effect on the next generation. It is sin that is transmitted through the genes and causes the sin to show up in flaws. Only God can correct the mess. That's why Christ came, paid the penalty price for us all, went back to the right hand of the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to finish what He started. The Father desires many sons for His glory, and we, as redeemed sinners are those sons...glory. By: Lynne Farrow

Parable of the Pencil

Sent to us by: Bob Feldhaus, Union Corrections, Raiford, Fla.

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. There are 5 things you need to know, he told the pencil, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

ONE: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand.

TWO: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

THREE: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

FOUR: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

FIVE: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart. Now replacing the place of the pencil with yourself and the Pencil Maker with God: always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

PRAYER OF VICTORY

By M. Basilea Schlink

Sent in by Freddie Lee Williams, Union Corrections, Raiford, Fla.

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus Christ has trod upon the head of the serpent and also conquered its power over me The victory has been won. Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus Christ has abolished the power of death – in my heart and life as well. He has overcome death. Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory: The Lamb, the Lion of Judah, has overcome Satan's power and the power of sin – in my life. Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus has put all His enemies under His feet, in my life as well. The enemy has been overcome. Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus has come to destroy the works of the devil. They are destroyed, in my life also, for Jesus is Victory! Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus redeemed me from every power of sin, for He says, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." This truth avails for me. I have been redeemed from my sinful bonds. Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! I know that my Redeemer lives. He redeems me and remoulds me into a new creature. Jesus sets me free. Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus has disarmed His enemies and made a public show of them. Jesus is Victor over every power of the enemy, also whenever he tries to oppress me. Hallelujah!

In the name of Jesus and in His wounds there is victory! Jesus has the keys of death and Hades. No longer can the enemy harm me, rage as he will. I am redeemed. Jesus is Victor! Hallelujah!

Mobilized Prayer Transforms

By: John Peters

Sent to us by: Guy Bishop, Union Corrections, Raiford, Fla.

History tells us that God always causes an individual or remnant to seek Him to transform His people. Prayer movements have preceded every awakening in Church history, and I believe we are at the dawn of another awakening. It could be the last awakening to sweep the nations of the earth. I hear the Lord asking us the question He asked Prophet Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones: "Son of man can these bones live?"

We all know it's time for America to get back to her foundation built upon the Lord and His Word. God is moving all across the globe in Africa, China and Asia, and His desire is to visit us here once again, provided that God's people mobilize a praying remnant.

Let me encourage you with a story of unified prayer in India. From 1998 to 2004, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliances ruled the nation. These political leaders were notorious for their anti-Christian sentiments and turned a blind eye to many atrocities against Christians. An anti-conversion law prohibited evangelism and baptisms, and Hindu fundamentalists persecuted Christians in every state.

Filled with desperation, Indian Christians began to unite in prayer and look to Jesus for deliverance. Like wildfire, a corporate lifestyle of disciplined prayer emerged, coupled with a deep desire to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread throughout the country. The National Prayer Network of India (NPNI) became a catalyst for mobilization, encouraging 4,000,000 Christians to accept the call to action by praying for the 2004 national election. Every method of prayer, fasting, prayer chains, prayer walks, all-night prayer rallies, etc., could be seen in homes and around local offices, party headquarters and polling centers, all with the purpose of removing anti-Christian leaders from power.

God heard the persistent outcry and responded in unimaginable ways. A minority party not affiliated with fundamentalist Hinduism won India's 2004 election, paving the way for further testimonies of answered prayer. In Madurai, an idolatrous "Temple City" with over 1,000,000 and 3,000 Hindu shrines, Christians were so encouraged by God's hand at work that they initiated 365 days of prayer in Feb. 2005 and declared Aug. 2006 to be a "Month of Prayer." Groups of believers took turns sponsoring a day of prayer and divided Madurai into 35 strategic prayer sections, interceding for transformation. By God's grace, the government destroyed 1,600 Hindu shrines over the next few months, all because a simple traffic study found that roadside shrines were illogically placed and disrupted the flow of travel.

The Lord is calling America to awaken from slumber and pray that the course of our nation would change. At this urgent hour the future of America is in the posture of the American church: clothed in sackcloth, hands lifted in worship, knees bent in surrender and crying with one united voice in a language God understands, tears. Will you join this remnant to pray? There is Hope for our future. God is looking for one man. Let us respond by saying, Here I am, Lord, send me to my knees. Be it unto me according to Your Word.

PRIDE

A Bible study shared by Darci Blandon, Suwannee Annex, Live Oak, Fla.

Psalm 101:5 5 Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure.

Proverbs 16:5,18, 5 Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished. 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 25: There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Proverbs 18:12 Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.

Isaiah 14:12-15 How you are fallen from heaven, O day star, son of dew! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low? But you are brought down to the far reaches of the pit.

James 5 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, God opposed the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5-7 Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time? So that the tested genuineness of your faith more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire may be found to result in Praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Should Children Witness Childbirth?

Sent in by Dennis Parry, Glades Corrections, Belle Glade, Fla.

Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call. The house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3 yr. old girl to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Kathleen did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed and after a little while Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide eyed 3 yr. old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Kathleen Quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place...Smack his ass again!!"

TEXAS BEER JOINT SUES CHURCH OVER LIGHTNING STRIKE

Sent in by Bill Haake, Union Corrections, Raiford, Fla.

Drummond's Bar bean construction on an expansion of their building to increase their business. In response, the local Baptist church started a campaign to block the bar from expanding with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up until the week before the grand reopening when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground.

After the bar burned to the ground as a result of the lightning stride, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, ragging about "the power of prayer," until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means."

In its replay to the court, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise. The judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer and an entire church congregation that now does not."

The next several jokes were sent to us by Floyd Oulton, Union Corrections, Raiford, Fla.

Navy Humor

A Petty Officer 2nd class, First Class and a Chief are off the ship together for lunch. While crossing a park they come upon an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out in a puff of smoke. The Genie says, "I usually only grant 3 wishes, so I'll give each of you just one."

"Me 1st!" says the Petty Officer 2nd class. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, a beautiful woman at my side and not a care in the world." Poof! He's gone.

“Me next!” says the 1st class. “I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of pina coladas and a beautiful woman.” Poof! He’s gone.

“You’re next,” the Genie says to the Chief.

The Chief says, “I want those 2 back on the ship right after lunch.”

Johnny Jokes

Johnny was coming home from church one Sunday morning with his mother. His mother noticed he had a serious look on his face. “What’s on your mind, Johnny?” she asked.

“Is it true what the preacher said about us all coming from dust and turning back to dust?”

“Why, Yes, it is, Johnny,” she said. “Why do you ask?”

“Well, when we get home,” he answered, “You better look under my bed, because someone’s either comin’ or goin!”

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car, both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, “I must be losing my mind, I swear we just went through a red light.”

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection and the light was red again, and again they went right through. This time the woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red, but was really concerned that she was mistaken.

She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention to the road and the next intersection to see what was going on.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they went right through. She turned to the woman driving and said, “Mildred! Did you know we just ran through 3 red lights in a row! You could have killed us!”

Mildred turned to her and said, “Oh, am I driving?”

And now some stuff from my files.

Laws that we live under

Law of Mechanical Repair After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch & you’ll have to pee.

Law of Gravity Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of you act.

Law of Random Numbers If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal & someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will,

Law of Biomechanics The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet & who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies & stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces The chances of an open faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness & cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctor's Law If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better...But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Don't forget if you move even if it is to freedom and you want to continue to hear from us please write us, if you know of a friend, family member or even an enemy who would like to be on our mailing list please tell us their address and birth month. If you would like your name in print just send us your testimony, some words of wisdom, or anything else that you might like to share even your release date so we can rejoice with you. Send the info to PO Box 944, Malaga, NJ 08328 Atten: Sara. Thanks