

Tabitha

Doreas of the Bible

Led in Peace

"Ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace."

--Isaiah IV. 12

With joy thou shalt be girded,

With peace thou shalt be led;

And everlasting glory shall rest upon thy head;

The hills break forth in singing;

the shadows flee away:

This is thy King and Saviour--

He will not say thee "Nay!"

-- Frances Ridley Havergal

His Presence

Oh Saviour if Thy presence here

Can such bright joy impart

What must it be in that sweet home

Where Thou its glory art

Here through faith's vision small and fine

One glimpse of Thy dear face

Kindles a glow in lonely hearts,

No cloud can e'er efface.

--Cecilia Havergal

LUKE 8:48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

LUKE 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

LUKE 8:54-55 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

LUKE 9:2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

The Story of Tabitha

ACT.9:32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

ACT.9:33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

ACT.9:34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

ACT.9:35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

ACT.9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

ACT.9:37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

ACT.9:38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

ACT.9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

ACT.9:40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

ACT.9:41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

ACT.9:42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

ACT.9:43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Apostle Luke:

I have come to help you learn the art of making-well the bodies and souls of mankind. I did the best I could in leaving the tinkering ways to learn of the Heavenly healing that could be available to those followers of the King.

Can you imagine how thrilled I was to discover that the greatest healing could be given without the shedding of blood, or giving of ground up potions, but rather through faith in the name Jesus Christ, and through the forgiveness of sins. This was a thrill to be for sure, for I indeed always did wish to make life better for others.

I saw the sorrowful effects of the illness of the world in which I lived, in that era of world history. And it was a painful life indeed, without most of all the comforts you enjoy in your life there. But rather than remain snug in your little world of semi-perfection, the fact that you wish to help as many souls as you can, is a great feat and noble.

It would be easy to settle down and dream only of what would make your life yet all the more better, forgetting that many millions don't have even a fraction of what you there enjoy as "normal" or "mundane". Indeed most of the luxuries you have are long sought for treasures by many who nearly never have it. But you are destined to use this good start in life to change the world for the better; not merely in helping bodies, but in curing the ills of the world that stem from lust, lack, lawlessness, and low living methods.

You can do so much more than just settle for helping to cure a body, you can change the world, literally. But will you? That choice is up to do, day by day, what you choose to do to bring in the power of God, for that is truly the only thing—the one and only thing that will change anything for the better.

If you want to leave your mark on this world, don't try to do things that everyone has already done, and will keep trying to do, to the end of time. Be the unique creation that you were meant to be. Do more than help heal bodies, but change minds. That is a much tougher task.

Bodies may heal naturally, but minds have to be won over through persuasion, through input, through facts that play out in the real world, through the gradual chipping away of wrong ideas that have been building up for so long and replacing them with new and positive growth and good concepts.

Heal hearts through reaching their minds first of all. Once the minds have been reached, and the heart's touched by what they see and hear and read, then with new faith in their hearts, healing of body and soul, full healing all over, can take place. If the root of the problem—the fear, the pain of loss, the anger and hurt—isn't cured,

then no matter what you try, all kinds of health complications will keep cropping up.

Salvation and belief in Christ comes first, then supernatural healing in its deepest and most profound way can be experienced. Have you experienced it? Let Christ fully in—to your heart and mind, and then you will become a powerhouse, a house to house the power of God's Spirit, the greatest healer of all, as all of us can attest to.

Do you want the power of healing at your fingertips? Get in touch with God and let Him remake you, rearrange things in your soul, and make a large place for Him to set up and dwell. Then whatever you touch—whether a touch screen or the hand of someone, a plant you grow, or whatever work Jesus has for you, it will be blessed, for it is Jesus touching these things through you. And whatever He touches, He changes.

PRAISE

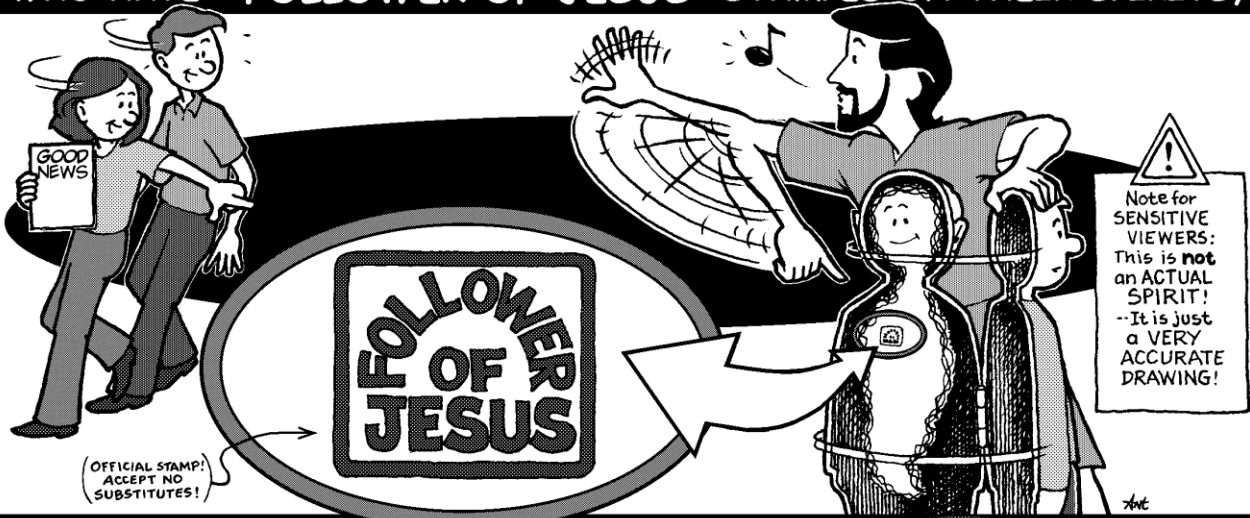
Jesus, I thank You so much that You understand me and love me. I thank You that even when I don't know what to say to express my love and thanks to You, You understand and You have compassion and mercy. Your mercy is so great, it is incomprehensible, it is indescribable, and it is renewed for me every morning.

Every day is a new day. You don't remember my past sins; You don't remember the things that I've done wrong. You make every morning new, every day fresh, so that I can start over again and continue to love You.

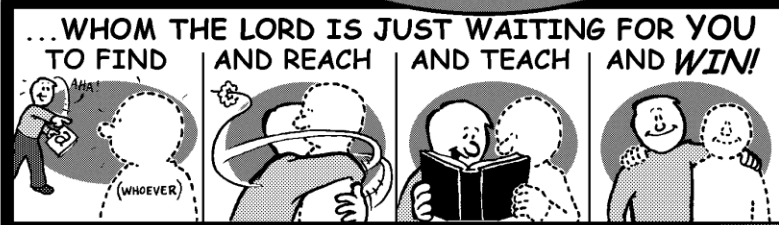
I thank You that I don't have to be worried about what I have done in the past—the times I've erred and strayed and haven't loved You like I should. Thank You that You forgive, and that I can just do my best today and love You with all of my heart. Thank You that You make it so easy for me and that I can simply take it one day at a time. I don't even have to worry about the whole day; I can take it one minute at a time.



AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE IN YOUR CITY OR AREA, THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE "FOLLOWER OF JESUS" STAMPED ON THEIR SPIRITS,

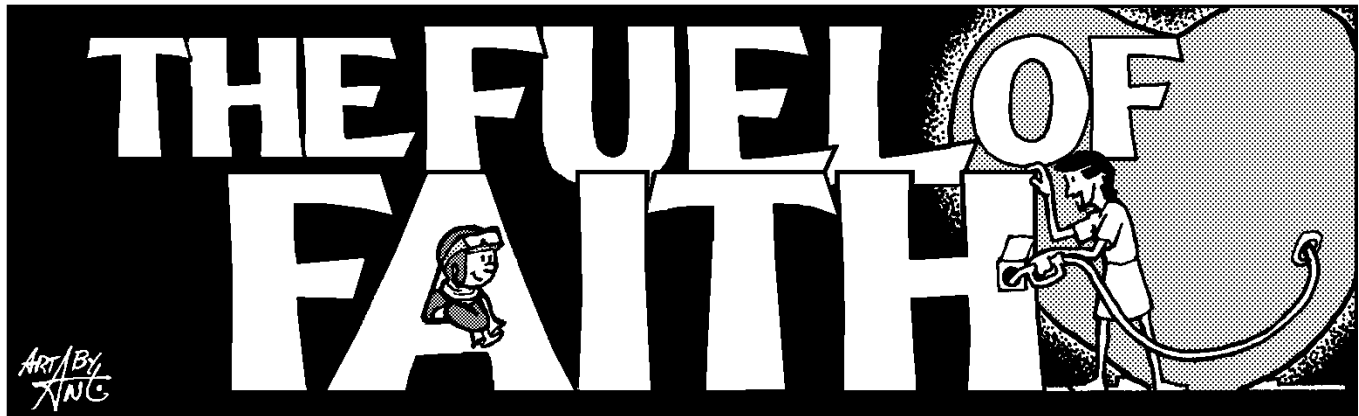


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EVERYBODY NEEDS WHAT WE HAVE TO GIVE!
EVERYBODY NEEDS JESUS!

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From Jesus With Love

Enjoy being you, because you are wonderful! Enjoy being you, because you are full of life! Enjoy being you, because you have so much to pour out to others. Enjoy being you, and enjoy My life that I have given you.

Please accept and trust that these Words are with love from My heart personally to you. I love you, and I pray for you, that not only will your faith fail not, but that your faith will grow-your faith in Me and in yourself. I love you.

The joy of the Lord is your strength. How do you get this joy? It's actually very simple: Love Me with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength, and also remember to love others. Don't worry about what others may think or their opinions. Just do the loving thing and the humble thing. In fact, people will love and respect you more for that. Remember to show outgoing love and concern for others, and I will fill you with My joy, My peace, and My happiness.

Master's Arts

Jesus' Love for us—Loving Him in return—Communing

The Master says:

“I love you, and the best way to say you love Me is by trusting that I am real, and to tell Me that you need Me. I love to be needed. Can you believe that I am just too big and grand to be seen—unless I make myself very, very small so a human can see Me in the way they do other humans?”

“Just because you can't see Me doesn't mean that you are out of My sight. Not only are you always in My sight and full view, but I know your every need, your every thought, and what your future is going to be. You just have to love Me by showing trust in My plans, and follow where I lead you. This is the best way to say you love me. Trust and love support one another. The more you trust Me, the more I'll show you how much I love you.”

LAMBIBITS

(Lessons, anecdotes, messages, Bible-based beliefs, inspirational talks, and sayings.)

God is continuing to promote His Message--that people can live the way Jesus and the Disciples did--the way Jesus taught that we all should live--in happiness and unity and fellowship with each other, and that He would supply all our needs, and in the process help us to further His Message and Way of Living.

If you want the Truth, you must always go to the top--to the One who said it first! It's like that little game of Gossip--by the time the word or sentence is whispered around the circle, it is totally distorted, and comes out completely different from the original word. God says, "Because they received not the love of the truth, He shall send them strong delusion, that they might believe a lie." (2Thes.2:11) If you don't believe the truth, you have to fill your heart with something. You have to believe something, so God lets you believe something other than the truth, which, if it is not the truth, is a lie.

Remember, sin is not just doing something dreadfully bad. Even worse, it is getting out of line with God's Will, leading people astray, away from what God wants for them. The Bible says, "The law of his God is in his heart, and none of his steps shall slide." If it isn't in his heart, his steps will slide, and he'll get off the right track. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people would do what Jesus said to do?

They said about the early Christians, that they were turning the world upside down! You know why they were able to do that? Because they did what God said to do, what they could do, and then God did the rest! That's what God's doing with us; we're poor, weak, not very well educated, most of us--but God said He takes the foolish things to confound the wise, and the weak things of this world to confound the mighty, and things which are despised and things which are not, to bring to nothing things that are.

That means that no matter how young you are, no matter how little you know, no matter how few talents you have, or how poorly you speak--that God can use you--in fact, in the Scripture I just gave you about the foolish things (1Cor.1:27), it says that God actually takes this kind of person to use! So if you feel you are nothing, and you're no good--then cheer up!--God can use you, and has a special place for you in His Kingdom! --Pastor David

Inspiring True Stories from History: Chasing Crocodiles

***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the Devil, and he will fall from you.
(James 4:7)***

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)

Have you ever heard the saying, “The only thing to be afraid of [allowing] is fear itself”? That means we should not tolerate or give place to a feeling of fear. If we let it grip our heart and mind then it will control us. It will take away our freedom to do what we must do. Most of all, fear hinders us from freely serving the Lord.

If we are submitted to or in obedience to Jesus Christ, He is well able to protect us and give us all the courage, grace and faith that is needed. If God is the one empowering us and in control of our lives, then we have the authority, in Jesus’ name to resist all evil from His and our adversary, the Devil.

So, since the Devil can’t do much else, to us who are protected by God, he tries to weaken us and control us through fear. If our spiritual enemy can get us to think his fearful thoughts and distressing imaginations and crippling worries, then he can gain more and more control of our actions—or rather make us very inactive.

When I read this ancient true story quoted below, I thought it incredible. It’s not telling you what to do if you face this type of fearsome beast when out in the wild. This is not practical advice in the physical world today—for if you tried it, I doubt you would have the upper hand and would meet the fate others have.

However, even though a true story, I ask you to look at it as a parable for the lessons we can derive from it. Being well acquainted with my own personal victory over fear when in my teen years, this story stirred me. If you too give it some thought, you may see that it holds a great key to liberating us from the fear that makes us unable to conquer and win against the bad that seeks to snare and entrap all those who have set out on their mission for our Master and Maker.

(From “Curious Creatures in Zoology”, compiled/ by John Ashton in 1890. Spelling of words updated.)

“The greatest terror unto Crocodiles, as both Seneca and Pliny affirm, are the inhabitants of the Isle Tentyrus within Nilus, for those people make them run away with their voices, and many times pursue and take them in snares.

“Of these people speaketh Solinus in this manner: There is a generation of men in the Isle Tentyrus within the waters of Nilus, which are of a most adverse nature to the Crocodile, dwelling also in the same place. And, although their persons or presence be of small stature, yet herein is their courage admired, because at the sudden sight of a Crocodile, they are no whit daunted; for one of these dare meet and provoke him to run away.

“They will also leap into Rivers and swim after the Crocodile, and, meeting with it, without fear cast themselves upon the Beasts back, riding on him as upon a horse. And if the Beast lift up his head to bite him, when he gapeth they put into his mouth a wedge, holding it hard at both ends with both their hands, and so, as it were with a bridle, lead, or rather drive, them captives to the Land, where, with their noise, they so terrify them ... and because of this antipathy in Nature, the Crocodiles dare not come near to this Island.” (End of book excerpt.)

If these people would have looked at the frame of their own body and compared it with that of the fearsome creatures, they could have done like most everyone else on Earth does—lived in fear and suffered many sorrows from this creature who would have surely taken the advantage. But they instead chose to “give no place” and turned the situation around. Instead of being in fear, they were feared. They sent both fear and their enemy scrambling by their courage. They kept in charge of their habitation through faith and use of their voices loudly, and thus kept it safe for their families.

We have to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and be as a vacuum for His loving, good, and all-powerful Spirit. And at the same time we must maintain an utter hatred, vehemently so, for anything pertaining in any form to God’s adversary. Anything that is manifested both in the physical world of material possessions, literature, other media, and practices; as well as in the realm of the unseen in the spiritual. If we do as the Bible admonitions, “Neither give place to the Devil, (Ephesians 4:27)” and we wholly desire God in every part of our life, thoughts and doings, then we can be fully empowered.

The Word of God is the most powerful force around. If fear or troubles of the enemy start to be inflicted on our minds and hearts, our voices, too, can be a very strong force when we use them to quote God’s Word and sing faith-building songs to Him. Singing a song of faith and praise can make one victorious.

The way to victory over fear’s paralyzing control of our life? Do not allow it any spot. Instead, do the thing you fear, with the power and Word and name of Jesus in your heart and voice, and you will then be set free. You may have to boldly do so several times, but eventually the habits of your mind will change. Instead of fearful imaginations, you will look to Jesus and let His faith fill your heart. You will be free at last to do that which you know is good and right, without the fears and evil imagery attempting to stop you.

Pray, in Jesus name, with other strong believers, for the grip of fear in all its forms to be let go, along with any hold the enemy is trying to have on you. You must fight in prayer and then trust that God heard and answered. The next part is up to you.

Plunge boldly, fearlessly, into that humble duty, task or situation that you were previously hindered from freely doing when fear gripped you. But this time, use your voice, out loud in praiseful song to Jesus, and quote promises aloud from the Bible, and you can know that your very presence together with the Spirit of God will chase away what it is that you are tempted to fear. *“I will fear no evil, for though art with me,”* King David said to the Lord, in Psalm 23.



IF YOU'D LIKE ME TO HELP, YOU COULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

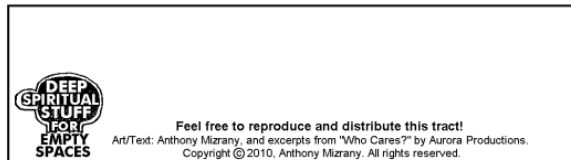
"JESUS, I DON'T KNOW WHY I KEEP GETTING INTO THESE LOUSY MOODS. PLEASE COME INTO MY HEART AND LIFE AND HELP ME TO GET MY MIND STRAIGHT, AND STOP THINKING ABOUT EVERY BAD THING THAT MIGHT HAPPEN!"

"HELP ME TO KNOW WHAT IS ACTUALLY BAD SO I CAN AVOID IT, AND WHAT IS ONLY 'IMAGINARY-BAD' THAT JUST MAKES ME AFRAID TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL! JESUS, SHOW ME WHAT I CAN SAY OR DO OR THINK, THAT WILL MAKE MY LIFE MORE LIKE HEAVEN RIGHT NOW! THANK YOU."



AND REMEMBER:
THERE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE BUMPS, OBSTACLES, AND NAGGING PROBLEMS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR DAY TURN SOUR--IF YOU LET THEM. SOME DAYS, IT'S WORSE THAN OTHERS. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY MISERABLE JUST BECAUSE THINGS STARTED THAT WAY.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO TURN AROUND AND START BEING HAPPY.
WHY NOT START RIGHT NOW?



THINGS AREN'T WORKING OUT A VERY WELL TODAY.
YOU'RE HAVING ONE PROBLEM AFTER ANOTHER

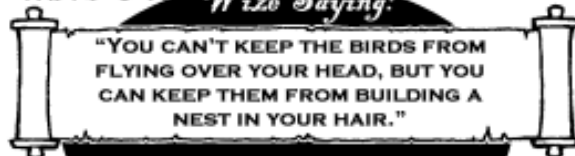
--NAGGING LITTLE THINGS THAT MAYBE WOULDN'T MATTER SO MUCH IF YOU WERE IN A BETTER MOOD,



YOU DON'T MEAN TO BARK AT PEOPLE OR GIVE THEM A HARD TIME, BUT YOU CAN'T SEEM TO HELP IT.



THERE'S A *Wise Saying:*



UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN THE FIRST LITTLE "GRUMP BIRD" CAME FLYING OVER YOUR HEAD THIS MORNING,



YOU LET HIM LAND AND START BUILDING HIS NEST,

AND NOW YOU'RE CAUGHT IN A VICIOUS CYCLE OF GRUMPINESS.



BUT YOU CAN BREAK THE CYCLE!

THAT'S WHERE I COME IN! I CAN HELP, IF YOU WANT. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T DO, AND I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU! I'M READY! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK!

Thoughts and True Stories

Dr. Mclean tells how he was rebuked and humbled on a certain occasion when he repeated a grave matter he had heard to a friend. His friend opened his Bible to Deuteronomy 13:14 and read: "If thou shalt hear say ... then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain that such abomination is wrought among you ..."

Then his friend turned quietly to him and asked: "Have you, dear brother, enquired?"

"Have you 'made search?'"

"Did you 'ask diligently?'"

"Did you try and find out if the story is true?"

"And is the thing 'certain?'"

"Is it certain that 'such abomination is wrought among you?'"

Dr. Mclean says he could only acknowledge regretfully that he had not fulfilled any one condition and was repeating the tale from hearsay without making the slightest attempt to act thereon in a Scriptural way.

Anecdotes from Dwight L. Moody

-- I remember a gentleman of Boston, a man high in life, a Congressman, who was accustomed to carry with him little cards and distribute them wherever he went, and on some of these cards were words like these: "I expect to pass through this world but once, and therefore if there be any kindness I can show, if there is anything I can do to make men happy, I shall do it, for I may not pass this way again."

-- If we are going to be successful, we have got to take our stand for God, and let the world and everyone know we are on the Lord's side. I have great respect for the woman that started out during the war with a poker. She heard the enemy were coming and went to resist them. When some one asked her what she could do with the poker, she said she would at least let them know what side she was on. And that is what we want.

Stories from: Remarkable Answers to Prayer (Compiled by S.B. Shaw)

Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, related the following:

"When Dr. George E. Shipman and wife, of Chicago, came to see us in Copenhagen, I was much impressed with the striking and interesting incidents Mrs. S. told us, in connection with their faith-work in the Foundlings' Home. For instance, when they had put all they had in the Home, and there was a payment of six hundred dollars to be made, and it could no longer be postponed, for the man to whom it was due said:

'Business is business, and I must have my money, and I will send my son for it in the morning;' they betook themselves to prayer, hoping the postman would bring them a letter containing the required amount; but he did not. Soon after he passed, a man rang the bell, and left an envelope containing a check for six hundred dollars, as a present from the mayor of the city, who was not a religious man; but his wife, who was then in Europe, was interested in the Home, and he sent the money on her account. Directly after it came they handed the check for the amount to the man who was expected to call for it. In a similar way, Dr. Shipman on another occasion received four hundred dollars a little while before it was needed, and often got smaller sums in answer to prayer.

