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Whenever It Breaks

Michael W. McLemore

An old monastery stands in Europe perched high on a cliff, several hundred feet in the air. The only way to reach the monastery is to be suspended in a basket which is pulled to the top by several monks who pull and tug with all their strength. Obviously the ride up the steep cliff in that basket is terrifying.

One tourist got exceedingly nervous about half-way up as he noticed that the rope by which he was suspended was old and frayed. With a trembling voice he asked the monk who was riding with him in the basket how often they changed the rope. The monk thought for a moment and answered serenely: "Whenever it breaks," *Humor for All Occasions*, 94.

It's shocking that someone would wait that long before changing the rope. It only makes sense that the rope ought to be changed long before reaching that point. But doesn't God operate the same way in our lives? If we were to ask God when His word is empowered to

change our lives, His answer might well be, "Whenever you break!"

You see, our lives can only change once we have what the Bible refers to as a "broken spirit." As long as we remain arrogant and determined to do things our way, God can't shape us and mold us. Like a wild stallion, we remain useless until we are "broken." "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit," *Psalms 34:18*.

We tend to want to stubbornly do things our own way. Christ told His disciples that life in Him begins when and only when we are willing to "deny self." Essentially the child of God must submit to the Christ as Lord, ruler, of life. He must guide. He must lead. He must direct.

Making Christ King of our life begins with a "broken spirit," a "contrite heart." Our shortcomings are many. Humbly listening has not been our norm. Submit to Him now. □

THE CHURCH

A Product of Divine Wisdom

Behind every counterfeit is there not an authentic original? Thus, at back of the multiplicity of popular churches of modern "Christendom" there is the one, true "church of the living God." Back beyond all of the corruptions of men and time there is a single divine original from which they have by digression come.

It may seem bold to assert that modern denominationalism is the progeny of the fallible wisdom of mortal men. May we ask, "Is there any other conclusion that can be drawn?" Unequivocally the church of the New Testament in stark contrast to the former is the product of the infinite, infallible, ineffable wisdom of an eternal God of the universe. Paul penned the following concerning the church of our Lord to the brethren in Ephesus: "...To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord," *Ephesians 3:10-11, KJV*.

Two thoughts should be emphasized from Paul's inspired statement relative to our topic: First, the church of our Lord was an integral part of God's eternal purpose with reference to the redemption and ultimate glorification of man. It was not as some contend a "spiritual contingent" made necessary by the unbelief and rejection of Christ by infidel Jews. Second, the church of our Lord exists as a living witness to the infinite, eternal wis-

dom of Jehovah. It is, therefore, in all of its attributes a product of Heavenly wisdom. It is divine in name, doctrine, worship, mission and organization. Each of these is a product of the infinite wisdom of an omniscient God. The multiplicity of religious denominations which characterize modern "Christendom" have grown out of a dissatisfaction on man's part with the church as fashioned by the wisdom of the eternal architect and a digression from his original blueprint. Their very existence constitutes a challenge to and a repudiation of the wisdom of God. To lay unholy hands upon "God's building," *1 Corinthians 3:9*, to alter it by addition, subtraction or substitution is to be guilty of presumption and rebellion. It is to rob God of his glory.

It is axiomatic that whatever God institutes for specific purposes is wholly adequate for the accomplishment of those purposes. Infinite wisdom does not produce inadequate results. Whatever, therefore is divine, a product of divine wisdom, is also all-sufficient. Divinity and all-sufficiency are inseparable attributes. We do not need "a twenty-first century church for an aerodynamic, worldwide web generation." Were the church the product of human genius a revised streamlined church would be in order. Born of divine wisdom, the church of our Lord is perfect in conception and design. What the world needs is the restoration of a first century church to a twenty-first century people. To this end, we preach, pray, work and hope. □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Forest Summers is scheduled for a scan in this week. Please pray for a positive result. Also remember **Dot** in your prayers. Forest has a lot on his plate right now. He needs the Lord's care and our petitions on his behalf.

Betty Reavis received the results of her scans — a couple of suspicious places; nothing definitive. Please pray for **Betty & Bill**.

Ron Harmon remains on our daily prayer list. We are so thankful for the progress that he has made. Say **Ron & Phyllis'** names to our Father each time you approach His throne.

Kathryn Wall, Edith Turner's sister, has been diagnosed with COVID. So far she has shown not symptoms. Pray for sister Wall.

A Note From Forest Summers

Dear Weatherly Family,

Serving as an elder often involves engaging in stressful and troublesome situations that take much time and are difficult to deal with. In view of severe family medical conditions that I must deal with daily, I don't feel I can fulfill my role as an elder.

While I am dealing with my family medical issues, I wish to step aside serving as an elder for the Weatherly church.

Please continue to keep me and family in your prayers.

Forest Summers

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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7-10	Will Starks	7-19	Jim Ehl
7-19	Peggy Shelton	7-27	Donna Godette
7-29	Mike McLemore	7-31	Phillip Dill

Prayer of a Father

Author Unknown

Build me a son, oh Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak... and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid. One who will be proud and unbending in defeat... but humble and gentle in victory... a son who will know that to know himself is the foundation stone of all true knowledge. Rear him.. I pray... not in the paths of ease and comfort... but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm... here let him learn compassion for those who fail. Build me a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men. Build me a son whose heart will be clean... whose goal will be high. One who will learn to laugh... yet never forget how to weep. One who will reach into the future... yet never forget the past. And after all these are his... add... I pray... enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious... yet never take himself too seriously... a touch of humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness... the open mind of true wisdom... the meekness of true strength. Then... I... his father... will dare in the sacred recesses of my own heart to whisper, "I have not lived in vain!" ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Collis Terry	Bobby Wright



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, July 5

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:

2 Timothy 4:1-5
Mike McLemore
What's Real Preaching

Closing Prayer:

Sunday, July 12

Mike McLemore
Jared Jimison

TBA
Jared Jimison
TBA

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **CANCELLED** **CANCELLED**

Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM** **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, June 17

Songs Leader:
Invitation: **Streamed Bible Study** **Streamed Bible Study**
Closing Prayer:

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

**We regret to announce that our
2020 Lectures have been cancelled.**

None

Quarterly Adult Classes
July — September 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Lessons from Joshua
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Letters from John
Mike McLemore

Serving in July

**Serving on the Lord's
Table AM**
**** Overseer**

Lord's Supper PM

**Communion Prep
Building Lockup**

