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Assume the Risk

Michael W. McLemore

Esther reached a point in her life when standing for Jehovah became risky and dangerous. The Lord placed her in a position of influence, but using that power could cost the young woman her life. It came time for Esther to assume the risk associated with faith.

Few are called to be kings or queens, but we have all been given places of influence to one degree or another. The children of God have to believe that serving Christ in whatever circumstance we find ourselves is His will for our life in this generation. As long as you are breathing you have work to do!

How will you respond to that duty? It seems there are only two options: cooperate by submitting to His will, or resist. Trying to avoid or ignore the opportunities He presents is a form

of resistance. Maybe the cost of obedience seems too high, but what about the cost of disobedience?

Eventually, every Christian is going to encounter a situation that tests his or her willingness to obey God. When that time comes, remember the lesson from Esther. If you refuse, the Lord will use someone else, and you will lose the opportunity. Maybe you have come to this place “for such a time as this.” Be an influence for Christ in our dark world!

Serving God isn’t always easy, but the time will come when we must assume the risk! Each step will reveal the faithfulness of our Lord, encouraging us to trust Him in the next opportunity He provides. As our faith grows, His perfect timing will become evident, and we’ll look with joy and expectation for what awaits us. □

God’s Unchanging Promises

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“So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 6:17-20

Men sometimes fail to keep their word. Though it may seem to happen more often than not, as a general rule it is the exception rather than the rule. Several childhood experiences, on which I will reserve commentary, taught me to be prepared for the consequences that not all MEN keep their word. But, God always keeps His word; in that we trust and rejoice.

Every promise of God is, like himself, absolutely unchangeable. Hebrews 6:17-20 is a powerful treatise on this assurance, and the hope that God’s people have in His unchanging nature and the anchor to which the faithful cling.

The phrase translated “unchangeable” in the ESV is sometimes rendered “immutable,” as in the KJV. The Hebrew writer related that God does two utterly immutable things in the issue of His promised blessing of those who preserve in hope after the fashion of Abraham. **He speaks it!** And then, **He confirms it with an oath**, swearing by His own unchangeable nature.

In His word and His oath, men, who live like refugees in a dying world, find strength. Abraham did; we do! We find hope only in Him. Abraham did; we do!

Hope for the child of God in any age, is his essential anchor, to which he or she clings. That anchor is reliable because the place at which it is affixed is reliable — the very presence of God.

Three words are appropriately highlighted in this context. First, anchor, Greek *agkyra*, or “safeguard” an emblem of hope in the first century world. The hope of the faithful is our safeguard, because it is fastened in the presence of an immutable God. Second, “sure,” Greek *asphales*, “firm.” People in an advanced nation see the word “asphalt” in the word, as we rely upon pavement as a sure footing for our automobiles. The term suggests a certainty of our hope in God’s word and oath. Third, “steadfast,” Greek *bebaios*, “trustworthy or unshaken.” Taken together these three words suggest our hope is thrown upward beyond the celestial waters and has found its trusted ground beyond the veil, Milligan 235.

Jesus, as “High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” has become the forerunner of the faithful, affixing the anchor. In so doing He has become superior to all others who served as High Priests on earth. Ultimately and finally, Jesus has fixed the hope of Abraham and his seed in heaven. Christians are benefactors of God’s unchanging promises. □



Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

W.D. Patrick had a fall a week ago last Friday and struck his head pretty hard on the concrete. Several days of not feeling well resulted in a visit to his family doctor and that in a scan. Thankfully the scan revealed no abnormality. We are thankful.

Julie Singleton's sister, **Lauren McNatt**, was hospitalized with a complication with her pregnancy at 31 weeks. She will remain in the hospital until she delivers. Her little one will require immediate gastro-intestinal surgery upon birth. Please pray for this sweet mother, baby and family.

Betty Reavis continues in the forefront of our daily prayers. We are trusting the Lord for her comfort. Remember **Bill** and their family as you pray.

Ron Harmon is doing well. Your prayers for the Harmons are greatly appreciated. We are thankful for the measure of strength that he has recovered. Pray for **Ron & Phyllis**.

Ruth Mitchell is scheduled to meet with her Oncologist Monday. We are praying the approach to treating her cancer will not involve chemo or radiation. Pray for Ruth.

Continue to pray or **Debbie Harbin's** comfort. We are praying that she will get the help she needs to be better and pain free soon.

Dot Summers has a daily interest in our petitions for her. Remember **Forest** as he cares for her.

June Furlough asked that we remember a family two family friends in prayer — **Preston Porter**, who is a Christian in Florence. He has

COVID; and **Myra Barnett**.

Lori Eakes continues to progress following her surgery. Your prayers are much appreciated by **Lori & Sam**.

Gwyn McLemore's mom, **Linda Beber**, continues to heal normally and we are thankful. "Thank you one and all for your prayers and expressions of interest in Gwyn's mother."

Gwyn & Mike

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis **Laura Phillips**
Jean Woodard **Melvin Godette**
Glenda Cavender **Steven Guice**

WEATHERLY UPDATES

UPDATES: We are happy to report that our family continues to "dodge the germ." So far, so good! Unfortunately many may lose their mind from home confinement! We are praying that won't be the case. It would be impossible to list all who are totally confined to home in this space. But, we can all pray for them. We continue to meet on "Sunday only" for now.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Mike is continuing his live stream Bible class series on **Lessons from Joshua**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike is continuing his "Start Anew" series. Today his lesson is entitled **You can Still Come Home**. His text is **Luke 15:11-32**.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We will email a link Sunday.

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike's textual study of 1 Peter continues. Class streams at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



August 23, 2020

8-23	Janice Schrimsher	8-24	Mike Coward
8-24	Lucas Hatcher	8-24	Marty Hunt
8-25	Ron Harmon	8-26	Kirk Hatcher
8-27	Bill McCord	8-28	Adelaide Hatcher
9-5	Kim Barnett	9-8	Melissa Skinner
9-9	Abbey Craig	9-9	Anna Skinner
9-14	Brooke Hatcher	9-17	Aurora Leshko

Not Worried Unknown

The Lord is my light
and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the defense
of my life;
Whom shall I dread?
— Psalm 27:1

MANY spiritual leaders claim to provide some sort of special insight into this life, and especially into the next. Each is human in its origin, and therefore flawed.

The mistakes they lead people in to show those flaws all too clearly. My light is Jesus. I'm not worried.

MANY philosophies claim to give their adherents some sense of worth — a necessary goal, since we all intuitively are dissatisfied with ourselves and discouraged by the flaws in our character and our behavior. But still the feelings of guilt remain. The assurance is superficial. My salvation is Jesus. I'm not worried.

MANY weapons, both literal and figurative, are available to ward off the physical, emotional and social ills of this life. But the troubles remain, and even multiply. My defense is Jesus. I'm not worried.

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." Won't you put your implicit trust in Him alone? He is ALL we need, not matter the promises of men, philosophies or powers. Walk with Him today! ☐

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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Ron Harmon **Kirk Hatcher**
David Jacks **Hill Roberts**
Collis Terry **Bobby Wright**

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 16

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading: **Luke 15:11-32**
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
You Can Still Come Home

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED
Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, August 19

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

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

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

Sunday, August 23

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading: **Ruth 1:15-18**
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
A New Land, A New Life

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED
Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, August 26

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

None

Quarterly Adult Classes
July — September 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons from Joshua
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

1 Peter
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

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

Lord's Supper PM **

**Communion Prep
 Building Lockup**

