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Following Instructions

Michael W. McLemore

The instructions didn't seem unreasonable. Taking the city of Jericho was no small assignment. Joshua needed guidance to be sure. He faced one of the most crucial moments of his life. But the instructions recounted in Joshua 6 came with a powerful assurance – "See, I have given Jericho into your hand," 2.

Joshua knew the outcome of the battle against Jericho. The Lord promised him success. The specific strategies God gave him for any military leader were certainly atypical. But despite any concern they may have felt, Joshua and the entire army believed the Lord. They followed the unusual plan to the letter.

We will never be tasked to overthrow a fortified Palestinian city. But we will be called to obedience to God's Word. At times it might even seem to go against our natural reasoning. It is easy in those times to hesitate, rationalize, and then make excuses for why we couldn't possibly do what He says to do in this unusual circumstance.

Consider some areas where we excuse disobedience. We tend to hold on to our anxiety in spite of the command to "not be anxious about anything," *Philippians 4:6*. We hold on to the sins of others despite the charge "Forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you," *Ephesians 4:32*. We cling to things in contradiction of the clear admonition to set not "your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy," *1 Timothy 6:17*. We lament challenges rejecting the command to "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds," *James 1:2*.

If the Lord charged us to take an insurmountable city, I think most would say, "Sign me up! I'm in." But in lesser matters, that are not lesser at all, we fold and plead, "It's too hard!" or, "It doesn't make sense!" Remember Joshua. While God's directives don't always make sense, He insists they are for our good. Our job is to trust His wisdom and obey. □

HITTING THE MARK

By James W. Adams

In the little booklet called *Daily Inspirations*, the following epigram arrested my attention: "You must aim to hit your goal; then pull the trigger," Jean War-Jones. It set me to thinking and resulted in this essay.

This epigram assumes the necessity for and importance of having a goal. Students of life have often noted this. Someone has said, "If you don't know where you are going, how do you know if you are headed in the right direction?" I might add this: When you get to a stopping place, how do you know if you are where you wanted to be? Another author said, "No wind is favorable to a ship without a direction." In the realm of the spiritual, Paul impresses upon us the necessity and importance of a goal saying, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," *Philippians 3:14*. It has also been said that a certain person "hit what he was shooting at, nothing!"

Assuming one has a target — goal or aim, he must also have a gun. One cannot do target practice without a gun. In reference to life, whether in material or spiritual matters, each one of us has certain capabilities — some innate and some acquired. However, if one has a gun but does not know how to use it, he is not likely to hit his mark. Each one of us need to concentrate on learning how to use what he has. Too many aspire to do what they are not equipped by nature or acquisition to do, hence end up doing nothing. This has been emphasized in verse by an anonymous poet: "It matters not how the winds may blow, for it's the set of the sails and not the gales that determines the way we go."

Another consideration is the fact that we

must be sure the gun is suited to the target which we have selected as our mark. One does not hunt grizzly bears with a twenty-two rifle. This is to say that we should be realistic in setting our goals for ourselves in the realm of the spiritual.

Next, we must load our guns. This simply means that we must complement our capabilities with the energy necessary to make them practically effective in the attainment of our goals. It has been said, "It's not inspiration so much as it is perspiration that results in the attainment of our goals."

Having loaded the gun, it is necessary to take aim at the target. This suggests proper focus. Hunters call this sighting-in. Too many of us are "hit or miss" in pursuing goals. We do not consistently keep our eyes on our targets. This requires a high degree of self-discipline. The word of God refers to this as being "single-minded."

Last but not least, we must pull the trigger. This is best described by the expression "follow through." In a sports, following through is quiet as important as the approach. This is true in baseball, in golf, in basketball and in football. It is also true in moral and spiritual matters. Many goals are quiet laudable and the approach to their accomplishment classical, but the end is not accomplished because of a failure to faithfully follow through. We just fail to "pull the trigger." In congregational affairs, this is the cause of death of many praiseworthy endeavors. We have noble intentions, plan definitively, begin well, but fail to follow through, "pull the trigger." In conclusion, let it be noted that no runner ever won a race who did not finish it. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Brooke Hatcher's surgery went well on Friday. She was discharged from Crestwood Medical Center yesterday and is home resting. In her words "It's rough!" Please continue to pray for her and her family. Her recovery will take a bit of time.

Peggy Childress must remain within a two hour drive of Vanderbilt. For the time being **Peggy & Terry** will be worshipping at South Fayetteville. We are praising God that she is on the transplant list. Pray for her and Terry as they wait.

Wanda Castleman continues rehab to recover her range of motion following surgery. Please say her name to the Lord as you pray this week. Thanks for all you've done for her.

June Furlough's procedure went well. She is doing very well. We are rejoicing for the relief that she has experienced.

Collis Terry is moving slow following a very serious fall on his lake property. He has several broken ribs, a broken nose and two very sore knees. He seems to be progressing, slowly. We are thankful that **Sue** made him go to the ER.

Mike Coward is recovering well over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for all of your prayers and other expressions of concern for he and **Peggy**.

Cathy Preston continues her rehab after knee replacement surgery. She is really struggling **Gene** said. Please pray for her relief.

Ron Harmon faces many daily challenges. Your continued prayers for him are greatly appreciated.

Cyndi Vanatta, **Phil Shaver's** sister, **Zoila Herring**, **Mechi Hunt's** twin sister, **Mike Hunt**, **Marty's** brother, are all at different stages of chemo for cancer. Please pray for them and their families.

Pray for those who are confined in care facilities, memory care and home — **Laura Phillips**, **Jim Risner**, **Lane Roberts**, **Dot Summers**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender	Melvin Godette
Laura Phillips	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	Lane Roberts
Bill Reavis	Ron Harmon

WEATHERLY UPDATES

UPDATES: We got off to a great start last week as we resumed congregational singing and Bible classes. Our attendance was excellent and the classes were almost fully attended by our young families. You are all to be commended for the level of commitment that you manifest week to week for our work. Thank you, one and all! Remember, class starts at 9:30 and dismisses at 9:55. Sit in your regular spot in the auditorium.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will begin at 9:30 — Mike is continuing his quarterly Bible Class series **Christ Clashing with Culture**.

Sunday morning will begin at 10. Today's lesson is entitled **The Apostle's Doctrine**.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" on Zoom at 7. We will email a link Sunday. Join in.

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike will conclude the study of **The book of Philemon**. We stream at 7 p.m. No assembly Wednesday. ☐

In Their Midst

Michael W. McLemore

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them,"

Matthew 18:20.

A false sense of values in any realm of human life is regrettable. In religion, it is nothing short of tragic. Too long have New Testament Christians judged the Lord's churches by material standards as numbers, property, wealth and reputation. The proper criterion by which the disciples of Christ should judge themselves is, "Is Jesus among us? Do we walk with Him?"

Christ is in the midst of those disciples who "are gathered together in His name." These are those who submit themselves to His singular authority in word and practice. We do "in the name" of Christ only that which He in His word has authorized. When a group of the Lord's covenant people work and worship together in harmony with the word of Christ, He is in their midst. If Christ be in a local church, with a local church, and for a local church, that local church is successful in the highest and truest sense of that expression.

May our desire at Weatherly ever be for Christ to be among us and for us to walk with Him. ☐

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, June 13

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Scripture Reading:

Acts 2

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Apostle's Doctrine
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Sunday, June 20

Tommy Hill
Bill Thompson

Tommy Hill
Phil Shaver

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED CANCELLED

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

Wednesday, June 16

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

None

2021 Singing Cancelled

None

Quarterly Adult Classes April – June 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Christ Clashing with Culture
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Challenge of Colossians
Mike McLemore

Serving in June

Serving on the Lord's Table AM
**** Overseer**
**** Phil Furlough, Ed Dill, Steve Hagewood, Tommy Hill**

Lord's Supper PM **

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 13, 2021

6-13	Adam Hagewood	6-14	Jeremy Leshko
6-15	Murray Castleman	6-16	Jaxie Rogers
6-16	Phil Shaver	6-23	WD Patrick
6-26	Keion Godette	6-30	Susan Hand

WEEKLY WALK

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