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Your Mark on History

Michael W. McLemore

Many think of history more as collection of dates and statistics to be memorized, then regurgitated for tests. It's no wonder that Biblical history for many seems a cold collection of mythological figures. This thinking about the Bible story is flawed.

Bible history, or history in general, should be viewed as a series of stories. It's the story of the lives of people, nations and cultures. I've always been fascinated by the stories of my aged relatives. I could sit for hours mesmerized by their fascinating tales. The people were real. This is history. At its core it is a reflection upon the reality of the past and people.

We all love to hear stories. Do we view the Bible as a story? Who better to tell the story of man than God? Open the Bible and read almost anywhere. We find God telling us the hard facts of sin, of consequences, of faith, of devotion and of reward. With perfect verbal dexterity the Omniscent lays before

His readers the cold essentials. God provides the "what to's" and the "never do's." But wrapped within and around all of the details are the wonderful stories of His grace and deliverance. His stories are always about people: old and young, good and bad, strong and weak, male and female.

God shares with us their great spiritual victories and their spectacular failures. The Bible is replete stories about people just like us. Every congregation is full of great stories about folks who have left this world, but left their mark. These stories help define us as a family of God and our remembering of and repeating of those stories shows our respect for the great heritage with which God has blessed us. The stories remind us how important each of us really is to the Body of Christ.

God is collecting our story. Will we leave a positive mark on history and in the Book of Life?

Lessons From a Leper

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Naaman was a very successful man. He was commander of the Syrian army, a great and honorable man in the eyes of his king, a victorious general, and a mighty man of valor. But, he had a terrible disease: leprosy. The record of Naaman is in *2 Kings 5:1-14*.

Naaman learned from a young Israelite slave girl that there was a prophet in Israel who could heal him of his leprosy. Naaman sought a cure for his leprosy. From his story we learn valuable lessons about our own need for cleansing from an even greater malady, sin.

Naaman thought his healing could be purchased. When the King of Syria granted him permission to go to Israel, Naaman "took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing" *2 Kings 5:5*. Apparently he thought he could pay someone in Israel to heal him.

Like Naaman, we cannot purchase our cleansing from sin. However, a price must be paid for our redemption, but not with "corruptible things, like silver or gold," *1 Peter 1:18*. Christ paid the price for our redemption on the cross. The Apostle Peter states that Christians have been redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," *1 Peter 1:19*.

Naaman had an idea about how he thought his healing would take place. He said to himself, "He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy," *2 Kings 5:11*. When the servant of Elisha the prophet told him to go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and his flesh would be restored

and he would be clean (v. 10), he became furious. His preconceived ideas concerning his healing were wrong.

When it comes to our own cleansing from sin, we must also seek God's instructions instead of what we might think would work. We must not approach God's word seeking to justify our current beliefs; rather, we must seek to know God's will through His word, and believe His word.

Naaman tried to substitute his own terms of obedience instead of the Lord's. He did not want to wash in the Jordan River. He asked, "Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage," *2 Kings 5:12, NKJV*.

We must never try to substitute our own doctrines in the place of the teaching of God's word. Only through our obedience to His commands may we ever have the blessings attached to them.

Finally, Naaman humbled himself and obeyed the Lord's instructions. Naaman could see no logical connection between dipping in the Jordan River and being cured of his leprosy, but he obeyed. Obedience brought its reward: Naaman was healed.

A penitent believer in Christ may not see the logical connection between being baptized (immersed) in water and having his sins washed away, *Acts 2:38; 22:16*. Certainly, as in the case of Naaman, it is not the water that saves. It is God who saves us, when we obey Him. Obedience has its reward: the cleansing of our sins.

Will you obey?

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Pam Jones, sister of **Tommy Hill**, has been diagnosed with COVID. Though vaccinated she still contracted the virus. Pray for Pam and family.

Elaine Dorris was hospitalized with a severe case of pneumonia last Saturday evening. It was very frightening as her symptoms came on very suddenly. Thankfully, she was released on Tuesday and is home "doing great!" Your prayers are greatly appreciated by both **Gordon & Elaine**.

Peggy Childress is doing a lot better. But, **Terry's** mom, **Sandra Ivey**, is now having problems with her legs. She hopes that she is able to get a steroid injection to help. It's very hard for her to walk. The Childress' and sister Ivey are grateful for your continued prayers.

Zoila Herring, **Mechi Hunt's** sister, is doing well. They stopped the Chemotherapy last week to allow her to recover her strength in preparation for liver surgery. Her physicians have decided to remove a portion of her liver rather than the planned laser treatment. Zoila will have a few weeks to recover before beginning 24 radiation treatments; then another surgery. "Her treatment is being adjusted based upon her progress and complications that are occurring." From **Marty Hunt**.

Please continue to remember, **June Furlough's** sister, **Betty Kendrick**. She is having a good bit of pain. Also, pray for the mother of the Furlough's son-in-law, **Nellie Dubose**. She is better! Both are recovering from surgery.

Edith Turner's daughter, **Glenda**, who lives in suburban Kansas City, remains on our pray-

er list. Say her name to the Father.

Pray for those who are in assisted living facilities and memory care — **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

Julie's Great-granddaughter!



Carrie & Nathan Urban are parents of 7 lbs. 7 oz **Kayleigh May Urban**, born Thursday, August 12th. Carrie is the granddaughter of our own **Julie Guice**. That makes Julie a great-grandmother!

WEATHERLY UPDATES

THIS WEEK:

Sunday morning Bible Class begins at 9:30. Mike is continuing his series **Divided We Fall**.

Sunday morning worship begins promptly at 10. Mike's lesson today will ask the pressing question, **Worthy of MY Calling?** and his taken from **Ephesians 4**.

Remember our ZOOM Devo at 7 Sunday evening. If you haven't participated, you will benefit from giving it a try.

Wednesday our **1 Corinthians** study, **Abounding Together** continues at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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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	9-9	Abbey Craig*

*Melonie Power's granddaughter

Delight in the Lord

Michael W. McLemore

It's not uncommon to hear someone say of their prayer requests: "God promised to give me the desires of my heart." Is this the meaning of Psalm 37:4? "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." In fact, in context, this Psalm reveals the Lord's principle for purifying our desires of earthly concern. It's a call for devotion to Him. To "delight in the Lord" means to take pleasure in discovering more about Him and following His will. This aligns our heart's desires with His, which always puts us in position to experience His blessings.

In His sermon on the mount Jesus called for God to be the greatest passion of every believer's life, *Matthew 6:19-34*. We can't serve God and stuff. We cannot follow Christ and delight in the earthly. If we claim to love the Lord, our relationship with Him should have priority over possessions, vocation, and even other relationships.

Committing our way to God, we allow our thoughts, goals, and lifestyle to be shaped by His will and the things He loves. In other words, we acknowledge His right to determine whether our longing fits His plan. If we rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him, we rely on Him to work out circumstances, even when the desire He's given us seems impossible. When He is our first love, our hearts become focused on making His glory known in our lives.

God wants to give us our heart's desires in His time, when we're aligned with His will and purpose for us as His children. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes Stream 9:30 am

Sunday AM Assembly Stream 10:00 am

Sunday PM Assembly Zoom 7:00 pm

Wednesday Classes Stream 7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 22

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Will Starks**
Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 4

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Worthy of MY Calling?

Closing Prayer: **Ron Harmon**

Sunday, August 29

Will Starks
Hill Roberts
Collis Terry

1 Corinthians 15:52

Mike McLemore
When the Roll is Called!

Dwight Ivey

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

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

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Wednesday, August 25

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

None

2021 Singing Cancelled

Wednesday, September 1

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2021

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Divided We Fall
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
First Corinthians
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

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

**** Steve Hagewood (8-22), Phil Furlough (8/29)**

Lord's Supper PM

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

