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Love Through Service

Michael W. McLemore

What would God have to do to prove His love for you? He has already proven it. The story of God's incarnation is the only answer man needs. Relinquishing heaven. Assuming the form of a "servant man." Dying an accursed death, *Philippians 2:6-8*. Need we ask for more? It is the ultimate evidence of love.

No greater evidence could surpass His supreme act of service in giving His life. But, man has so much more. Jesus' life is characterized entirely of sacrifice and acts of service. From His deference to the parental authority of Mary and Joseph, to the humble act of washing the disciple's feet, like book ends upon his life — "The son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," *Mark 10:45*.

John illuminated this truth — "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers... Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth, *1 John 3:16-18*."

The quarreling disciples sought to know who would be the greatest. Jesus informed the men, to their own consternation, "the least" will be "the greatest." *Luke 9:48*. Followers of Christ are servants. Paul described our lives as a "living sacrifice" calling it a "reasonable service," *Romans 12:1-2*.

Having observed the example of Jesus' everlasting love for humanity that cost the lover everything, how can His would-be-followers feel exempt from loving with the same veracity? Such love lived before our fellow man never feels compelled to pass his "reasonable service" to another. Nor does it implore the church to take on what is the Christian's own responsibility.

The most powerfully persuasive tool in the divine arsenal of motivation is the utensil of sacrificial love. It has the power to penetrate the hardest heart and reach the most depraved mind. God's children, armed with the gift of this divine love must go forth with confidence into the world unashamedly representing Christ's love faithfully. □



Watch LIVE!



Killed with His Own Poison

James W. Adams

In Southwest Texas where I was reared, they is a species of cactus known by the Mexicans as "tasajilla." (I cannot vouch for the spelling, *jwa*.) It is made up of long jointed stems having extremely long thorns with wicked points. In that section there are also many rattlesnakes, enemies of man and beast, some attaining a length of six or seven feet. This venomous reptile is, however plagued by enemies. One of these is a long-legged bird known popularly as a "Road-runner" and by the Mexicans as a "Paisano." It is commonly seen running across and along the highways of Southwest Texas. It has long black legs and beak and is mottled gray and black in color. Many rattlesnakes are executed by this innocuous looking creature.

The execution takes place in the following fashion: The bird will find the snake asleep; he will carefully gather a supply of the little spine-like joints of the "tasajilla" bush and with them build a fence or corral around the sleeping snake; having finished the fence, the bird will then fly at the snake and scream at in a high-pitched tone characteristic of the "Road-runner;" the snake will awaken and try to crawl away, but the spines of the "tasajilla" fence will prick his belly and he will draw back; the "Road-runner" will continue to fly at the snake and draw back quickly all the while uttering its shrill cry; the snake will strike and miss and be rewarded for its effort by pricking its tender underside on the "tasajilla;" finally, the snake will become so enraged and frustrated that he will bite himself and be destroyed by his own

venom.

As in much of nature, there is a lesson for man in this circumstance. All of us, even Christians, are two-fold beings-body and spirit, animal man and spiritual man, carnal mind and spiritual mind. The animal nature of man, prompted by lust and passion when not controlled, is filled with deadly venom much as the rattlesnake. The Devil and his emissaries are well aware of this fact, hence constantly seek to arouse in the Christian this sleeping, deadly beast. Worldly men and false brethren are often tools of Satan in his efforts to destroy God's children. Finding they cannot seduce God's people otherwise, they will resort to persecution, innuendo, defamation of character, and misrepresentation of many species in an effort to stir up the Christian's animal passion and cause him in fighting back to destroy himself with his own poison.

Christians must oppose evil and false doctrine within and without the church, but let us take care! The Devil and his emissaries are not limited as to weapons, but the Christian must not employ "carnal weapons" in his warfare, *2 Corinthians 10:4*. Let us not in anger and frustration generated by this fact destroy ourselves. Let us humbly and meekly bear the onslaughts of the wicked employing only truth as our weapon in withstanding his attack. Bitterness, hate, evil-speaking, innuendo, misrepresentation are the "carnal weapons" of the evil one. Faith, truth, loyalty, purity, and works of faith are the armaments of Christians. With these God can and will give us the victory! □

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

Jim Risner was taken to Crestwood ER on Thursday with chest pains. He was kept overnight for observation but was released on Friday. He's doing well. "Thanks for the prayers!"

Jenny Jacks tested positive for COVID on Monday. This is Jenny's third round. She is improving but had a rough week. David is negative but is staying home today. Pray for **Jenny & David**.

Guy McDaniel was hospitalized last week after suffering an event that initially went unexplained. They have discovered a new heart rhythm issue, not A-Fib. Please remember brother McDaniel in your prayers. He remains at Encompass health.

Ron Harmon remains at Regency undergoing daily rehab. We are continuing to pray that he will gain the needed strength to go home.

Susan Watson's mother, **Janie Cheatham** remains on our prayer list. Say her name to the Lord.

Please remember **Ciera Elledge** in prayer.

She will be undergoing tests soon.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister continues to have an interest in our prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragam Harbin, Betty Dubose & Harold Smith.**

Thank You, Peggy Shelton

Peggy Shelton is to be credited for the beautiful new murals in the back hallway of the children's area. They depict children active in God's creation during the four seasons of the year. We are so appreciative of her work and her artistic skill. "Thank you, Peggy, for your time and gift to our children and their classroom. You're truly amazing!"

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Tommy Hill** is away. **Mike** will teach for him.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** will conclude his series "When God is Silent." Today's lesson, *Silence in Heaven*, is taken from *Revelation 8:1-6*.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotion. We hope you will plan to gather with us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his verse by verse study of the Gospel of Mark. See you then.

Friday Night Singing begins at 7. **Lane Alexander, Jim Deason & Tim Stevens** will direct our worship. ☐

Purpose

Michael W. McLemore

My purpose in life is not about my needs and my wants. The reason behind motives, wants, perceived needs and my course of life is governed by the humble realization that I serve a risen Savior. This right is not earned. There was nothing I could do that would offer this entrance before God. The Jews proved it could not be done by the written law. The Gentiles showed it could not be done as a law to themselves, *Romans 2*. Paul told Timothy that God "has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity," *2 Timothy 1:9*. Glory to God for this rich blessing of being able to serve a loving Father.

Children of God serve the Lord through the blessing of the grace of God. When it enters the mind of men to forget this grace, lost is the blessing of God. All that we are and all that we can become will only be found in the knowledge that our purpose in life is a single thought: the privilege to serve the Lord.

When my life ends and I am ushered before the great and holy presence of Jehovah, these words will ring in my heart throughout the eternal ages: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your Lord," *Matthew 25:23*. Praise God for His revealed purpose. ☐

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 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 6th

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Ed Dill**
Lord's Table Lead: **Collis Terry**
Revelation 8:1-6
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Silence in Heaven
Closing Prayer: **Doyle Wray**

Sunday, August 13th

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Lord's Table Lead: **Phil Shaver**
Philippians 2:25-30
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Our Many Hats
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Jim Ehl**
Closing Prayer: **WD Patrick**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Closing Prayer: **Will Patrick**

Wednesday, August 9th

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Bill Thompson**

Wednesday, August 16th

Songs Leader: **Phillip Dill**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Weatherly Heights Singing August 11th

Tim Stevens, Jim Deason
Lane Alexander

Quarterly Adult Classes July – September 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Building Strong Homes
Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
The Gospel of Mark
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
** Overseer
**** Collis Terry (8-6), Phil Shaver (8-13), Marty Hunt (8-20), Phil Furlough (8-27)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Collis Terry

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING
Weatherly Heights church of Christ
930 Weatherly Road, Huntsville, AL 35803
"Praise be to our God"
FRIDAY AUGUST 11
7 PM
Tim Stevens
Jim Deason
Lane Alexander

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 6, 2023

8-10	Clark Boles	8-10	Natalie Frazier
8-11	Phyllis Harmon	8-19	Peggy Childress
8-23	Janice Schrimsher	8-24	Lucas Hatcher
8-24	Marty Hunt	8-25	Ron Harmon
8-26	Kirk Hatcher	8-27	Bill McCord
8-28	Adelaide Hatcher		

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