

Weatherly Weekly

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"O Lord, You Are Great"

Michael W. McLemore

Long ago the prophet Jeremiah declared, "There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might," *10:6*. He was not merely expressing that God is great, nor even that He "is greater." The prophet unequivocally avowed that God is without comparison.

GOD IS MEASURELESS. It is not as though God is measured on a scale with mankind at one end and God at the other. He is not the chief of all gods in the hierarchy of gods. He is boundless and outside of any limit whatsoever. So, it's not just that God is greater. He is great beyond anything our mind could imagine, *Isaiah 55:8-9*.

GOD IS UNCREATED. Though He created all things, God Himself is uncreated. He has always been. Of Himself He said, "I AM WHO I AM," *Exodus 3:14*. God revealed himself as self-existent, without beginning, before all things.

GOD IS INFINITE. God is so great that one may spend a lifetime seeking and working to know Him and still there is more. But, the

infinite God has chosen to reveal Himself. He declared what He chooses man to know — "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever," *Deuteronomy 29:29*.

GOD IS UNCHANGING. We change. The world changes. Jobs move; opinions shift; relationships change. God is a rock, unmovable. "For I am the Lord, I change not..." *Malachi 3:6*. The Hebrew writer said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," *13:8*. Upon Him we can depend. He changes not.

GOD IS FAITHFUL. God's character is constant even when our circumstances are not. It's not that he chooses it; He IS FAITHFUL. We can count on the constancy of God's faithfulness.

GOD IS POWERFUL. With Him all things are possible. Messy lives are not too much for Him. God restores beauty where ugliness once lived. There is no hard or easy for God. He says, "It is done," and it is. God "is able" *Ephesians 3:20*. □

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By Bubba Garner

When we read about people in the Bible, it is easy to explain away their story by saying, "But that was Moses or David or Elijah." We are not expected to follow their examples because they possess qualities that we could never have.

Yet, according to James 5:17, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours." The NIV translates that "Elijah was a man just like us." He had a special calling from God, no doubt. But he was a man. He had ups and downs, times of joy and sorrow, periods of prosperity and adversity. Just like us. And that means he had occasions of discouragement.

The fact that there was a man in the New Testament who was called "the son of encouragement" ought to tell us that even God's people are at times in despair. The problem is not that we experience these emotions but how we seek to handle them. So, the question is not, "why are you discouraged?" The question is "what are you going to do about it?"

Have you ever tried to call customer service? After waiting so long on hold, they direct you to their website where you find the "FAQs:" Frequent Asked Questions. That assures us that there are people who have the same questions we have. They are "just like us."

Isn't it amazing that when we are in the midst of dealing with things we may not understand, that we ask more questions? We can't answer the ones we have, but we think introducing more will help. Just like Elijah in

1 Kings 19.

"WHY ME?" Twice, Elijah pled his case before the Lord. "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword" (1 Ki. 19:10,14). Why don't you go pick on them? Twice, God had His own question for the prophet: "what are you doing here Elijah" (19:9, 13)? Here isn't where I called you to work. Get back there and get busy.

What is the divine answer to this FAQ? "You can handle it." "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man. And God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear" (1 Cor. 10:13). Whatever load you are bearing right now, God knows you can handle it. Besides, are you better than Elijah? Moses? David? Jeremiah? Paul? What are you doing here?

"WHY BOTHER?" If the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper, why try? Elijah went from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows. "He requested for himself that he might die, and said, 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers'" (1 Ki. 19:4). Just like Moses (Numb. 11:15) and Jonah (Jo. 4:3). Elijah thought, "I have been no more successful than they. Why try any more?" To which God provided him food and drink to sustain him for his journey ahead.

God's answer? "Trust Me." We

equate "unanswered prayers" with the assumption that God does not care for us. Really they are prayers where the answer was "no." Elijah prayed, "Take my life." God said, "No. Just trust Me." I wonder Elijah thought about that when he was later taken up to heaven in the fiery chariot and whirlwind.

"WHO CARES?" "I alone am left. And they seek my life to take it away" (1 Ki. 19:10, 14). Elijah could only see what was missing. God showed him what was still there. "I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed the knee to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him" (1 Ki. 19:18). God has not forgotten His people. A faithful remnant remains who serve Him.

The response from heaven to this FAQ? "You're not alone." Discouragement can give us tunnel vision. "No one understands" or "I'm the only one going through this." One of the benefits of the local church is that when we come together, we can look around and see who cares. These are people who are just like us. Instead of isolating ourselves, we ought to be surrounding ourselves with those who have not bowed the knee to discouragement.

Two people appeared and spoke with Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration: Moses and Elijah. He who ran for his life and then requested that he might die actually never saw death. He was just like us. And when we see Jesus coming in glory, toils of the road will then seem as nothing. No question about it. □



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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

WD Patrick is improving. He is hoping to be able to have the surgery soon. Please continue to pray for him. He's bored and ready to get this behind him so that he can be home.

Ron Harmon remains in our prayers. We miss him and are praying for his complete recovery. It's been a long road. Also, pray for **Phyllis**. This is a very difficult time.

Forest Summers was able to have his latest antibody treatment on Thursday. Everything went well. Your prayers are appreciated.

Glenda Cavender is at home. We are thankful for her great progress. Pray for **Glenda & Ken** this week as you approach the Father.

Melvin Godette remains on our prayer list. Remember the entire **Godette family**.

Melody Young remains on our prayer list. Remember **Matt, Melody & Ray**.

Steve Guice is doing well. He will be doing follow-up visits to determine the progress of the treatments. Say his name to the Lord.

Remember **Lane Roberts** during these are trying times. The loss of **Don** and being confined to home without the companionship of family. Pray for her comfort. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Marty Haselden **Betty Reavis**
Laura Phillips **Barbara Jean Woodard**

A Note from Hill Roberts

"Thanks to the multitudes of you that have

sent us notes of comfort, memories, and prayers in the wake of Dad's passing. They have been of great comfort, especially in a time of world-wide distress and discomfort. The cards sent to mom are especially helpful and thoughtful in this time of isolation. I've also shared the ones sent to us with her. On so many levels I am thankful, grateful, and astonished once again at God's Grace in times of tears. God has richly blessed our family with you all. Sincerely, Hill"

From Carolynn Barr

"Today I am blessed with my 90th birthday. I could only wish that we were all together to worship our Lord, but we can in spirit and with video screening.

I thank God for the many blessings I have received from the Weatherly church family. You have been an encouragement to me through some life changing events. I thank you for your love and support.

May God bless all of us, Carolynn Barr"



WEATHERLY UPDATES

Sunday Morning worship will stream at 10 am. Log on anytime after 9:30.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. A link was sent to your email. Do not share that link on social media.

Wednesday Bible Study, the Gospel of John, will be streamed at 7 pm. No assemblies are planned at the building. ☐

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4-5	Carolynn Barr	4-6	Jerry Mitchell
4-8	William Hill	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-18	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes
4-21	Charlie Carter	4-21	Dianne Dill
4-21	Maria Hunt	4-23	David Jacks
4-25	Sue Terry		

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Restore

Michael W. McLemore

The word "restore" was used for the mending of the fisherman's net, *Mark 1:9*. It also described the work of a physician in setting a broken bone. Both required prompt action and skill. Their work did not destroy but restored!

The Galatians were challenged — "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness," *Galatians 6:1*. We share the lesson with them.

WE ALL need to be restored. All have been or will be taken; some will be "overtaken" or "taken before" others. It's up to us to render aid, for we will one day need their aid too.

USEFULNESS is the need! It isn't mere exposure of the wrong. Sadly, some fail to grasp the real need. The need is to bring our brother back to their former state of usefulness to God.

SKILL is required! Some haven't the tenderness required. Lacking the wrong attitude and motives, more harm may be done than good. Skill requires involvement as well as training and information.

IMMEDIATE action is demanded. A sense of urgency is essential. It prevents a worse situation. So, let's get on with it! ☐

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



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Stream ONLY — Sunday, April 5

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison (arrangement)**
Opening Prayer: **Hill Roberts**
Scripture Reading:

Acts 9:1-9

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Blinded to the Light

Closing Prayer: **Jared Jimison**

Sunday, April 12

Mike McLemore
Hill Roberts (arrangement)

Acts 22:10-21

Mike McLemore
What Shall I do, Lord?

Evening Worship

Study Series **CANCELLED** **CANCELLED**

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

Wednesday, April 8

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

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures

April 30th—May 3rd

Tadd Corder, Wilson Adams,
Benjamin Lee & Matt Bassford

None

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians

Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Gospel According to John

Mike McLemore

Serving in April

Serving on the Lord's	Ken Cavender	Ed Dill
Table AM	Jeremy Leshko	Ron Holland
** Overseer	Bobby Wright	Ryan Patrick
	Phil Furlough **	Jim Risner

Lord's Supper PM	Collis Terry **	John Stokes
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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

