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Draw from Him

Michael W. McLemore

Every believer is prone to spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Circumstances overwhelm. Obedience faints. Prayer stops. Moving forward spiritually, well, forget about it! It's hard to do what we know we should. God seems far off and unreachable.

When we feel like that, or maybe you do now, read this. Internalize it and allow it to melt away the depressive fog of sorrow from your heart – “Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants,” *Psalms 119:89-91*.

Circumstances and feelings change, but God does not. He has not changed. He remains. His word still sustains His creation. His faithfulness endures. But, listen, “All things are YOUR SERVANTS!” All things, even those things

affecting me now, are God's servants — circumstances, people, events. They are under His control, each is designed to help, bless and guide.

David left believers these reminders of the help that guided him through his own sorrowful and dry days – “If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction,” *119:92*. In the old stories David was reminded of his Father's power, love and unfathomable wisdom. God's Word made all the difference.

The Bible reminds its readers of God's faithfulness and control over all things. Uniquely it strengthens our walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair – “I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life,” *119:93*. Choose to delight in and diligently consider God's precepts. Say with David “I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts,” *119:94*. Draw your strength from God who alone can revive and save! ☐

‘Is It Well With You?’

Ron Mosby

Paul wrote to Timothy that “godliness with contentment is great gain...If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content,” *1 Timothy 6:6, 8*. We are further exhorted in *Hebrews 13:5* to “keep our lives free from the love of money, and to be with what we have.”

A perfect example of godliness with contentment is found in the account of Elisha and the woman at Shunem, *2 Kings 4:8-37*. The record says she was a prominent woman and apparently a godly woman because she recognized Elisha as a holy man of God. She and her husband extended their hospitality to Elisha as often as he passed by and persuaded him to stop and eat bread at their house. They further extended hospitality by making a little walled upper chamber for him with a bed, a table, a chair and a lampstand, that when he passed by he could turn in and rest. The walled upper chamber would allow him to come and go freely without having to join in with their family life each time he passed that way.

Elisha appreciated her kind hospitality and wanted to repay her in some way. He had Gehazi call the Shunammite woman who came and stood before Gehazi who acted as a go-between for her and Elisha. Elisha offered to speak to the king or the captain of the army in her behalf. She just answered in effect, no thank you, “I dwell among my own people.” This illustrates the contentment of this great and godly woman. Had she been a covetous person, she might have read off a list of things she already had formulated in her own mind. She did not.

When Elisha asked Gehazi for a suggestion to repay her kindness, he said, “Truly, she has no son and her husband is old.” Gehazi called her back and Elisha

said to her, “At this season, about this time next year, you will embrace a son.” The woman was so taken aback she said in effect, “Since you are a holy man of God, surely you would not deceive me about this would you?” Elisha did not deceive her. The child was born and the context suggests he had grown probably to the age of four or five years old because he was old enough to go out in the field with his father, but young enough for a servant to carry him back to his mother when he had become ill (maybe with a sun stroke, we are not told). The child sat on his mother's lap until noon and then died! The woman became bitterly troubled. She took her son's body to Elisha's room since it was he who had promised the miracle birth of her only child.

When her husband questioned her wanting to find Elisha at this odd time since it was not a feast day or the Sabbath day, her answer here is significant. She said, “It will be well,” (with probable reference to the child). When Elisha saw her coming, and not knowing of the child's death, he sent Gehazi to ask her three questions: “Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?” Again, her answer here is significant. She merely said, “It is well.”

The story has a happy ending, but there are always lessons we can glean: You may have to learn to smile through pain and tears, but it will always be well and great gain for the godly who learn contentment. But, it will always be ill for the wicked who will get what they deserve in the end, *Isaiah 3:11; Matthew 25:24-30; Romans 6:21*.

Gentle reader, how is it with you and me? Is it well with my soul? Am I a godly one with contentment? Are you a godly one having learned contentment in this life? If so, it will always be well with your soul! ☐



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Peggy Monroe has completed the move to Thrive Memory Care. She is settling in and has received a stream of guests during the week. Please remember **Peggy & Riley**. This will require a period of transition, but in the long run will be best for Peggy and the family.

Edith Turner is also at Thrive, though she is on the assisted living side, room 167. Sister Turner has fallen three times in the last few days, but thus far has suffered no additional injury. We are thankful for that. She still has enormous discomfort. Please keep her in your prayers. She also is able to have company.

Becky Hill is slated to have her procedure on August 31st, a week from Wednesday. She has undergone a number of tests to determine exactly how they will proceed. We are praying this will relieve her terrible upper respiratory congestion, etc. Your prayers are solicited for **Tommy & Becky**.

Peggy Childress remains on our daily prayer list as she battles an infection. We are praying that a medication can be found to relieve her of this concern. Remember **Terry** also!

Our long list of COVID sufferers has grown short. Everyone seems to be recovering and are able to be back in the assembly.

Among those who were able to be back last Sunday was our sister **Shirley Laney**. It was great to see her.

Evelyn & Searcy Hall are among the list of those for whom we continue to pray. Evelyn is much better and we are so pleased!

David Jacks is making great progress. His

range of motion is almost normal. His main focus will be regaining strength in his leg over the next few weeks. Remember David.

Zoila Herring is doing well considering. She continues to take regular Chemo treatments that can leave her weak for several days between the courses. Prayers are appreciated.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, continues in our prayers.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Charlotte Hagewood & Betty Dubose.**

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible class begins at 9:30. Mike is leading us in a study of "Lessons for Today from Exodus." It is amazing how many "take-aways" there are from these old stories. Plan to be a part!

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. Mike is working through a series in August entitled "FAITH Yesterday and Today." Each lesson will be taken from the Bible book of Romans. Mike's lesson today is "Faith Accounted as Righteousness" from Romans 4.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum Bible study. We are involved in a class on Galatians.

ELDER & DEACONS MEETING following the evening worship **TONIGHT!**

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7 with our study of the **Book of Exodus**. We hope everyone will be present for class and the devotion to follow. ☐

Blessed in the Man

William Arthur Ward

Blessed is the man with whom a good woman lives, to whom his work is a pleasure, by whom his friends are encouraged, with whom others are comfortable, in whom a clear conscience abides, and through whom his children see God.

Blessed is the man whose strength is enhanced by his tenderness, whose wisdom is empowered by his faith, and whose courage is made complete by his compassion.

Blessed is the man who looks at life with joyful optimism, who listens to his children with eager attentiveness, who enriches his community with creative enthusiasm, who loves his country with grateful loyalty, and who worships his God with unswerving fidelity.

Blessed is the man who brings honor to the word "father," who is a credit to the word "brotherhood," who is a quiet example of the child's perfect image of the word "manhood."

Blessed is the man who confidently builds bridges of understanding, who generously lightens the loads of his fellow man, and who cheerfully brightens each day with words of hope, inspiration, and assurance.

Blessed is the man of whom his children often say, "We're glad he's our father"; of whom his wife often says, "I'm glad he's my husband"; of whom his parents of whom his parents say, "We're glad he's our son." ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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 21

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Lord's Table Lead: **Bill Thompson**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Romans 4:1-25
Accounted as Righteousness
Closing Prayer: **Phil Furlough**

Sunday, August 28

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Tommy Hill
Phil Shaver

Romans 10
Mike McLemore
Faith from Hearing God!
Kirk Hatcher

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Alex Thompson**
Closing Prayer: **Wes Caudle**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore

Collis Terry
Ed Dill
WD Patrick

Wednesday, August 24

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Dwight Ivey**

Wednesday, August 31

Bill Thompson
Mike McLemore
Ed Dill

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes

June – September 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Lessons for Today from the Exodus
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Exodus
Mike McLemore

Serving in August

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

** **Marty Hunt (8-7), Collis Terry (8-14),
Bill Thompson (8-21), Phil Shaver (8-28)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

Needed. Please see the list in the foyer.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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

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