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When The Egyptians Pursued

Mike King



The children of Israel finally exited their homeland of bondage after 400 years of incarceration. Their hearts were filled with mixed emotions. They vacillated from ecstasy to agony on their departure. Note some of their emotions in Ex. 14:10-31:

A Fearful Cry (vs. 10-11). They were leaving their “comfort zone” upon which they had leaned for the duration of their lives. When being pursued, objectivity tends to become blurred and skewed. They were afraid and that made bondage look good! They scolded the Lord for causing them to be carried into the wilderness to die. Fear causes blindness! We blame and complain when encouraged to quit a habit or come out of sin. Our vices can become very much a part of our lives.

Forgetful Minds (v. 12). They soon forgot how oppressive the Egyptian Government was to their people. They told the Lord He should have “*left us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians.*” All promises and future prosperity as a nation, they were willing to waive rather than fear death in the wilderness. It is so tempting to continue in our rut of doing wrong rather than discomfit ourselves to have freedom from sin.

A Faithful Servant (vs. 13-14). Moses maintained faith and confidence. He told the Israelites to not fear, stand still and let the Lord do what He does best – SAVE! He promised that their enemy and threat would be seen no more. It reminds us of the New Covenant that was promised through Christ wherein “*I will remember their sins no more*” (Jer. 31:34). We need to be harbingers of that same message today!

The Formidable Power (vs. 15-22). God gave Moses the power to raise his rod and open the sea (make a way) to not just cross, but cross on dry land. God promised that he would deal with Pharaoh’s heart and would eventually be respected by their foes. They would know that He was “the Lord.” God used His military might by ***air*** (cloud, wind, and darkness), ***land*** (dry ground) and ***sea*** (wall of water to save the Israelites; a deluge to drown the Egyptian army).

The Fatal Pursuit (vs. 23-31). “*There remained not so much as one of them.*” As the Red Sea “*returned to his strength, when the morning appeared*” the sea shore was littered with dead horses, men, chariots and their weaponry. In the form of a cloud, God stood between His children and their threat. You will find God positioned in the same place today for each of us when Satan pursues!



PRAYER LIST

Bill DePriest is at home recovering from a fall. He received cuts and bruises to his face and knocked out a tooth.

Rivers Robertson, mother of Troy Robertson fell last week and hurt her knee.

Roger Clayton remains in a great deal of pain since his back surgery. He was to have more tests Mon.

John Tierney, Dixie White's niece's husband has throat cancer. Please pray for him.

Andrea Spears, acquaintance of Andy Brown has breast cancer and has requested prayers.

Belle Cross, is in room 240 of the local hospital.

Jack and Melinda Dunlap, sister and brother-in-law of Terry Young are having health problems. Jack recently had a liver transplant and now has metastatic cancer. Melinda is dealing with a broken ankle.

Larry Averett, friend of Terry & Betty Young has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Gloria Jones, is suffering with stomach problems.

Emma Giddens, granddaughter of Randall Haney (an elder friend of Mike and Sheila King of Boaz, AL), has been hospitalized with the RSV virus.

Continual Prayer

Mable Erwin, Gina Stewart, Avery Anna White, Ruby Gaines, Larry Hester, Eleta Grimmett, Tony Cross, James McDonald, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Eli Williams, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

“I BELIEVE”
...that a pint of example is worth a gallon of advice.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April 20.Lynn Harrison
April 26.Austin Garrett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 20. Bill & Nancy Frohn
April 28. Larry & Linda Ashmore
April 29. Harold & Deloris Crowe



THANK YOU NOTES

New Albany Church Family,

Thanks so much for all the many prayers, calls, food, visits and other acts of kindness shown me since my surgery. I love and appreciate you all.

Harold Russell

New Albany Church of Christ,

It's hard to find words that would even begin to thank you enough for how thoughtful you've been during the death of Milton's son Dustin.

Laura Mae Harris

AREA EVNETS

- Ladies Day will be held Sat. April 21st at the East Main Church of Christ. Registration begins at 9:00am. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. The guest speaker will be Patsy Loden.
You are invited to the Annual Ladies Day April 21st at the Hwy 178 Church of Christ in New Albany. The guest speaker will be Marilyn Graham. Lunch will be provided immediately following the program.
The annual Six State Singing will be held Sat. April 21st, from 3:00-6:00pm at the Church of Christ at Southwind in Memphis, TN.

Play “Catch” With Your Children

God’s wisdom is seen in His stressing the importance of instilling in children the truths of His Word at an early age (Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:4-7). The man will be as the child is trained. By exposing children to a large quantity of Bible teachings in their early years, we can be instrumental in programming their “mental computers” so that they know the mind of God and think as He does.



Truth is as much the natural staff of life for the soul as bread is for the body. The soul cannot be strong and healthy without it. Ignorance is the starvation of the soul; error is its poison; truth is its food and healing medicine. The very highest truths are those which should be imparted at the earliest possible period in a child’s history. It is important that as soon as a child’s mind can admit the thought, it should be taught concerning Him who made it and all things, and who rules in heaven and on earth. You may train a fruit tree by tying it to a railing; but the tree whose branches have nothing to lean on but air is not trained at all.

Much of what parents are able to teach children is what is “caught” rather than “taught.” Children are far less influenced by precept than by example. Our character is a stream flowing down upon our children hour by hour, What we do here and there to carry an opposing influence is, at best, only a ripple that we make on the surface of the stream; it reveals the sweep of the current, nothing more. If we expect our children to go with the ripple instead of the stream, we shall be disappointed.

Example teaches without a tongue. Precept may point the way, but example carries us along. The common saying of: “Do as I say, not as I do,” is usually reversed in the actual experience of life. People are more apt to learn through the eye rather than the ear, and whatever is seen makes a deeper impression than what is read or heard. Whatever children see they unconsciously imitate. Thus it is important that parents set a good example for their children; that grandparents set a good example for their grandchildren. They must live near to God. The influence of a parent or grandparent on the child should make it “easier to be holy than to be sinful, to do good than to do evil, to sacrifice than to enjoy.” Solomon said. “*The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness*” (Prov. 16:31). What you are, he will be.

Some do not get better with age; they get worse. Some begin to murmur and complain (cf. Phil.2:14). They tend to exaggerate their problems and minimize their blessings. Someone said, “The older a man gets, the farther he had to walk to school as a boy.” At the funeral of a man prominent in the community, I overheard some elderly women talking about the deceased. “It’s really too bad about him,” one said. “He had the same thing I’ve got, only mine’s a lot worse.” We should try to avoid this attitude, for it will not set the right example for the next generation. The road to success is always under construction, but a gray-headed Christian is something worth imitating.

~ Author Unknown

YOUTH NEWS

- Youth Devo Sunday night, April 22nd, at the fellowship building. *Lonnie and Nicki Weaver* will be hosting.
- Our young men will be leading the afternoon service Sunday, April 29th at 1:15.
- We are happy to announce that *Daniel Drummond* is the 2012 valedictorian for New Albany High School.
- We will have a list of all our seniors and their accomplishments in the next few weeks. They will be recognized on Sunday, May 20th.

Definition of “Home”

Home - A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Home - The place where the small are great, and the great are small.

Home - The father’s kingdom, the mother’s world, the child’s paradise.

Home - The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best.

Home - The place where stomachs get three square meals a day and our hearts a thousand.

Home - The only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	118
Sunday A M.....	142
Sunday P.M.....	105
Wednesday	86
Contribution	\$4,302.35
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Tyler Weaver
A.M. Prayer...	Troy Robertson
Closing Prayer...	Terry Young
P.M. Prayer	Dalton Beard
Closing	Bill Botts
Wed 4/25	Dan Cobb
Wed. 4/25	Shane Crotts
Usher & Lock. Harold Russell	
Greeter.....	A & S Clemmer



PANTRY ITEM

Peanut butter

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

Here Am I, Send Aaron!

Steve Higginbotham

Throughout history, God has called various men to fulfill His purposes. We are probably familiar with the question God raised to the prophet Isaiah when he said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" to which Isaiah responded, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Likewise, when God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, Moses also said, "Here am I" (Exodus 3:4). However, instead of saying, "send me," as did Isaiah, Moses basically said, "Send Aaron" (Exodus 3:13-14). One man made himself available to God, while the other man made excuses. While God does not call us in the same manner today as he once did, he calls us nonetheless. God still needs men and women to fulfill his purposes. Will you say, "No" to God? When your help is needed in your local church, when you're called upon to meet a need (e.g. teach a class, publicly serve in the worship, maintenance at the building, promote and attend special services through the week, visit the sick, transport people to and from church, prepare meals for the sick and shut-ins, etc.), do you make excuses? Do you say, "No"? Or, do you say, "Here am I, send me?" When examining the life of Moses, it is easy to see the error of having a "Here am I, send Aaron" attitude. However, like many things, it is just harder to see the same error when we embrace it ourselves. Take a good look at your own life. Have you been telling God, "No?" Which response to God's call describes you best, "Here am I, send me?" or "Here am I, send Aaron?" Give it some thought. 📖

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