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When It Is Wrong To Remember?

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The glorious temple of Solomon was burned in 586 B.C. Those residents who had been led captive into Babylon sat down on the river banks, hung their harps upon the willows, and wept as they remembered Zion. The city of Jerusalem was the product of their own doings (Ps. 137:1-6).

A period of 68 years had lapsed since the captives had seen Jerusalem. Their homesickness caused them to fantasize about Jerusalem as it used to be in its glory and grandeur, but certainly not in its ruin. They were so happy to be going home, were thankful, and now had much about which to sing (Ps. 126:1-3).

The temple finally began to be rebuilt under Zerubbabel. As the foundations were being laid, the younger generation that remembered not the first temple were shouting, praising the Lord and celebrating the foundation being laid (Ezra 3:11). Many of the “ancient” Israelites including some priests, Levites, and old men, “*wept with a loud voice*” (Ezra 3:12-13). God commanded Haggai to ask the people, “*Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?*” (Hag. 2:3). There was no comparison apparently between the two temples, so the people became disheartened. They could only remember “the good ole days!” It was wrong for them to remember. It is right if it helps us to appreciate the present. It is wrong if it discourages, hinders, or causes us to be self-satisfied.

Solomon said that the end is better than the beginning (Eccl. 7:8). He also concluded that we are not to say, “*Why were the former days better than these, for you do not inquire wisely concerning this*” (v. 10). Paul forgot his past for he knew it would discourage his present work (Phil. 3:13-14).

The attitude of the older “ancient” people affected the young and suspended their labors (Hag. 2:4). They thought more of former performance than present duty and hopeful signs. Jehovah declared that the latter house would be greater than the former. There is a difference looking through God’s eyes at our work than seeing “in your eyes.” Man does not see as God sees (1 Sam. 16:7). God will always remember our labor of love (Heb. 6:10) regardless of age or conditions under which we served. Haggai told the people of God to “*Be strong...and work: for I am with you*” (Hag. 2:4). This advice is still relevant.

Are You A Crybaby Christian?

Susan loved Jesus with all her heart. She was faithful in church attendance, obedient to her parents, kind to others and excelled in school. But Susan had one very big problem that revealed itself by the constant use of two words in her conversation: "I can't."

Susan thought of herself as weak and inadequate. Whenever she was asked to do something, she'd reply, "I can't do it very well, but I'll try." She assumed that others were more capable than she, and always remained in the background. If she received a compliment, she'd reply, "It wasn't very good, but it was the best I could do."

As you can see, Susan had no problem admitting her weaknesses. It's just that she had no faith to expect God's power to more than make up for her deficiencies. She operated with an, "expect-nothing-and-you'll-get-it-every time" mentality. She didn't really believe that God was her strength, and maybe never even noticed Joshua 1:9 — *"Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and courageous; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

Are you a Christian crybaby? Have you played the "World is getting so wicked that all Christians can do is hibernate until heaven" tune on your fiddle? Did you give up on winning people to Jesus because the first one you talked to wasn't interested? Have you decided that you can't learn good Bible study habits, or stop overeating, or give up smoking? Are you in a prison of fear or self-consciousness or depression that is so confining you feel you can't escape?

If you are, you're in the perfect place for the power of God! James tells us to count it all joy when we face trials, because they test our faith and teach us patience. Paul said he delighted in weakness, because in Christ he could get all the strength he needed. Gideon had a full-blown inferiority complex who was a scaredy cat, but he opened his heart to receive God's strength. He and his three hundred men defeated a huge army without firing a gun, shooting an arrow, or even touching an enemy soldier.

It's about time you stopped being a Christian crybaby and really started asking God for strength in every area of weakness. *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"* (Phil. 4:13). This is more than a memory verse that nearly everyone can quote. Its truth is meant to touch you so deeply that crybaby changes to can baby!
~ Tim Woodard ~

From Cody's Desk:

Well the last big trip of the summer was a success. We had a blast canoeing, We had fun at the area wide, and now the kids are starting school. That's exactly what I'm about to do, so we won't have any events happening for the next little while. I'm a little sad about that, yet I am extremely excited to come back next summer and get things started again.

I'd like to take this chance to talk a little about this summer as a whole. When I went into the interview for the job as youth intern for New Albany church of Christ, the only thing I knew was that it was in New Albany. Now, a few months later, I feel like this is my home. As much as I am excited to get back to Freed, I don't want to leave here. I starting out not knowing any of these kids very well, several of them were very quite kids. Last night on the way home from the area wide I couldn't hear myself think because these kids had come out of their shells. It's a joy to see them grow and mature the way they have in only a few months. I see how closely they have grown with each other this summer, and I know that it wasn't me who did it. Yet, I still am blown away that God has put me in a situation where I could help to do something like I have this summer. I have sent kids home several times thinking, "wow this is exactly what God wants me to do." That is a special feeling. It just goes to further show me that no matter who you are, God can use you to do great things if you let Him.

Bible Verse To Remember

"Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. Prov. 23:13



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PRAYER LIST



Mildred Shackelford, sister of *Dixie White* fell last week and is in a lot of pain. Thankfully tests showed no broken bones.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris Crowe* is nearing the end of her stay at the Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. After a long stay recovering from a bone marrow transplant she is hoping to come home later this week. She is still experiencing problems with her eyesight and will remain under her doctors care for quit some time.

Sophia Jackson, a 6 year old daughter of a faculty member at Ole Miss and friend of the *Weavers* is in very serious condition at Le Bonheur with e-coli.

Continue to remember:

Pat Reed, Eleta Grimmatt, Rebecca Anthony, Marvin Atchison, Kent Brantley, Justin Forsyth, Judy Ward, Bobbie Nunnally, J. J. Harris, Glen Jumper, Eulene Hooper, Alicia Dukes, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

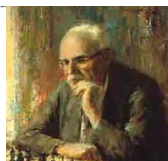
Tim Baxley, Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies Bible Study on Thurs. nights will be starting back on Aug. 28th. They will meet every other Thurs. night at 6:30. If you plan to participate please sign the list in the foyer. If you have any questions please see *Jessica Garrett*.

I've Learned...

Charity begins anywhere and should have no end.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 15. Jessica Garrett
August 16. Cody Hardin
August 19. Kim Clayton
August 20. Phillip Young
August 21. Mary Frances Reid
August 23. Emerson Dewberry

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 18. Shane & Barbara Crotts
August 21. Roger & Kathy Clayton



BRIDAL SHOWER



There will be a Bridal Shower for *JaLyn Stillman* bride to be of *Clay Ormon*, Sun., August 17th from 2:00-3:30 at the fellowship building. *JaLyn* and *Clay* are registered at Belk, Calico Mushroom, and Walmart. *Clay* and *JaLyn* are planning a September wedding.

AREA EVENTS

- **Faith Basics Youth Rally** will be Sat. Aug. 16th at the **Gloster St. Church of Christ** in Tupelo from 9:00-2:00.
- A **Gospel Meeting** is planned for August 17th-20th at the **Hillcrest church of Christ** in Baldwin, MS. The guest speaker will be *James Horton* of Ripley, MS. Time: 7:00pm nightly.
- **West Main Church of Christ** invites you to their **Back-to-School Bible School** Sat. Aug. 23rd beginning at 9:00am
- A **Gospel Meeting** at **Marlow Church of Christ** will be held August 24th-27th. The guest speaker will be *Donnie DeBord*. Time: Mon.-Wed. night at 7:30.
- You are invited to the **100th Anniversary Celebration** at the **Gloster St. Church of Christ** August, 24th, beginning at 9:00am.
- **Fulton Bible Institute's** fall term begins Tuesday, Aug. 26th. The study will be on "Historical Christian Evidences." Check the bulletin board for more details.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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 P.M. PrayerHunter Jennings
 ClosingBill Lyon
 Wed.8/20.....Harold Crowe
 Wed.8/20.....Josh George
 Usher & LockGreg Clayton
 Greeter.....B & A Pounders

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....131
 Sunday A.M..... 142
 Sunday P.M.....95
 Wednesday.....124
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BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What army did David become part of in I Chron. 12? _____
I Chron. 12:19
2. Which king attacked Jerusalem during King Rehoboam's reign?
_____ II Chron. 12:2
3. When King Jehosaphat heard that the Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites were coming to attack, what did Jehosaphat command the people of Judah? II Chron. 20:3 _____
4. Which Assyrian King invaded Judah when it was under Hezekiah's rule? _____ II Chron. 32:1
5. When Hezekiah heard that Sennacherib had invaded Judah, what did he do to the water supply? _____ II Chron. 32:3
6. How many of the signs that befell Egypt involved swarms?
_____ Ex. Chapter 7
7. What did Moses use to afflict the Pharaoh and all of Egypt with boils? _____ Ex. 9:8
8. In which month did the Israelites depart Egypt? _____ Ex. 34:18
9. Who does Joseph correctly predict will be killed by Pharaoh?
_____ Gen. 40:22
10. In Isaiah chapter 3, who did God say he would punish for being 'haughty'? _____ Isaiah 3