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Keeping Your Reference

As A

Point Of View

Mike King



Apollo-13 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on April 11, 1970. This would have been a third lunar attempt. Astronauts *James Lovell*, *John Swigert*, and *Fred Haise* were aboard. The craft, on April 13, 1970 after 55 hours and 46 minutes into its flight, had Oxygen tank No. 2 to explode causing tank No. 1 to fail as well. The crew of three was forced to move to the Lunar Module designed to hold two men. To conserve power, they shut down the onboard computer that steered the craft. They had been earlier taken out of a free-return-to-earth trajectory and put in a lunar landing course. They needed to make a 35 second burn to correct the trajectory to re-enter the atmosphere. Jim Lovell explained this to an audience in Little Rock in which I was privileged to be present. He explained that if they entered at too steep an angle the craft would be consumed by fire, if too shallow they would ricochet off the atmospheric band into outer space in a perpetual circling of the earth; death would ensue in hours. Carbon Monoxide levels were threateningly high which they fixed with plastic bags, cardboard, and tape, which you may remember. Their directional system was down and they were to make the 35 second burn and re-enter the atmosphere.

Astronaut Jim Lovell determined that if they could keep a fixed point in space in view through their tiny window, they could steer the craft manually. That focal point turned out to be their destination—Earth. Ever so precariously, Capt. Lovell focused on keeping the earth in view. He was able to maintain sight of his reference-point and avoid certain disaster for the entire crew. Safely, On April 17th, the Apollo-13 crew landed after an explosion 200,000 miles from the earth!

Scripture reminds us that to finish our life mission successfully, “*Fix [our] eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith*” (Heb. 12:2). The apostle Paul stressed additionally that “*If ye then were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth*” (Col. 3:1-2). He also instructed Timothy that it was vital as a soldier to suffer hardship, refusing to become entangled with the affairs of this life, and if contending in games he must strive for the masteries (2 Tim. 2:3-5). We must, therefore, keep our eyes on the goal and maintain a proper frame of reference to make it home safely. Keeping our eyes on “home,” as these men did, can help keep things in their proper perspective.

The Rest of the Story

Steve Higginbotham

Do you know who Joseph, called Barsabbas was? No? Doesn't ring a bell? Well then, let me ask you another question. Do you know who Matthias was? Ah, that you know. He was the man selected to replace Judas as an apostle. The other man who was not selected was Joseph, called Barsabbas.

Joseph, called Barsabbas was a man who was a disciple of Jesus. He was a disciple of Jesus from the time of Jesus' baptism till the day of His Ascension. He therefore was with Jesus through thick and thin. Then, Judas killed himself, and a vacancy for apostleship became open. His name was mentioned as a candidate. Can you imagine his excitement? The honor? The opportunity? The plans that must have run through his head? Then, just like that, he was rejected, and Matthias was selected. His dreams were dashed; his plans were trashed.

So now what? Did he pout? Did he become critical of the very ones he wanted to become a part of, especially Matthias? Did he become disillusioned and stop living for Jesus? I wish I could answer that question for you; however, Scripture is silent about Joseph, called Barsabbas after this event. I want to believe that he took this disappointment in stride and continued to serve Jesus as a faithful disciple, who was at one time honored to even be considered as a possible apostle. Someday, maybe we will get to know "the rest of the story" with respect to Joseph, called Barsabbas.

Now, what about you? What is the "rest of the story" you are writing with your own life? Ever been disappointed? Ever been overlooked? Ever been hurt and rejected? Of course you have; we all have, but how do you plan to deal with it? Quit? Withdraw? Vilify those who hurt you? Or will you continue to be a faithful disciple of Jesus? How will the "rest of the story" be written with respect to your life? Give it some thought.

The Value of One

God deals in "One." Ephesians 4:4-6 speaks of the unity of faith when Paul says, "*There is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God...*".

Let us think of the importance of "ONE."

ONE false step can ruin a life.

ONE false step can cause a panic

ONE wayward child can break a mother's heart.

ONE life can destroy a person's character.

A closer look reveals:

ONE additional dollar contributed by every member would increase our work program immensely.

ONE person converted by each Christian each year would mean the world for Christ before long.

ONE prayer and scripture reading every day would make for greater spiritual growth among the Lord's people.

Each member of the Lord's body needs to realize he counts for ONE!

~ Vernon Williams

AREA EVENTS

- **Faith Basics Youth Rally 2013** at the **Gloster St. Church of Christ** will be held Aug. 17th from 9:00-2:00pm. *Michael Bates* will be the speaker.
- **Senior Adult Rally** to be held at the **Booneville Church of Christ**, Sat. Aug. 17th from 9:30am-1:30pm. The speaker will be *Lance Foster*.
- A **Gospel Meeting** at the **Hillcrest Church of Christ** will be held Aug. 18-21 with *Chad Ramsey* at the guest speaker. Mon.-Wed. at 7:30pm.
- You are invited to **Homecoming 2013** at the **Enterprise Church of Christ** Sun., Aug. 18th. Lunch will be provided following the morning service.
- The **Fulton Bible Institute** will begin a study of Revelation on Aug. 27th. Classes will meet each Tues. night for 12 weeks.
- A **Ladies Day** will be held at the **East Main Church of Christ** Sat. Aug. 24, from 9:00am-noon. The guest speaker will be *Tish Clarke*. Lunch will be provided.
- The **Looxahoma Church of Christ** will host the first annual Looxahoma Men's Fellowship Meeting August 17th from 9:30a.m.-2:00p.m. The speaker will be *Bro. B. J. Clarke*.



PRAYER LIST

Mildred Shackelford, sister of *Dixie White* was admitted to the Tupelo Hospital over the weekend.

Jayce House, newborn great-grandson of *Gary & Linda Turner* is in the Tupelo Hospital in critical condition.

Mayola Holley, mother of *Kim Clayton* is now at home recovering from triple by-pass surgery. Her address is 1950 Patton Flat Oakland Road, Fulton, MS 38843.

Melissa Reed had surgery on her lower eyelid this past week. Her surgery went well.

Justin Dewberry, is in northern California fighting fires. Please pray for his safety.

Continual Prayer :

Justin Forsyth, Kelly Fryar, Allison Harrison, Nancy Petrowski, Ruth Ann Stroud, Eleta Grimmett, Troy Robertson, Melissa Reed, Ken Joines, J.V. Davis, Judy Ward, Pat Reed, Rivers Robertson, Ruth Brown, Barry Yancey, Jack Dunlap, Rosie Wilson, Prebble Foster, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Shane Crotts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Teresa Clark

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Maxine Carlisle, Jennie Frohn

Military List:

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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
August 21. Jerry & Lucille Gibson



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Family in Christ,

After a long, purpose-filled life, Mama left us for that which she longed– Heaven! She left a legacy like no other. She loved her family and she loved you all and felt blessed and honored to worship here as long as her health allowed. We thank you for your love and kindness toward Mama. She always enjoyed your visits and we appreciate you for taking the time to go see her. Maybe you enjoyed one of her stories. You have cared for our family and encouraged us along the way. We simply don't know what we would have done without you. The food you brought was wonderful; the meal for us after Mama's service was delicious! We thank you for your calls and cards and prayers for our well-being. And, we thank Mike for writing the beautiful tributes to Mama and Daddy in the Informer. Please continue to remember us in prayer. We love you all,

Betty Young and family; John Vest and family

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the lovely house warming. I am so thankful that God brought me here.

I love all of you, Sarah Walker



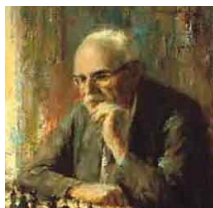
3RD SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Our 3rd Sun. night fellowship will be Aug. 18th, following services. Please bring finger foods and home-made ice cream! Everyone is invited.

Wise Thoughts

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back:

Time, Words, & Opportunity



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTER

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

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton..... 252-9762
 Roger Clayton..... 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver..... 801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....Clay Ormon
 A.M. Prayer.....Mark Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Jennings
 P.M. Prayer.....Harold Russell
 Closing.....Paul Ormon
 Wed 8/21.....Ray Kennedy
 Wed.8/21.....Steve Todd
 Usher & Lock.....Brad Pounders
 Greeter.....L & N Weaver

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....123
 Sunday A.M.....155
 Sunday P.M128
 Wednesday113
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PANTRY ITEM

Pantry is **LOW**

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Mary Had a Little Boy

Mary had a little boy, his soul was white as snow.
 He never went to Bible class 'cause Mary wouldn't go.
 He never heard the words of Christ, that thrill the childish mind
 While other children went to class, this boy was left behind.
 And as he grew from babe to youth, she saw to her dismay,
 A soul that once was snowy white became a dingy gray.
 Realizing he was lost, she tried to win him back,
 But now a soul that was once white had turned an ugly black.
 Mary changed, confessed her sins and went to worship, too.
 Then she begged the preacher, "Is there something you can do?"
 The preacher tried and failed, and said, "We're just too far behind,
 I tried to tell you years ago, but you would pay no mind."
 And so another soul was lost, that once was white as snow.
 Bible classes would have helped-but Mary wouldn't go.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

