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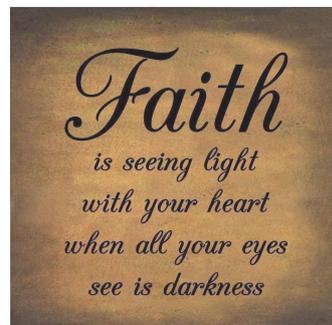
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## Possession of an Unflinching Faith

Mike King



Such great strength is derived from the Scriptures knowing they are from God and delivered through men who were inspired by Him. Jesus realized that our lives would be frequented by mountains that would have to be scaled (Mt. 21:19-21). The kind of faith that “moves mountains” can only come through God’s source of faith – the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). It is not uncommon to believe in just those things that we can see or touch. The definition of faith restricts faith to those things that have not been seen (Heb. 11:1). Victorious lives must be characterized by an unflinching faith.

Adversity (misfortune, wretched state, poverty and troubles, calamity, harm, etc.), which actually means “turned against,” can plague anyone of us at anytime. It may come, not in a universal or regional calamity, but ever so personally by means of death, financial reversal, persecution, sickness, loneliness, failure of so many other things. Maintaining our focus and continuing to press on in spite of hardships are possible only by the strength of our faith. The just and the unjust alike are subjects of difficulty (Mt. 5:45). This came as no surprise to Job, which is indicated by his observations that, “*Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of troubles*” (Job 14:1). Because of his perseverance, refusing to curse God, he received double the amount of his previous possessions. Paul enumerated his own perils and problems with unwavering faith (2 Cor. 11:24-28; 2 Tim. 1:12). He also observed that one does not have to be destroyed though cast down (2 Cor. 4:8-10; 12:7-10). We are encouraged to “*endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ*” (2 Tim. 2:3).

*We lose vigor through thinking continually the same set of thoughts.*

*New thought is new life.*

~ Prentice Mulford ~

Solomon said, “*If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small*” (Prov. 24:10). This necessitates a close encounter with the words of the Lord, for in them, even if walking in the valley of the shadow of death, we will have no fear for we are comforted by Him (Ps. 23:4) through His word. There is a need for help by being carried through situations that are beyond our ability to navigate.

Too, we need to be a channel of blessings to others so they may be able to cope with life’s encounters. We are to “*bear one another’s burdens*” (Gal. 6:2). During crisis and persecutions that were seemingly occurring in the lives of the readers of the Hebrew epistle, strength was to be found in fellowman. The writer said, “*Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them: and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body*” (Heb. 13:3).

## Horse-Sense

Just up the road from my home is a field,  
With two horses in it.  
From a distance, each looks like every other horse.  
But if one stop the car, or is walking by  
One will notice something amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse  
Will disclose that he is blind.  
His owner has chosen not to have him put down,  
But has made a good home for him.  
This alone is amazing.

Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell.  
Looking around for the source of the sound,  
One will see that it come from  
the smaller horse in the field.  
Attached to her bridle is a small bell.  
It lets her blind friend know where she is,  
So he can follow her.

As one stands and watches these two friends,  
One sees how she is always checking on him  
And that he will listen for her bell  
And then slowly walk to where she is  
Trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owner of these two horse,  
God does not throw us away  
Just because we are not perfect  
Or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others  
Into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometime we are the blind horse  
Being guided by God and those whom  
He places in our lives.  
Other times we are the guide horse,  
Helping others see God.



## The Worth of Bible Classes

Do you remember the first Bible class you attended? Can you remember who taught it? Remember any others who were in the class? Can you recall any of the lessons that specially stand out in your mind? Can you remember where you were when you attended your first Bible class?



If you recall just one or two of the above you probably were in an excellent class with a very proficient teacher. However, if about the only thing you recall is where it took place, there was probably much lacking.

We need to have Bible classes that will long be remembered; classes that will leave a lasting impression on students. In order to do that Bible classes must be exciting and challenging. A teacher who is well prepared can make that happen.

Primarily, Bible classes must be BIBLE classes, not play time. The Bible is an exciting and challenging book. Our duty is to convey that to students.

### *A Few Tips:*

1. Teach the class the fundamental points in each lesson
2. Make the lesson personally applicable.
3. Teach with enthusiasm and zeal.
4. Use interesting visual aids.
5. Use appropriate illustrations to which a class can relate.
6. Let students know you are thrilled to be their teacher.
7. Attempt to get response from each student.
8. Make the classroom attractive and relevant to the lesson.
9. Know your students.
10. Pray for wisdom and do not neglect personal study.

Every local church has some who never regularly attend classes. If any of you here at New Albany are like that and you want to help make our Bible classes memorable, try attending one regularly! You have no idea what a boost it is to a teacher to see no empty chairs in the classroom. Study the lesson and make every effort to contribute to the study. Good Bible classes are very worth while in growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Pet. 3:18).

~ Copied & Edited ~

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## PRAYER LIST



**Whit Robertson** did not receive a good report from his recent MRI. There were no new tumors but the current ones have started to grow again.

**Pam Hall**, wife of *Larry Hall*, cousin of *Troy Robertson*, has appendiceal cancer and has requested prayers. Her treatments are not working well.

**Brooks Russell** great-grandson of *Harold Russell* will begin treatments again for a non-cancerous tumor on his spine.

### Continue to Remember:

Timmy Bolden, David Crossings, Roy Crow, Jackie Dodd, John Elliott, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Sonny Gay, Donna Haynes, Dianna Hodges, Shane Hutton, Judy Kirk, Lonnie Parker, Nancy Petrowski, Wayne Reams, Troy & Novene Robertson, Lisa Russell, Sheila Thomas, John Todd, Sean Thompson, Judy Ward, Nicki Weaver, Chris Windham, Andy Ulmer, Terry & Betty Young, Tommy Young.

### Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Claudia Senter

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Perrin Drummond, Betty Lang, Miriam Styers, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris

### Military List:

Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



## THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the last two summers amazing. I have grown to love this congregation and I'll be back to visit as much as I can.

In Christian Love, Cody Hardin

## I've Learned...

The devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 21..... Mary Frances Reid  
August 23..... Emerson Dewberry  
August 26..... Gary Turner

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 21..... Roger & Kathy Clayton  
August 21..... Jerry & Lucille Gibson  
August 29..... Larry & Janet Drummond



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Youth Devo August 23rd, following evening services. The *Garrett* and *Smithey* families will be hosting.
- Sunday August 30th, we will have our 5th Sunday Services. A fellowship meal will follow our morning service. The senior men will be in charge of the afternoon service beginning at 1:15. The Adult III class will be in charge of the fellowship building.

## AREA EVENTS

- Fulton Bible Institute is offering: "The Book of Galatians" with classes beginning Tues. Aug. 25th. Classes are from 7:00-8:30pm each Tues.
- You are invited to Friends and Family Day at the Marlow Church of Christ August 23rd. The speaker will be *Tom Childers* and song leader: *Larry Smalley*.
- Gospel Meeting is planned at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Baldwin, Aug. 16-19th with *Mark Lindley* as the guest speaker. Weeknights at 7:00pm.
- East Main Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting Aug. 30-Sept. 2. Guest speaker will be *Adam Miller*. Weeknights at 7:00pm
- Homecoming and Gospel Meeting to be held at the Sherman Church of Christ Aug. 30-Sept. 2. The guest speaker will be *Marshall Eubanks*. Weeknights at 7:00pm.

**Christ Living in Me...  
To Be Seen in 2015!**



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

### MINISTER

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 Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
 Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

### TO SERVE

Scripture.....Paul Ormon  
 A.M. Prayer.....Randy Wall  
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Young  
 P.M. Prayer .....Mark Jennings  
 Closing .....Bill Lyon  
 Wed.8/26.....Ray Kennedy  
 Wed.8/26.....Richard Jennings  
 Usher & Lock .....L. Weaver  
 Greeter.....M & S King

### OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....111  
 Sunday A.M.....132  
 Sunday P. M.....103  
 Wednesday.....119  
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### PANTRY ITEMS

Instant Potatoes

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### BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who was the wife of Nabal who later became the wife of King David? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 25:3, 25:42)
2. Who was the sorcerer that Paul struck with blindness? \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 13:6-11)
3. Who was told to kill King Agag and utterly destroy the Amalekites? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Samuel 15:1-9)
4. Who interpreted the dreams of the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 40:1-19)
5. Who did Elijah anoint to be the next king over the northern kingdom of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 19:16)
6. The household of Chloe reported that there were problems in what city? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 1:11)
7. Who were Eleazar and Ithamar? \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 6:23)
8. What king regretted that he had to have Daniel thrown into the den of lions? \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:9-16)

questions via ~ Knollwood Church of Christ