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**“A Church Where Everybody  
Is Somebody And  
Christ Is Lord Of All”**

Sunday School – 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 12:00 noon — 1:00 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

As the month of September brings prostate cancer into focus, it's time to increase public understanding of the disease, including its prevalence, approaches to screening and prevention, treatment options, and resources that offer updated prostate cancer information throughout the year.

Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and is a leading cause of cancer death in men, second only to lung cancer. According to American Cancer Society, there will be an estimated 192,280 new cases of prostate cancer and an estimated 27,360 deaths in the United States during 2009.[1] Staying informed with the latest news on prevention and screening is an important step in reducing your risk of developing prostate cancer. And, should a diagnosis occur, access to current, in-depth treatment information can help you find the best care.

### Learning More About Prostate Cancer

- Find great tips on recognizing early symptoms of prostate cancer and insight into management of the disease at <http://>

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## MEMO FROM GOD ....

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines, also.

### 1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

### 2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all ... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

### 3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list.

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## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Celebrating 25 years of Awareness, Education and Empowerment.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States this year. An estimated 40,170 women are expected to die from the disease in 2009 alone. Today, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States.

If you're worried about developing breast cancer, or if you know someone who has been diagnosed with the disease, one way to deal with your concerns is to get as much information as possible. In this section you'll find important background information about what breast cancer is and how it develops.

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that grows in one or both of the breasts. Breast cancer usually develops in the ducts or lobules, also

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## Pastor's Desk



Dear Cross Street Family

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I present to you tonight my 18<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Organizational structure for the conference year 2010 – 2011. The Lord has brought us through good times and tough times. And through it all we have learn to trust and depend on the Lord. I am honored to serve such loving, loyal and faithful people in all Zion. I have fasted and prayed for divine directions for His church and His people.

I want to thank you for your love and loyalty in serving the Church of your choice. The summer months are coming to a close and prayerfully you found some downtime for relaxation and refreshing. We had a blast this summer with the Cultural Bazaar, Church Anniversary, Summer T.A.N., VBS, and Back to School Community Day. Thanks for the overwhelming support in providing book bags and school supplies. You demonstrated that we are a loving and caring congregation.

The Lord is blessing the church with new souls being added and lives transformed for the Kingdom of God. It is time to “Step it Up” in the new conference year with many exciting events. I know I can depend on you to promote and support all of the Church ministries. Your prayers and participation will help to make all of our events a success for the glory of God.

Please consider prayerfully in stepping it up in attending Bible Study on Thursdays for one hour 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Your assistance is needed in stepping it up that we will have 100 % participation of Preachers, Officers, Leaders and members in the Lifestyle Membership – which assures the \$17,500.00 monthly payment and provides an indicator for support for the \$3.5 million mortgage.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support it means so much to me and Eledia to serve such faithful and loving people. The Lord has promised us continued favor as we walk by faith. Let us strive to work together in the Unity of the Sprit and in the bond of peace. In the words of Anita Dempsey, “together we can do this”.

I believe with all my heart the Lord is getting ready to bless us supernaturally, spiritually, numerically and financially. We have seen the mighty hand of the Lord work over and over on our behalf. Will you believe God with me to do great and wonderful things through us for his glory and praise? Much Love to you and your family

Partners in the Faith,

Pastor Harvill

## IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

Note: Erma Bombeck needed an organ transplant, and even though she could have been moved to the head of the waiting list due to her prominence and wealth (like Mickey mantle), she refused to do such, and subsequently, died from organ failure.

### IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER BY ERMA BOMBECK

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have

been more "I love you's".. more "I'm sorry's" ... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute . look at it and really see it live it and never give it back.

Stop sweating the small stuff. Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who Do love us. Let's think about what God HAS blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass you by.

We only have one shot at this and then it's gone. I hope you all have a blessed day.

In memory of Erma Bombeck who lost her fight with cancer. Here is an angel sent to watch over you...

Pass this on to the people you want watched over....

### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK

Subject: Philippians 4:13 -- "for days to come"

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Graves , caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success. blessed.

Pass this on to 10 people whom you want to see

Have a blessed day and may God be with you always.



JESUS CHRIST *is the same*  
YESTERDAY and TODAY  
and FOREVER.



Hebrews 13:8, NIV

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## SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Virginia Adams Rougeau  
Diane Anderson  
Dorothy Anderson  
Master Samuel Ardito  
Beverly Arter  
Banks & Sweeper  
Susan Battle  
Sylvio Belval  
Cynthia Binford  
Erica Dianna Bishop  
Priscilla Bolden  
Angela Bolfill  
Richard Bonner  
Stella Boxley  
Jimmy & Sharon Brackett  
Lance & Sheila Braggs  
Katherine H. Bryant  
Richetta Brown  
William Byrd  
Oswald Cameron  
Richard Campbell  
Kathleen Carter  
Camilli Cecere  
Gregory Chere  
Ethan Chief  
Mary & Luther Collins  
Eddie Cockwell  
Vanessa Crump  
Kevin Costa Jr.  
Juanita De Vance  
Morris Dillard  
Booker Edwards  
Michael Ehot & Family  
George Ellison  
Debra Ellegard  
Rev. Wardell Escott  
The Balkman Family  
The Banks Family  
Darius Ferreira

Paulov Fonesca  
Frank Galluzzo  
Maury Garrett  
Guy Garafalo  
Joseph Garzone  
Julia Gillian  
Loris Gordon  
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Tracey Haines  
Ethel Hall  
Anthony Hall  
Rev. Otis Harvill  
Lei Lani Harris  
Lashawnda Heath  
Mark Henneberry  
Roy Hill  
Wil Hodge  
Barbara Ann Holley  
Georgie Holman  
Inez Holmes  
Shawn Holmes  
Betty Jackson  
Mildred Jenkins  
Twanda Jones  
Samantha Johnson  
Ethan Krawiec  
Margret Harris Leslie  
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Bruce Meggot  
Brian Tammi Moody  
Jeffrey Nesmith  
Mary & Carol Owen  
Greg Parker  
Jeffrey Patterson  
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Canty Polk  
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Crystal Rose  
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Steven Sampson  
Valarie Sansbury  
Ruby Shelton  
Maude Simmons  
Claudette Simmons  
Richard Sneed  
Mary Stearns & children  
Eleanor Stevens  
Pierre Stewart  
Mia Raye Swabski  
Christine Teape  
Gergory Thomas  
Leon & Tanzy Tomlin  
Collie Mae Turner  
Leon Turner  
Walker Wade  
Laura Warcholic  
Letta Watson  
Adell Weston  
James A. Weston  
Christopher D. White  
Ronald Williams Jr.,  
Doreen Wright  
Robert Young Jr.

Church School is a Family Affair,  
Come and Grow with US,

Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call  
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.  
We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class meets at the same time  
**Light breakfast is served each Sunday and a hot breakfast on 5th Sunday**

Greetings from Sunday Church School.

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Summer quarterly studies have ended and we are now in the Fall quarter (September, October and November), studying "***Our Incomparable God***". The lessons are divided into three units: God Reveals, God Sustains and God Protects. These studies reveal to us the unique nature, power and providence of God. Our studies will come from Old Testament passages and the book of Psalms. \*

On August 29<sup>th</sup> the Church School provided service at Waters Edge Convalescent Home. The Vision and Youth choirs and Sis. Yvette early rendered musical selections. Dr. Jerome Long spoke on I Corinthians 13. Rev. Dawn Mays-hardy, Rev. Joyce Johnson and Rev. Robyn Anderson also participated in the service. The residents joyfully joined in the singing of hymn and discussion of the lesson. It was an overall inspiring experience for both the Church School and the residents.

**OCTOBER IS CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY MONTH.** This is the time we encourage everyone to attend church School with family and friends, individually or with your ministry. This is also the month we have our Teacher's Training session. We will end the program with a special program and guest speaker. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Church School classes begin at 8:30 a.m. A nutritional breakfast is available and hot breakfast is provided on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. There are classes for all ages beginning at age 3.

Our theme: *Sunday School is a family affair: Come grow with us.*

**See you in Sunday Church School.**

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### **Hello Cross Street**

My stepdaughter Najiea Mention has graduated Career high School in New Haven Ct. this past June. She was accepted to several Colleges on a full Scholarships and decided to go to Tufts University located in Boston Ma. (Medical School) She received a full four year scholarship to Tufts. She also received a separate scholarship award for the Ct. 2009-2010 Student of the year receiving 5 thousand dollar scholarship. She will start he new College life on September 2nd 2010. Thank You for your prayers, *Deidre Rice*

Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.

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[www.cancerconsultants.com/cancer-tips/](http://www.cancerconsultants.com/cancer-tips/).

- To find expanded information on the prevention, screening, and treatment of prostate cancer, and stay updated with the latest news on the disease, visit the Prostate Cancer Information Center.

- Sign up to receive Cancer Consultants' free online prostate cancer newsletter, which provides disease-specific features, current news, tips, and nutrition and wellness information. Subscribe at <http://www.cancerconsultants.com/about-cancerconsultants/subscription/>.

- Visit the Cancer Store on [Cancerconsultants.com](http://Cancerconsultants.com) for books whose topics range from personal cancer memoirs to expert nutritional guides about fueling your body to prevent and fight cancer.

**Reference:**

[1] American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts and Figures 2009. Available at [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/STT/stt\\_0.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/STT/stt_0.asp) (Accessed August 27, 2009).

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Problem with finances? Put it in My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster?

For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

**4. LEAVE IT ALONE**

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

**5. TALK TO ME**

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

**6. HAVE FAITH**

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

**7. SHARE**

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

**8. BE PATIENT**

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just

because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

**9. BE KIND**

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.

**10. LOVE YOURSELF** As much as I love me for one reason of Love. Love Me. heart ache when I are very precious you, how can you not love yourself? You were only ... to be loved, and to love in return. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. see you so angry with yourself when things go to me. Don't ever forget that! created by I am a God It makes My wrong. You

With all My heart I love YOU ...  
God

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known as the milk-producing areas of the breast.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women (after lung cancer). Although African-American women have a slightly lower incidence of breast cancer after age 40 than Caucasian women, they have a slightly higher incidence rate of breast cancer before age 40. However, African-American women are more likely to die from breast cancer at every age. Breast cancer is much less common in males; by comparison, the disease is about 100 times more common among women. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 1,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among men in the United States in 2009.

**September**

1 Jeremiah 47-49  
 2 Jeremiah 50-52  
 3 Lamentations 1-5  
 4 Ezekiel 1-3  
 5 Ezekiel 4-7  
 6 Ezekiel 8-11  
 7 Ezekiel 12-14

8 Ezekiel 15-18  
 9 Ezekiel 19-21  
 10 Ezekiel 22-24  
 11 Ezekiel 25-27  
 12 Ezekiel 28-30  
 13 Ezekiel 31-33  
 14 Ezekiel 34-36  
 15 Ezekiel 37-39

16 Ezekiel 40-42  
 17 Ezekiel 43-45  
 18 Ezekiel 46-48  
 19 Daniel 1-3  
 20 Daniel 4-6  
 21 Daniel 7-9  
 22 Daniel 10-12  
 23 Hosea 1-4

24 Hosea 5-7  
 25 Hosea 8-10  
 26 Hosea 11-14  
 27 Joel 1-3  
 28 Amos 1-3  
 29 Amos 4-6  
 30 Amos 7-9

**October**

1 Obadiah, Jonah  
 2 Micah 1-4  
 3 Micah 5-7  
 4 Nahum 1-3  
 5 Habakkuk 1-3  
 6 Zephaniah 1-3  
 7 Haggai 1-2

8 Zechariah 1-2  
 9 Zechariah 3-6  
 10 Zechariah 7-10  
 11 Zechariah 11-14  
 12 Malachi 1-4  
 13 Matthew 1-4  
 14 Matthew 5-7  
 15 Matthew 8-11

16 Matthew 12-15  
 17 Matthew 16-19  
 18 Matthew 20-22  
 19 Matthew 23-25  
 20 Matthew 26-28  
 21 Mark 1-3  
 22 Mark 4-6  
 23 Mark 7-10

24 Mark 11-13  
 25 Mark 14-16  
 26 Luke 1-3  
 27 Luke 4-6  
 28 Luke 7-9  
 29 Luke 10-13  
 30 Luke 14-17  
 31 Luke 18-21

**November**

1 Luke 22-24  
 2 John 1-3  
 3 John 4-6  
 4 John 7 10  
 5 John 11-13  
 6 John 14-17  
 7 John 18-21

8 Acts 1-2  
 9 Acts 3-5  
 10 Acts 6-9  
 11 Acts 10-12  
 12 Acts 13-14  
 13 Acts 15-16  
 14 Acts-17-18  
 15 Acts 19-21

16 Acts 22-24  
 17 Acts 25-26  
 18 Acts 27-28  
 19 Romans 1-4  
 20 Romans 5-8  
 21 Romans 9-11  
 22 Romans 12-16  
 23 1 Corinthians 1-4

24 1 Corinthians 5-8  
 25 1 Corinthians 9-12  
 26 1 Corinthians 13-16  
 27 2 Corinthians 1-3  
 28 2 Corinthians 4-6  
 29 2 Corinthians 7-9  
 30 2 Corinthians 10-13

**The Season After Pentecost  
 (Whitsuntide or Trinity)**

The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays. The liturgical color is red for the Season After Pentecost.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after the day of Pentecost. This Sunday emphasizes the three-fold manifestation of the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit/Ghost): three and yet one. White is the appropriate color.

**Color:** Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the Church, and the Holy Spirit.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
JEHOVAH-NISSI	The Lord is My Banner	God gives us victory against the flesh, the world and devil. Our battles are His battles of light against darkness and good against evil.
JEHOVAH-RAPHA	The Lord Who Heals	God has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical, and emotional sickness in Jesus Christ. God can heal us..
JEHOVAH-ROHI	The Lord is My Shepherd	The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for His people. God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd.
JEHOVAH-SABAOTH	The Lord of Hosts The Lord of Armies	The Lord of the Hosts of Heaven will always fulfill His purposes, even when the hosts of His earthly people fail..

Jerry's Story. This is a short story that I had to share. It is one of those simple truths that we all have a hard time remembering, when we are in the thick of it.

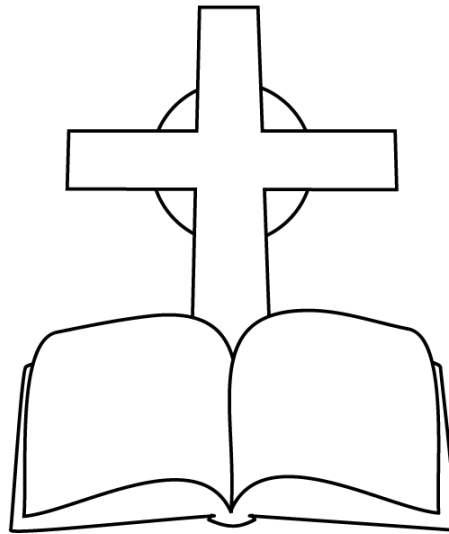
### JERRY, A STORY TO SHARE.

Jerry is a restaurant manager in Philadelphia. He is always in a good mood and invariably has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would always reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" Many of the waiters at his restaurant quit their jobs when he changed jobs, so they could follow him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was always there, telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! No one can be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" Jerry replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, I have two choices today. I can choose to be in a good mood or I can choose to be in a bad mood. I always choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I always choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I always choose the positive side of life." But it's not always that easy," I protested. "Yes it is," Jerry said.

"Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. It's your choice how you live your life."



Several years later, I heard that Jerry accidentally did something you are never supposed to do in the restaurant business: he left the back door of his restaurant open one morning and was robbed by three armed men. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found quickly and rushed to the hospital. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body.

I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Want to see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what

had gone through his mind as the robbery took place. "The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then, after they shot me, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or could choose to die. I chose to live." "Weren't you scared" I asked. Jerry continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the Emergency Room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the physicians and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, read 'He's a dead man.' I knew that I needed to take action." "What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything." "Yes," I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Bullets!' Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Please operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude.

I learned from him that every day you have the choice either to enjoy your life or to hate it. The only thing that is truly yours that no one can control or take from you -is your attitude, So if you can take care of that, everything else in life becomes much easier.

Now you have two choices to make: 1. You can delete this message or 2. You can forward it to someone you care about. I hope you selected #2. I did.

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY

JOY is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It has its beginnings in God and is produced by Faith. It is based on the reality of God and His promises. JOY is not to be confused with happiness which is dependent upon favorable circumstances to sustain it. The source of JOY must be the Lord. We are to share in the JOY of Christ by a daily walk with Him and a daily practice of rejoicing in the knowledge of Him and His salvation. Unlike worldly happiness, JOY often comes after great affliction and sufferings.

JOY is the feeling Jesus had when he suffered for mankind. look for JOY in -

- persons who in the midst of difficulty have a cheerful, peaceful spirit.
- persons who are "happy in the Lord"
- persons who get excited when they talk about the things of God
- persons who are looking forward to being with the Lord and sharing eternal JOY
- persons who love sharing the Gospel and enthusiastic about the salvation of souls
- persons who demonstrate JOY in their singing, praying, testimony, preaching, teaching, with musical instruments, praise and in

their daily walk.

Read: Nehemiah 8:1; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 35:9; Psalm 66:1,2; Isaiah 29:19; 16:24, I Peter 1:3-8.

Remember to look for and acknowledge the signs of JOY within yourself.

### WARNING

Watch for the enemy of JOY - worldly sorrow which, if allowed, will try to destroy your JOY.

Additional Scriptures:

Isaiah 12:1-6, Acts 2:28, Romans 14:17, Romans 15:13, Jude 1:24,25, Hebrews 1:9,

Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

## IT DEPENDS ON WHOSE HANDS IT'S IN!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.

A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth \$19 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends on whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because -

**It depends on whose hands it's in.**





### THE SALVATION OF A LOVED ONE

**Key Scripture:** *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10).*

**Key Thought:** God wants everyone to receive eternal life. (See John 3:16.)

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for all your promises. Your Word assures me that you are not willing for anyone to perish, because you want everyone to come to repentance.<sup>1</sup> I claim this promise now in behalf of my loved one: \_\_\_\_\_. Draw him/her to yourself through the power of your Holy Spirit.<sup>2</sup>

Give \_\_\_\_\_ a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you, so that the eyes of his/her understanding will be enlightened, and he/she will know the hope to which you have called him/her.<sup>3</sup>

Help \_\_\_\_\_ to see his/her need for repentance. You are near, Lord, to all who have a broken heart, and you save those who have a contrite spirit.<sup>4</sup> Bring brokenness to \_\_\_\_\_ so that he / she will see his / her need for you.

Thank you for your promise, Father, that whosoever will call upon your name shall be saved.<sup>5</sup> So work in my loved one's life that he/she will want to call upon your name.<sup>6</sup>

Right now, Father, on the authority of your Word,<sup>7</sup> in the name of Jesus,<sup>8</sup> and by the precious blood of Christ,<sup>9</sup> I pray that every plan and strategy of the enemy in \_\_\_\_\_'s life be stopped and rendered of no effect. Let every plan of the powers of darkness against \_\_\_\_\_'s life fail.<sup>10</sup>

Send believers who will proclaim the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ in the power of your Holy Spirit,<sup>11</sup> so that his/her eyes will be opened and that he/she will turn from darkness to light.<sup>12</sup>

Thank you for giving him/her eternal life with you, Father.

**References:** (1) 2 Peter 3:9; (2) 1 Corinthians 12:3; (3) Ephesians 1:17-18; (4) Psalms 34:18; (5) Acts 2:21; (6) Romans 10:13; (7) Isaiah 55:11; (8) Philippians 2:10, (9) 1 Peter 1:19-21; (10) Ephesians 6:12; (11) Acts 1:8; (12) Acts 26:18.

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## Remember Our Military



and their families  
with Prayers, Cards, & Letters

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*We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?*

**Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way**

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### SEEING GOD'S HAND

**READ:** Ezra 7:1-1'0,27-28

*He came to Jerusalem according to the good hand of his God upon him. -Ezra 7:9*

**O**n Jack Borden's 101st birthday, he awoke at 5 a.m., ate a hearty breakfast, and was at his law office by 6:30 ready to begin his day. When asked the secret of his long life, the practicing attorney smiled and quipped, "Not dying."

But there's more to it than that. Mr. Borden, who was baptized at age 11 in the Clear Fork of the Trinity River, told Fort Worth (Texas) *Star Telegram* reporter David Casstevens, "I'm a firm believer that God has His hand in everything that happens. He is letting me live for some reason. I try to do the things that I believe He wants me to."

Ezra the priest experienced the 'good hand of his God upon him" when he led a delegation to Jerusalem to provide spiritual leadership for the former captives who were

rebuilding the temple and the city (Ezra 7:9-10). Ezra found strength and courage in knowing that the Lord was with them each step of the way. "So I was encouraged, as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me; and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me" (v.28).

When we see the Lord's hand in our *lives*, it brings forth a deep "Thank You" and a growing desire to do what He Wants US to do. -David McCasland

*If we would view through eyes of faith  
The course of each new day,  
We'd quickly see God's gracious hand  
In all that comes our way. -D. De Haan*

**If you know that God's hand is in everything,  
you can leave everything in God's hands.**

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### Doxology

**Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25**



## Running with the Vision

**Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. Habakkuk 2:2**

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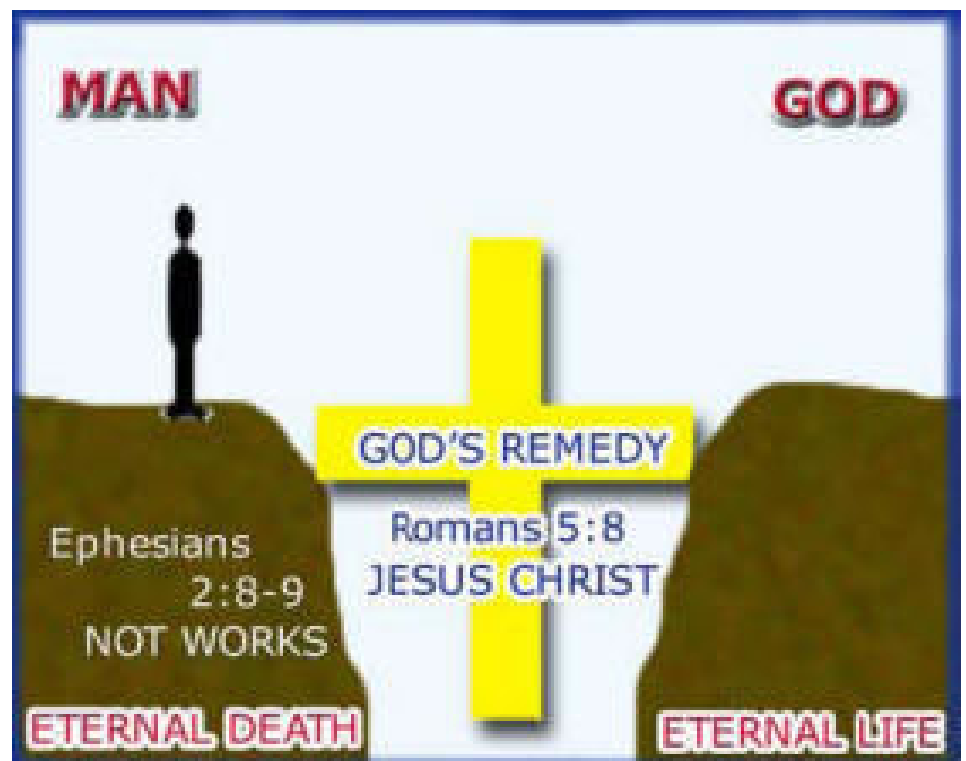
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**If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???**