

The Christian Ranchman

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"..By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." John 13:35

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Life

By Joel Nupp

Proverbs 1:32-33 "For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

This was at a pro rodeo in Howard County Fairgrounds years ago. These were rough stock cowboys. The ones that climb up on the 2000-pound bulls and ride the rankest horses I've ever seen. When these guys land, they hit with a thud. They are bold, but I've never had one person turn down an opening prayer. We are kneeling here behind the bucking chutes away from the crowd but in God's view. Praying.

Thirty years ago, when my family was young and my wife still healthy, I rode my horses down here to show. My kids rode along and my daughter was on her pony. We had an old beat-up truck. No trailer. We rode our horses. They were simple times. Life was little league and horse sales. Livestock auctions and 4H. Life was crayons and barbie dolls. It was easy. Life was Sunday school and first Communion. Life was birthday cakes and family picnics.

Then came the realization that my wife wasn't going to make it. My kids would grow up without a mother. I drifted; sometimes close, sometimes far...but drifted. The family dissolved. No more Christmas carols. No more Easter egg hunts. No more anything. What was once riding double on my horse, turned into unanswered phone calls. Disregarded family times. Life alone. Drifted.

But God had a plan. Into my 50s I returned to church. I returned to a relationship with Christ. The life I let slip away would return to me. Oh, not like before. But I can see. The clouds of my inequities have been made clear once again. The vision that was cloudy from the bait of Satan was once again restored. The young dad kneeling to tie boot laces of his own children was kneeling in reverence to the one thing that kept me alive all these years. My upbringing and my Faith.



JOEL NUPP PRAYING BEHIND THE CHUTES

This morning I learned of the passing of my father-in-law from my first marriage. I knew him of a man of integrity. After he had lost the 3rd of 7 kids to a very rare disease, I asked him how he did it. I'll never forget him saying, "you know". Yes, I guess I do.

I struggle to this day on choices I made in my past. I can't get those years back. They are gone. Long gone. But I can dwell on them, or I can dwell on the promises God has made to those who love Him. I can wallow in my self-pity or I can rejoice in the realization that better days are ahead.....that whoever listens to HIM will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm. Thank you, Lord for always keeping an eye on me. I pray for restored hope and vision. Your vision.

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Ordination of Adam Stroud

By Dave Harvey

I was very blessed to officiate at the Ordination of our newest Chaplain, Adam Stroud, on March 1, 2021. It was a special blessing as the Ordination was held at the Foothills Chapter weekly Bible Study. President Craig Deal and his wife Phyllis have a really neat meeting place that they have built beside of their home in Statesville, NC.

Adam had his dad and other friends attend, and it was just a great time in the LORD. Dan Frye, who usually leads the Bible Study, opened in prayer and gave a great teaching from the Book of Zachariah. Then he turned the service over to me to share the WORD and give an update on the happenings in Cowboys For Christ.

Then Adam came forward to read Scripture and commit to his dedication and service to the LORD. A very special thanks to Craig, Phyllis, and all of the great folks of the Foothills Chapter for the fellowship and for the blessing of being a part of the Ordination of Adam Stroud.

I am sure they will be in prayer for Adam, and I am asking everyone to please remember our Chaplains as they go to share JESUS CHRIST to cowboys and cowgirls as the HOLY SPIRIT leads.

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CHAPLAIN ADAM STROUD AND DAVE



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TESTIMONY

By Troy Jernigan

On December 18,2020, I went to Galveston, Texas to have eye surgery on my left eye. The doctor asked me if I wanted an eye lens to see far away or close up. I said an eye lens far away. The doctor said OK, but remember you will not be able to read anything up close. So, on December 18, 2020 I had eye surgery and a new lens put inside my left eye.

But, on January 25, 2021 I was reading a book called, The Supernatural Power of God. I was reading with my left eye closed because with my left eye the words were blurry. The book I was reading said to declare and receive your miracle by faith. I stopped reading and I prayed to God. I said, "God, I declare and receive by faith that I will have a miracle in my left eye so that I can read up close, In the name of Jesus Christ." I picked up my book, and I was reading with my left eye up close. Praise God, He does miracles today.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."
Job 22:28 "You will also declare a thing and it will be established for you, so light will shine on your ways."

Matthew 19:26 "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

God bless you and the Cowboys For Christ ministry. Love in Christ, Bro Troy

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ones at Cowboys for Christ,
A friend of mine sent me a copy of your paper the Christian Ranchman recently, Jan/Feb 2021. I liked everything I saw and read. I was especially impressed with the article by Bobbi Dupertuis, "Put Your Hand to the Plow and Don't Look Back." I am a farmer, 85 years old, raise cattle and horses. Our church, Salisbury Baptist Temple has a horse camp which runs eight weeks each summer. Each week of camp ends with a rodeo on Friday night. I am president of the Mt. Hermon Plow days Inc., which has a big plow day each April with over 2000 attending. I also participate in the National Plow Day competition each year now being held in Kentucky. That's enough about me, but my biggest and happiest event of my life is when I was saved at the age of 20, some 65 years ago. I have heard of Cowboys For Christ, but never seen a copy of your paper. I am enclosing a small donation, would you please put me on your mailing list. I would love to receive your paper the Christian Ranchman. Thank you. God bless. Keep up the good work, Oren in Maryland

The Christian Ranchman,
We are thankful for the work you are doing. We certainly enjoy reading your publication. Time is short for those that do not know Jesus' saving grace. Please send a subscription of the Christian Ranchman to the following.
Thank you, RS in Kentucky

To Whom It May Concern,
My name is Phillip. I am an avid student of the Word, but the Scriptures that I have is old, pages missing, water stained. I came across this address in a friends Bible. If you could, may I please have a copy of your Easy-To-Read Cowboys For Christ Bible. It truly is easy to read for my old eyes. Thank you and God bless, Phillip in Virginia

Dear Sir/Madam,
Greetings! Will you please send me your newspaper and add me to your mailing list? Thank you, God bless!
Respectfully, Richard in Texas

Dear Saints,
Greetings, I would be very appreciative if I am blessed with one or two copies of your Bible. I found it very useful for teaching.
Blessing, Fidelis in Texas

To Whom It May Concern,
Enjoyed the Bible study booklets. I read the Bible from cover to cover for the first time. Thanks John in Louisiana

Cowboys For Christ,
I really enjoy Christian literature, books and magazines. Would you please add me to your mailing list? Thank you and God bless, Keith in New Jersey

The Christian Ranchman,
First of all, I would like to thank you for sending me the Christian Ranchman. I look forward to every issue. The articles are interesting, and very informative! Please change my address to the one above. Thank you for your ministry to prisoners. May God bless you! Best wishes, David in Florida

Dear Cowboys For Christ,
I have been receiving your Christian Ranchman for many years. I have enjoyed your wonderful testimonies and sermons. Please send the Christian Ranchman to my granddaughter. She used to barrel race a lot. She won a saddle. Enclosed is a check to use where it is most needed. I carry a lifetime membership card that I purchased when they first came out. Sincerely in Christ, Mary in Louisiana

Dear Folks,
God bless you all. How often I've thought how nice if I could be there in Texas with you all. I'm getting so much just reading the Cowboy Bible. It illuminates it's meaning. If you'd like, send me another Bible "Cowboy" style and maybe a newsletter. The articles are so up lifting. And I'll come visit you in Heaven, and you all will come over to my place. Love,
Cathy in Alabama



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Supreme authority over this organization and all its activities is vested in God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This must be recognized and practiced as laid out for us in God's divinely inspired Word, the Holy Bible.

Cowboys For Christ is not in competition with any denominational group. It seeks, rather, through God's enabling grace, to be a helper to all local churches, denominations and groups to the extent that they are in harmony with the will of the Almighty God. Its function is to proclaim the Word of God. It is designed for outreach and building up of the Body of Christ, God's blood-bought people, and in harmony with the work of the Holy Spirit is an active force in the Lord's program for the present day.

The message of The Christian Ranchman is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. These messages come to us in a variety of expressions, including testimonies and Letters to the Editor, and each is meaningful in its own way. We pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of you that bit of reassurance and comfort your need today.



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The Old Brown Mare

By Chaplain Joel Nupp

I couldn't help notice the peace that Siouxy (Suzie) was in. The forecast like most other days, was cold.....and grey. Cold and grey, cold and grey, cold and grey. The branches gleamed from the freezing rain from last night. Cold. But then a little sun broke through. Didn't last long. But it was the sun. I saw it. 27 odd years this old mare has seen. I see my wife's face light up when she tells of the mare, she and her daughter looked at in Pittsburgh years ago. There stood a bony mare that had just had another foal pulled off her and sold. That's all this mare did. She was tremendously bred of the highest quality. Her show career had ended but she was continually bred. Year after year. Each year having her foal, no matter what age, pulled off and sold. Registered name-Circle L Siouxy (Indian name).

In 2007 when I met Sheryl, she invited me up to Pittsburgh. Here, you ride Siouxy she said, I'll ride Red. It was one of our first dates. All I can remember is racing down through a holler at break neck speed. I couldn't see the grass below me we were going so fast. My now wife was a stone's throw in front of me. Flying. Don't come off now I thought. You're supposed to be a cowboy. I remember that ride. Siouxy was smooth as silk. In her own way she was watching over me. Months later at my wife's farm I witnessed my wife and step daughter riding this horse bareback. With baling twine tied to her halter. Taking care of them.

When she moved here to Chambersburg with us, she hauled our oldest granddaughter (7 at the time) around. Ever so careful. Taught our granddaughter to canter. Oh, I guess we haven't really ridden Siouxy 3 or 4 years now. We just feed her. Take care of her. She's done her job. And then some. Winter time I find myself getting depressed from the monotonous weather pattern. Cold and grey, cold and grey. I feed the old mare her hay.... where she stood. Carried it out to her. She was away from the herd. Standing alone. Tired. Worn out. She knickers in thanks. And I felt the peace she felt.

I went into my study. Got my Bible out, started reading, my daily devotions. My study is just a little corner of the laundry room. Just a little corner, where my wife folds laundry sometimes. But around midday the sun will come in, and its warm. We raised our puppies here. I spend hours and hours and hours and hours studying here. I work on sermons. I read my bible. It's quiet here. I talk to God here. He talks to me. I just opened my bible and witnessed the sun shine on Psalm 34:4 "I sought the Lord, and He answered me". And I felt the peace. Just like that tired old mare. I felt the peace. It wasn't in my childish tantrums.... It was in the stillness. The peace was in seeking God. Not myself. Thank you, Lord. Thank you for the peace. I'm thankful. I'm grateful. I'm humble. I'm blessed.

Specific Prayer

By David Holland

I was raised in a family that was nominally Christian. We attended church sporadically. I was raised with the tooth fairy, the Easter bunny, Santa Claus, and Jesus. It doesn't take long for a young person to realize that the tooth fairy, the Easter bunny, and Santa Claus are not real. Oh, how I wanted to believe that Jesus Christ was real, but I lived for 24 years with the quiet expectation that He, too, would be proven to be imaginary or fictional. Then on July 8, 1979, at Mormon Lake, Arizona, I had a personal encounter with Him - a revelation of the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ - and my life was changed forever.

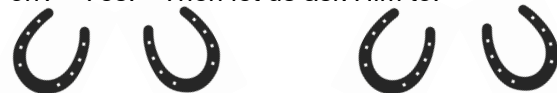
Fast forward a few years to 1990. I was married to a wonderful woman and we had our first of four children. We had determined to raise them knowing the reality of Jesus Christ.

We celebrated the birth of Christ without Santa, but not without gifts; Resurrection Sunday without an Easter bunny; and the loss of a tooth with a tooth redemption reward with no fairy involved. Nonetheless, I questioned whether our children were grasping the reality of who Jesus Christ was, and that we can have a personal, interactive relationship with Him. One day that winter the concern for my children was weighing heavily on me. I took it to the Lord and asked, "How do I make You real to my children?" The answer I received was, "Specific prayer." The Scripture that came to mind is James 4:3, 4 which says in part, "You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it in your pleasures."

We do not have because we do not ask? It seems to me that Christians in America are some of the askingest, beggingest, greediest offerers of prayer there are, yet so many of our prayers are focused on ourselves, and often on our own comforts and personal glorification. What the Lord showed me that day was that, to have an active and vibrant interaction with Him, my motives had to be pure and my prayers specific in nature; not "Lord give me a good day," but rather name what I need for that day to be good and to glorify Him.

Our first experience with specific prayer seemed almost inconsequential. Our power had been out all day and the temperature was subzero. As the sun was setting our house was beginning to freeze. We had no way to warm the house (all electric), and we were snowed in, unable to leave.

I explained to our children - 6, 4, 2 in age - the gravity of the situation. I asked them, "Do you believe Jesus knows where we are?" "Yes." "Do you believe Jesus wants us to be safe?" "Yes." "Do you believe Jesus can turn our lights back on?" "Yes." "Then let us ask Him to."



I asked the youngest to pray first for the very selfish reason that, as they each prayed, I used that time to reason within myself how to explain when the lights did not come on. They prayed boldly in faith. I prayed mealy-mouthed in doubt. I closed with, "Lord, please turn the lights back on. Amen."

The instant I said "Amen," the lights flashed on. Each of the children sat back beaming in delight. My response inwardly was, "Wow. That was a coincidence!" That was no coincidence. That was the beginning of years and years of answered prayer - not for self-glorification, but to His glory.

Over the years we have seen so many answers to prayer - our car coming to a complete standstill as it slid beneath a semi-trailer on black ice with not a scratch; a rattlesnake coiled between my four-year-old son's legs striking at him and missing; a daughter praying for guidance by asking for specific signs and those three signs happening within an hour; a giant rubber-tired front end loader appearing out of nowhere as a blizzard descended upon us, which picked up my trailer with seven tons of hay on it so I could change a tire; a ruptured kidney and spleen being made whole over night to prevent serious surgery; all signs of a precancerous, chronic condition being removed from my wife (the doctor would not say it was a miracle, only that she once had this chronic condition and now she doesn't); fires stopping four times at our property line due to heavy rain from a cloudless sky or a sudden change of wind direction; a gun fired at me at point blank range misfiring; a beloved friend going from short time to live, to cancer free in less than a year; and so many more I want to write a book, and someday I might.

I will close with this - 16 years ago we had lost a lease, which meant we had lost our ranching enterprise. I was fifty years old and had for years leased property, improved the property, then lost the lease. As time neared when we had to vacate the property, I could see bitterness forming in my children. One day a daughter said to me, "You are not even looking for a place to go, are you?" And she was right. I had given up. I had found an old ranch house on 120 acres south of Gillette and decided to buy that, although there was nothing I could do on 120 acres that interested me. I could see the doubt and hurt in her eyes, and I took it to the Lord.

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***Have You Moved or are You
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Testimony

By Kelly Mason

I wasn't raised with faith. My father was a mix of Sylvester Stallone, Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino...handsome and very gregarious, loving, full of life and laughter. He was my Jesus. I was taught to be a good person, don't lie, cheat, steal etc. My mother told me someone stole Jesus' body when I got old enough to ask. I went to my first youth Bible study and they told me I was going to Hell so I came home crying. He and my mom believed they were re-incarnated from the Middle East/Egyptian times. We were told to stay away from Christians because they were crazy and will threaten you with hell.

My dad told me he was going to die three months before he did....and he did on Dec. 19, 1999 from medical malpractice in the ICU. After he passed away, I was 26, I went to the Armenian Church a few months later and got baptized to feel closer to him not God. My dad was raised in the Eastern Orthodox Greek church, so this was my way to follow him if I was to die soon. I remember watching him in bed the last three months of his life, watching Jesus videos 24-7 before he passed away. All in this time, I got fired from my job, my marriage ended from an addiction my husband couldn't drop and I was sitting in an empty house with no furniture, husband or father. In the shower I gave my life to Christ.

I was tired, stripped of all, and there was no hope in anything period. My mom and I chased mediums so we could speak with my dad and argued over his belongings to wear or keep; we were desperate to reach him. I went to sleep every night at 6pm after work to see him in my dreams...which I did. I worshipped him.

That started the journey and on my 33rd birthday I was immersed /baptized. In 2019, I became a pastor through a 3-year journey through a Pentecostal, denomination, now claiming non-denominational under Ron Carpenter, Jr. in Greenville, SC. I became so cynical, bitter at anyone living past 56 years old and not understanding why God allowed this to happen. I was self-focused, never wanted to volunteer or tithe, no fruits of the spirit. I joke I am a female book of Job. The past fifteen years have been 15 Dateline episodes in one, ridiculous in struggle, and I believe the Lord has kept me

isolated to crush me and rebuild me so I may serve others. I gave my first sermon in a church in Virginia in 2020 regarding my repentance story. I didn't realize it was even worshipping my dad and any relationship for that matter, over the Lord until I was standing up there.

Jesus has given me a calling to police chaplaincy, as well as, prison ministry and has been blowing doors open to share the restoration I have experienced after the burning coals I have been walking on for so long. I was raised in Arizona, lived around rodeo, horses and cowboys my whole life. If I had to sum up my life in one sentence....I am a fierce daughter of the King with my cowboy hat, dirty boots, messy hair and the Holy Spirit leading the way.....to share the only thing in this life that fills that void, the only thing in this life that will provide, love you, forgive you, care for you and restore you from places we can't even talk about. But God....

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MY ETERNAL DECISION

There is one important decision that each and every person must make some time in their life. The decision to accept JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR guarantees eternal life. No one knows when their life will end, so it is very important to make that decision before it is too late.

The Bible very plainly tells us in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned". Also, in Romans 6:23 we are told, "For the wages of sin is death". This death actually is referring to eternal death. But the last part of Romans 6:23 reads, "But the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. And in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 & 10 explains how, That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" sure includes you.

This very minute you can make the decision for eternal life and by praying this prayer and truly believing you can accept the LORD JESUS CHRIST as your LORD and SAVIOR. The late great D.L. Moody once said, "GOD has put salvation within the reach of everyone, because all you have to do is believe".

Please pray this prayer,

Dear HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to you a sinner and I am sorry for those sins, please forgive me. I know that your SON, JESUS CHRIST died on the cross and rose from the dead to save me from eternal death and I believe that in my heart. Please, Dear JESUS, come into my heart as SAVIOR and LORD. And FATHER please help me to be your child. In JESUS' NAME, Amen.

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For years I had asked God to let me have a ranch. This time I quit praying for me and prayed instead, "Lord, please show my children once again that You are strong and that You answer prayers, so that they will glorify Your name."

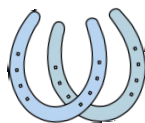
The next day we were called by friends about property coming up for sale in a few weeks. Sale day came - all the big ranchers, land developers, wealthy coal miners were there. I signed up as buyer #1, then sat in a corner sick to my stomach as I saw all the high-dollar people get buyer numbers. The land first was auctioned as a whole, and I had the bid with the last dollar I could offer. The land was then offered in smaller tracts and they sold at prices I could not afford. But there were yet two larger tracts which went for less than my bid. As I saw the total price drop, I wrote a note to my children, "I think we bought this place." As they did the math in their heads, I could see the light dawn on them and the joy of life return to their eyes. Glory to God!

Are you struggling in faith? Take your needs to the Lord, die to yourself and your desires, and ask Him to glorify His Name! And may that be the beginning of a lifelong faith-walk with Him!



Cat in the Box

By Karen Meisner



We had a heavy snow storm in Missouri two weeks ago. I had already put a big box in the barn and had it covered with 2 horse blankets on the outside and inside I had a fuzzy dog/cat bed with 3 blankets, all in a circle in the box, so our barn cats had a place to sleep and be warm. I went out to feed the next day and there were feathers all over near the big bed box, evidently a bird had flown in to try to escape the -20 below wind chill outside. The bird would have no way to know that a predatory animal was curled up in the box. I felt bad but the incident was over and I could not help the bird anymore.

I cleaned up the feathers and went back to the house. As I did I thought; Satan & the demons are like that bird incident; just waiting to see who they can devour, no warning, just attack just like the cat. 1 Peter 5:8. Jesus paid the price for our "Salvation" don't be deceived by the attack of Satan. Ask Jesus to come into your heart and save your soul. Ask Him to forgive your sins, He will and someday when you are in Heaven, you'll be glad you did.

Proof

By Bobbi Dupertuis

My sister and I are proof of the very presence of God, and what it means to be a truth teller and a change agent. My extended forever family is proof that God, and God alone is pouring out His Spirit for such a time as this. Based on Ester 4:14. In 2 Timothy 2:15 it says, "Study to show yourself approved" and He calls us to be a "workman that does not need to be ashamed, but rightly dividing the word of truth." God's word is true. Pretty words aren't always true, and true words aren't always pretty. Become a truth teller, and a change agent. Love the Lord with all your heart, and seek His right ways. Then love each other. If words do not line up with scriptures, then they are not truth.

We are in a new season. Springtime, new life. Why are we looking back at the winter season that was dark? When things were asleep. When we were told to stay inside and not gather together. We have been given the greatest gift of life. We have the resurrected power of the living Jesus Christ in us. Don't be stuck in the graveyards among the dead, but Arise and bring forth the fruit that has been pruned and purified.

Even to this day, although I am being set free on a daily basis. I still doubt at times, I feel insecure, I feel tired, I am afraid, because I get my eyes fixed on the natural, and forget all the work God was doing behind the scenes to bring us into today. But that's not all we are. He created us to be so much more. God wants us to unlearn our limitations. As we rise up to peek out of our groundhog hole, we have been sheltering in, we have the chance to see the light of spring, or we can cower, and stay in the darkness of this world. If we remain silent, some will not see God's greatness, and will perish.

Rise up, brave warriors, overcomers, truth tellers, change agents, wild, born again, Spirit led believers. Gather arms with one another, with our forever family, and prepare and be equipped, to gather for His glorious homecoming supper, living together, for all eternity. There should be one thing in our sights, worshipping and giving Him the glory, so others see Him in us and accept the invitation. So, no one is left behind.

Lord, lead us to the ones who you have opened their eyes and ears to hear and receive your great call. That they also can put their ear to your chest and hear your very heartbeat, and know your ways. You are the Word, and Lord you are Love. He who does

not know you does not know love. We thank you Lord that the church will never be the same. For it is your Spirit that is breathing life, and that by listening, trusting and obeying. You reveal your plans, to each of us, unique to each one, as we all have different gifts to share. We all have our own path to journey on, and you never leave us or forsake us. We are as in the days of Nehemiah, builders and restorers, to what has been broken. Dreams that have been written on our hearts will come to pass. His promises and covenants are for us, today, and for all generations.

Stand up and be a voice. You, as My remnant will confront and take down the giants, that no one else will be able to do as this is your assignment. I have called you to this position. You with Christ in you will see victory, and it will take place right in the enemy's campground. Jesus came for all, and does not want one to be left behind. Don't be like the 1/3 of the fallen angels, that left God's presence because they were deceived, by the one who at one time worshipped God and knew Him. Let's make Jesus the main thing, once and for all. Be an image bearer, overturn the money changers, and restore prayers in His house. He hears our cries; he knows our sorrows. Speak life into your mind and don't dwell on your problems, our God is bigger. Be restored to hear His voice, and discard the distractions. Let's lean on Him, His Word, His ways, be a repairer of the ruins, and restorer of the truth which sets us free. Be the change agent for such a time of this.

What are you thankful for today? Yesterday, we had a great feast, at one of my forever sister and brothers house, and there was abundant joy, and laughter, and the kids were playing, and happy. My forever sister had shared the word that morning, a message from the friend of Jesus. It was presented in a way that rang true in our hearts, and was spoken from a place of love and deliverance. Be set free to love and include others. Be that change agent. We are blessed to bless others. Don't let your tank be on empty. Be filled up, the price may be high, but it is worth it. The price includes suffering for a short time, but the prize at the end, when we sit at the feet of His Majesty, and offer our rewards back to him at the throne of grace is worth everything. God is good all the time. On Christ, He is our solid rock on which we will stand. Death could not hold Him and it will not hold us, if we just believe. Receive His free gift, and be anchored in His grace.

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Riding Point With Dave Harvey....

ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

Heb 6:19-20 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Heavenly hope=eternal assurance. We have this hope through JESUS CHRIST! WHO is the ANCHOR of our soul; now and for all eternity! What a wonderful TRUTH! HE is our HOPE! HE is our HIGH PRIEST, now and for all eternity! And JESUS CHRIST is the ANCHOR for our soul, both now and for all eternity! We need hope, which is eternal assurance, for our eternal salvation. And, folks we need a HIGH PRIEST to be our mediator, between the HOLY GOD and us as sinful mankind. Plus, we need an ANCHOR for our soul right now and to continue on until our last breath on this old sinful earth, as well as, through all eternity. And that HOPE, that ANCHOR is JESUS CHRIST.

I have emphasized "for all eternity" because of the fact of JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, and our SAVIOR and LORD is so very true, as we completely depend on HIM for our eternal existence. There is certainly no other way, as JESUS so clearly stated in John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." There is absolutely no one or nothing else that can give us security for this life and throughout eternity to come. Once we take ahold of this fact and instill this fact into our being; our heart, our mind and into our very soul, real assurance is ours, period.

But until then, are we just floating on the high seas of life with nothing to hold on to and nothing to keep us steady and safe. Now, our eternal life is "firm and secure" in JESUS CHRIST, but what about our ride, here and now? This ride of life that sure can be "weak and wavering" at times when we are overrun by feelings of being very unsteady and unstable as we negotiate the steep hills and deep valleys of this life. There are times in everyone's life that there just seems to be nothing that is dependable, nothing solid and nothing that is secure. We certainly live in a world of variables and are faced with the unknown many times and so many things can change in a blink of an eye to completely disrupt our lives and our journey on this earth.

I can remember when my children were very young and we were blessed with a vacation on one of the small Bahamian Islands named Exuma. It was certainly a wonderful blessing with a week at a small beach cottage there and we could go and stay free, but the cost of getting there was so much, that we were only able to do it a couple of times. And as we all know cowboys are always expert boaters, and I was a real boat captain; not. Anyway, we rented a small motor boat and went exploring around the small islands on one end of the big island (which was a very small island.) The kids wanted to explore the reefs and I being the boater I was, anchored the boat real tight, like I would tie a horse. But as a real boater would know you leave slack in the anchor rope to keep the anchor deep in the sand. Well, it didn't take long until the waves, even though very small, caused the boat to pick up the anchor from the sand and away went the boat.

As we came back from our little twenty-minute exploration, we could barely see our boat out in the middle of the bay and going further away every second. Talk about one shocked cowboy, I sure was. There I was stranded on a tiny remote island, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean with my wife and three small children. Do you think this ole cowboy started praying? Well, I can assure that I did a bunch of praying. I was desperately looking around and in a small cove on the adjoining island I spotted a sail boat and suddenly I saw a small dingey appear from the back of that sail boat and it was headed out to my runaway boat. The man in the dingey went to our boat and tied to it and brought it back to us. The evidently real expert boatman from the sail boat gave me a very stern lecture on the proper way to anchor a boat, and for endangering my family by not knowing how to set an anchor. I praised and thanked the LORD for sending that fine boatman to rescue us and I thanked the expert boater very humbly for bringing back our runaway boat. I also found a book on boating and the proper way to anchor a boat, as soon as, we got back to the cottage.

Cowboys and cowgirls, we are so secure in our "anchor for our soul" through JESUS CHRIST. We don't have to worry about our ANCHOR losing hold and us drifting off into deep water. HE will never turn us loose and HE will never let anything or anyone take us from HIS grasp. How do I know, because of this wonderful TRUTH spoken by JESUS CHRIST, HIMSELF in "John 10:28-30 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one." You, as GOD'S child are anchored and I mean anchored; you and your soul, so in times of stress and strain stay strong in your CHRIST-like walk, because you are secure.

But wait just a minute, what if JESUS CHRIST is not the ANCHOR of your soul. What if you are reading this and you suddenly realize that you don't have an ANCHOR for your soul; now or for eternity. Please go to the Decisions section in this paper and pray the prayer of salvation, and then come back and read this article again and know for sure that you do have an ANCHOR for your soul. JESUS CHRIST is the ONE and ONLY ANCHOR for your soul; now, the rest of your life on this earth and throughout eternity.

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Happiness

By Chaplain Bob Perkerson

Well, what a year it has been. Last year on the first weekend in March, I was on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend, and Covid was beginning to change the way we live our lives. Since last March, we have had to deal with mandatory shutdowns, sheltering in, and almost all the news we have heard has been bad. Not long ago, Nancy told me that if I did not have something to complain about, there would be no conversation at our house. She said I reminded her of one of her Dad's sayings: "Some people were born in the negative case and weaned on a dill pickle. "

So, I decided it was time to check my attitude and to see what scripture has to say. One of my morning devotionals recently was based on Ecclesiastes 7:14 "When times are good, be joyful; when times are bad, consider this: God made the one as well as the other, so people won't seek anything outside of his best." The lesson that day was based on a legend that a rancher lost one of his prize horses. His neighbor expressed sorrow for his loss, but the rancher was unconcerned. The

rancher said: "Who knows if it may be a good thing for me?" This reminded me of the saying of looking for the silver lining in each dark cloud.

As the legend goes, surprisingly, the lost horse returned home with another horse. As the neighbor then congratulated the rancher, the rancher said: "Who knows if it may be a bad thing for me?" As it turned out his son broke his leg when he rode the new horse. This seemed like a misfortune, until the army arrived to recruit all able-bodied men to fight in the war. Because of the son's injury, he could not be recruited, which ultimately could have spared the son from death.

This legend teaches that a difficulty can be a blessing in disguise. As Ecclesiastes 6:12 "For who knows what is good for a person in life ..." Each day offers new opportunities, joys, and struggles. As God's beloved children, we can rest in His sovereignty and trust Him through the good and bad times alike. He is with us in all events in our lives and promises His loving care. There are many Bible verses that confirm this

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Shut Up and Preach

By Chaplain Alan Bivens

At a little cafe on the corner of 4th and Elm. I overheard two preachers talking; I wish I had this on film. One said, "Brother, you wouldn't believe the pressure I have on me I write the sermons, pick out the songs and my congregation is very hard to please."

"One group says you better turn it up, another group says you better turn it down. I filled my SUV up last Wednesday and thought about leaving town."

The other preacher laughed and said, "you know I feel the same, but if America fails to see revival, You and I are the ones to blame."

"What about Elijah? A Prophet who rebuked the King.

Elijah knew the King's evil plans and the judgments it would bring. What about John The Baptist? John who preached at the edge of town. John wasn't afraid, He laid the Gospel down. And what about Jesus? Remember how he preached to the Pharisees? Brother, we need to lose the drama. We need to shut up and preach."

So, I paid for my ticket and left a tip, then headed out the door, These preachers were from out of town, so I wouldn't see them anymore. But I believe in the providence of God and this was meant to be.

From what I learned that day in a little cafe. It's time to shut up and preach.

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such as: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10. Here God says that he personally will be with us, strengthen, help and uphold us. For this reason, we need not fear or be dismayed when facing or going through tough times.

Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." As the scripture says we will all "pass through waters" and rivers of hardship and uncertainty and walk through the fires of life. But God promises, "I will be with you." Personally. Presently. In the midst of the fire, like he was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." In this verse God himself, the fountain of infinite wisdom and knowledge, promises to personally instruct and teach his children. And he promises to counsel us with his eye upon us. He is watching over us every second. He never slumbers nor sleeps. And he counsels us step by step, day by day, with his eye constantly watching over our every step.

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you." God isn't so busy running the universe that he doesn't have time for our petty worries. He tells us to cast all our anxieties on him. Why? Because HE CARES FOR YOU. He cares about you. He cares about your children and grandchildren. He cares about you in your job. He cares for you, that you would have joy and strength.

Psalm 34:17-18 "When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Are you brokenhearted? Crushed in spirit? The Lord is near to you. He is with you and identifies deeply with you. If God tells us to weep with those who weep, how much more does he feel for us in our sadness and pain. And he tells us to cry for help, because he hears the cries of those, he has made righteous by the blood of Christ. And our personal Savior will deliver us out of ALL our troubles. Eph. 2:13 "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." We were once far off from God, but when we believed in Jesus, God brought us near by his blood. How near? We are one with Christ, in union with Him. Adopted as God's children. No longer far off, but family.

Heb. 13:5 "I will never leave you nor forsake you." God will never leave nor forsake us. This is how we can be content in every circumstance. As believers, we have God himself, the fountain of life and every good thing, and He will never abandon us through the Holy Spirit living within us, as Jesus promised as recorded in the Gospel of John Chapters 14 and 15. And He tells us in: John 15:15 "No longer do I [Jesus' speaking] call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." Talk about intimacy! Jesus calls us his friends! Intimate friends. Friends are intimate and share with each other. And Jesus makes known his Father and his Father's words and ways to us, as He told His disciples if you have known Me, you have known the Father.

As I was reflecting on this devotional, I began to think of all the things I take for granted on a daily basis and fail to thank God for- like: I do not know about you, but I never appreciate not hurting until I hurt, not being sick until I am sick, or not having to care for a loved one or animal until I have too. Also, within our chapter we have several people that I am thankful have survived Covid like Bonnie and Greg Martin. Also, I am grateful that Cujo survived a major heart attack and is now doing cardio rehab. He even has gone fishing on the river.

Several weeks ago, Nancy and I had the honor and privilege of being part of the celebration of life service for our Chapter member Sunny Korman. It was truly a celebration of her life. If you knew Sunny, you know she was a trip. We had been told to expect 30 to 40 people at her barn, but in spite of Covid and the bad weather, her barn could not hold the crowd. What a testament to the many lives Sunny touched. Even her horses stood silent with their heads

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A Living Memorial

Death, as Christians understand it, is a change in the form of life; it is not a cessation of life. Those who have been given eternal life in Christ Jesus will spend a few fleeting moments here on this earth. The rest of eternity is spent in the presence of God.

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out the half doors during the service. I started my remarks by saying, it was ironic that we came to celebrate the life of a woman named Sunny, and it was raining. It was as if God let us know that He shared our grief in losing Sunny's companionship here on earth. I was doing a pretty good job of keeping my emotions in check as I spoke until I looked across the barn aisle, and there was the horse Sunny rode on a Pike County Horse Club trail ride with my mare Margie and me. I had taken a framed photo of all of us on that ride and had shown it to Sunny's daughter before the service. It was as if Sunny's horse was making sure that my comments were appropriate. When I concluded my remarks, I reminded those that had ever talked with Sunny by phone, that she always ended her conversation by saying: "Byeeee!" "The good news" I said "is I do not have to say bye to Sunny, because as a fellow believer, I can say until we meet again." Even in a time of sadness, due to the Gospel, there is good news.

Fortunately, the Scripture says: 2 Cor. 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." When we are afflicted, we can run to "the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." And there is no affliction he will not comfort us in – he comforts us in "ALL OUR AFFLICTION." So much so that we can pour out God's comfort on others in their pain.

Remember that song by Bobby McFerrin from 1988, "Don't Worry Be Happy". The lyrics start with: Here's a little song I wrote You might want to sing it note for note Don't worry, be happy. In every life we have some trouble. But when you worry you make it double. Don't worry, be happy ...Long before Bobby McFerrin wrote "Don't Worry Be Happy", the Apostle Paul wrote Philippians 4:4-9 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Now to put these verses in perspective, Paul wrote them while he was under arrest. So, what are the 3 attributes of Happiness from these verses: 1. Don't Worry, 2. Think Rightly, and 3. Be Happy. A recent study on Worry showed that of things we worry about: 40% are things that are never going to happen, 30% are things in our past that we cannot change, 12% are due to criticisms of others, 8% are for health-related issues. That totals to 92 % so that only leaves 8% of our worry that is for real problems.

It has been said that worry is interest paid on troubles before it becomes due. So, point 1- Don't Worry but pray about everything. Paul had plenty to worry about when he penned these verses. He was in custody, but he was trusting in God. Speaking of trust, be like the paratrooper after his first jump, who said his first thought after he pulled the zip cord was: "it worked." Someone penned: I believe in the sun when it is not shining, I believe in love when I am not feeling it, and I believe in Jesus when I am not seeing Him.

We need to learn to trust in God and be anxious for nothing. The peace of God is the fruit of believing prayer. Point 2 - Think Rightly. When a young photographer taking Winston Churchill's photo on the occasion of Sir Winston's 75th birthday said he hoped to be able to take Sir Winston's photo on the occasion of Sir Winston's 100th birthday, Sir Winston told the young man that should not be a problem since you young man appeared to be healthy. What does Proverbs 23:7 say: "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

We have the freedom to choose our attitude. It is said that our attitude determines one's altitude. The human mind is never blank, we are always thinking. So, follow the advice of Verse 8 above, think on things that are true, noble, lovely, and excellent. When General Adams was surrounded in World War 2, he told his men that they had the great opportunity to attack in any direction.

Lastly, point 3- Be happy. We are commanded to rejoice. Happiness is a choice. My Dad used to tell me as a boy, I could stay sad until I decided to get glad. My mentor in the Naval Reserve, Rear Admiral Hugh Howell told me at my swearing in that I could make up my mind to be as happy or miserable as I decided to be.

How can you be happy? 1. Commit yourself to daily fulfill God's purpose for you to glorify God. 2. Read and meditate daily on God's Word. 3. Get rid daily of grudges. Holding a grudge is like drinking deadly poison and thinking the other person is going to die. Ephesians 4:26 says: "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry..." 4. Get intimate with your spouse and your children. 5. Have fun with Christian friends. Do not take yourself too seriously. 6. Have something in your daily routine that brings you joy. Maybe it is reading, playing with your dog, or grooming your horse. Winston Churchill is credited with saying that there is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man. And 7. Do something nice for someone else, particularly if they are not in a position to return the favor. Don't be like the man in the drive thru, after the person behind blew his horn when the man delayed moving forward after he placed his order. When the man got to the pay window, he asked to pay for not only his order but for the order for the person behind him. After he received his change for both orders, he asked the window person to give him both orders and then he drove off. That is the opposite of what you should do.

Remember happiness is a choice. Check your attitude and be happy! And all God's people said Amen!



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