



# THE LEVITE

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## Pastor's Message:

### “A Dilemma ... A Decision ... A Destiny”

Pastor David Webb



1st Kings 17: 8 – 16

(Please read scripture before reading article)

Two hunters came across a bear so big that they dropped their rifles and ran for cover. One man climbed a tree while the other hid in a nearby cave. The bear was in no hurry to eat, so he sat down between the tree and the cave to reflect upon his good fortune. Suddenly, and for no apparent reason, the hunter in the cave came rushing out, almost ran into the waiting bear, hesitated, and then dashed back in again. The same thing happened a second time. When he emerged for the third time, his companion in the tree frantically called out, "Woody, are you crazy? Stay in the cave 'til he leaves!" "Can't," panted Woody, "there's another bear in there!"

#### 1. Her Dilemma

In this text we can see this woman has a *dilemma* for she said....., *As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.*

Many can identify with this woman. In their trouble they ...

- don't know how to solve it
- don't know how to get over it
- don't know how to get beyond it ...they have a dilemma.

Their.....

- Spiritual Eyes have been blinded by bitterness.

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## Missions Report:

### “LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!”



Brother Randy Schmidt

The Lord really blessed and moved in a mighty way on the mission trip to Texas & Mexico! Fifteen people went from HPC to Champion Mission in Donna, TX. The Lord gave us traveling mercies on our 23 hour drive there. We arrived at the mission at 2am, on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

On Monday, we were all busy helping wherever needed. Some were cleaning; some were putting candy bags together; some were cutting firewood to cook with. What a blessing to get to serve for the Lord!

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## Sunday School Narrative



Brother Danny Compton

# Why not 100!

## I have a challenge for [you]

### Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that it's 2015 already. Time truly is flying, and the coming of the Lord is closer than ever. This is an exciting time to serve the Lord. I believe we are living in the last days. The Word of God says,

#### Acts 2:17-21

<sup>17</sup> *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon on all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

<sup>18</sup> *And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:*

<sup>21</sup> *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

We are on the brink of something great, and I want as many as possible to get in on it.

- Invite family.
- Invite friends.
- Invite people in the community.

Some of them may not come, but some will.

#### Luke 8:4-8

<sup>4</sup> *And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:*

<sup>5</sup> *A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.*

<sup>6</sup> *And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.*

<sup>7</sup> *And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.*

<sup>8</sup> *And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

### And bare fruit an hundredfold.

I have a challenge for the adult Sunday school class and for anyone else who wants to take it on:

**Why not 100!** This is a very attainable goal. It will require those of us that are faithful to remain faithful and to step it up a notch. The challenge I bring to you is to invite 100 people to church in 2015 and to pray for them. This will create many opportunities to share the gospel with people. In a community the size of ours, many people will get multiple people inviting them to church and witnessing to them. Some may say that's a large number...it's not. Two people per week would be 104 people in a year. I am praying that the Lord would place a sense of URGENCY in us for the time is swiftly passing. Eternity is at stake.

This is not an attendance builder. It is a *Kingdom* builder, and we are commissioned by the Lord to do so:

#### Matt 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

<sup>19</sup> *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

<sup>20</sup> *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

#### Mark 16: 15

*...Go ye into all the world,...*

#### Luke 24:47

*...among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

#### John 20:21

*...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

This is a very exciting time to serve the Lord! Let's jump in with both feet and take as many with us as we can...**And bare fruit an hundredfold.**



### Lessons from a Layman:

## “The Blood Still Works”

Brother Wayne “Hank” Reed

Let me begin by thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me and for allowing me to share my testimony.

Over a period of about six months, I had lost several pounds and had been experiencing a few things that I knew just wasn't right. My regularly scheduled doctor appointment was coming up in September, so I decided to wait until then to see what was going on.

As usual, the blood work preceded the doctor visit, so the results were waiting when I arrived for the appointment. The doctor immediately commented about my weight loss and asked, “What's going on?” Of course, he had seen the chart, so he already knew the answer to that question.

My blood sugar count was 346mg/dL and the A1C level was 13%. The normal is 100mg/dL – 140mg/dL blood sugar level and 4.5% to 6% A1C level. I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and would have to be put on insulin right away.

I can't explain the devastation I felt at that moment. After talking with the doctor for a while, I asked if I could try medication first. Reluctantly, he agreed to this, but only upon my request. He gave me three weeks to get my blood sugar level down, or I would have no other choice but to go on insulin. The doctor gave me a meter to check my blood four times each day and log to record the levels for him to

review on the next visit. This was on a Wednesday.

I began testing and tracking my blood sugar levels the following day and had levels of 326, 304, 290, then back in the 300's. This went on for four days. On Sunday evening before church practice, Pastor and Sister Webb came up on the platform where I was sitting and mentioned my weight loss. I shared the news I had just gotten from the doctor and asked if I could get prayer.

“ I PUT IT IN HIS HANDS ”

That night, the choir sang, “*The Blood Still Works*”, and I knew the message in that song was just for me! The Lord was moving and people were getting blessed. When the service started to calm down a little, Sister Webb began testifying, then began singing “*The Blood Still Works*” a second time. The service got going again!

Pastor Webb motioned for me to come forward to be anointed with oil and to be prayed for. I began talking with the Lord and felt His presence from my head to my feet. I just put everything in His Hands that night.

After church, I checked my blood sugar level, and it was 177! It had never been below 200! This was no coincidence, and my wife and I just had to say, “**Praise the Lord!**” For the next two and a half weeks, the numbers kept

dropping - 160's, 150's, 130's, and down to 100.

The three week trial period for medication was up and it was time for my next doctor's visit. The doctor looked at my chart and said, “Wow! Your blood work shows your sugar is 108.” Then another, “Wow! You've lost 16 more pounds in just the past three weeks!”

I pointed out the 177 on my log sheet and told him this was on a Sunday night after my pastor and church family prayed for me. I showed him

the difference in the numbers before and after I received prayer. I shared with him that I attended a Pentecostal Church, and that we believe in divine healing. His reply surprised me. He said, “So do I, BUT God helps those who help themselves.”

He then took me off the medication he had prescribed three weeks earlier and told me to come back in three months. My A1C level was still high, but I put it in God's hands that Sunday night, and I'm trusting in the Lord to complete the healing He has already started.

I'm still medication free, and on the morning of this writing, my blood sugar level was 104! I want to close in **giving God all the glory He deserves** and thank all my church family for their prayers and support.

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Usher Chronicle:  
**"The Quickening of Brother Quick"**

*Brother David Whelan*

Every year at the Kentucky State Fair, they judge and award Grand Champion status to the best country ham from around the state. I guess you could say that the contest is the Super Bowl of the country ham world. (Please forgive the comparison.) Following the judging and awards, the winners are auctioned off to benefit a charity. Typically, the Grand Champion Ham brings in excess of one million dollars.

Not so long ago a Louisville bank bought the winner. Someone at the bank thought it would be a neat thing to hire a caterer and invite the board of directors, some customers, and other big wigs to a breakfast where they served the million dollar ham.

The caterer was contracted and the event planned. All the important people gathered to try this award winning ham. It was served on biscuits with all the fixings. Once folks started eating, everyone realized at once that something was wrong. The ham was horrible. It was tough and did not taste right at all. Finally, someone called out to the caterer and asked how he had cooked the ham. With eyebrows raised and no small measure of alarm, the cook replied, "I was supposed to cook it?" That he did not know what to do with country ham is obvious. What a funny and, at the same time, tragic story of a person that didn't know what to do with something valuable and wonderful that was placed in his hands.

I wonder if we know what to do with the power of the Holy

Ghost? Wouldn't it be a shame to have that blessing and power at our hands, but not be able for Him to work through us? I recently sat in a meeting with a man of considerable influence in the higher ranks of a church organization that told me that their missionaries had to sign a pledge not to participate, teach, or condone any spiritual meeting or activity that involved glossolalia (speaking in tongues) or

**....he broke,  
 wept, and  
 prayed  
 through to a  
 salvation that  
 he did not  
 know existed.**

any unconventional worship. I believe that grieves the Holy Ghost. This Brother said he had studied Pneumatology (study of the Holy Ghost) enough that he knew better than that. After all, in many of the areas these missionaries are working, the Spirit is very strong among the people, with healings, demons being cast out, shouting, dancing, etc... God is certainly not going to force us.

Last issue, I told the remarkable story of the One man, Brother Jim Miller, a man of God that learned how to use the power of the Holy Ghost. Let's say that he is the opposite of the ham chef in the first story. Brother Miller's family grew in the Lord and sold out, many becoming vessels that the Lord used in a mighty way. Not long after the 35 members of the family were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, they could be found regularly attending a prayer meeting, not necessarily at the local church.....they had their own at the Miller house. (Think homework from school.) They would get together (sounds like the upper room to me), pray, worship, and seek the Lord. Family and friends would attend. There was no agen-

da but to seek His face.

It has been my observation that whenever I put Jesus "at the top of the totem pole", to borrow Brother Anthony Lester's saying, it isn't long before He is moving in my life, using me, and answering prayers. The Millers were no different. One family story involves a Fiat car and a hitchhiker and illustrates the opposite principle from the ham story.

Biological and spiritual brothers Jim and Don (yes, our Don) Miller were driving from Granite City over the state line into Missouri to take care of some business associated with a Fiat car that Brother Jim had recently purchased. It was December, 1958. Somewhere near the state line, both men saw what they believe now was a vision of The Lord. They noted the location and continued their trip.

On the return trip, it was snowing and the roads were slick. They were driving carefully in the way that you do in those circumstances. I envision both hands on the wheel and looking right in front of the car. Up ahead they spotted a hitchhiker that was in the same spot they had seen that vision of the Lord on the trip out. Now, picking up a hitchhiker was a big deal at this time. There were a lot of stories in the news of people being robbed or killed by hitchhikers. However, the Holy Ghost spoke to Jim and told him to pick up the traveler. Jim was afraid; Don thought he was crazy. He said a quick prayer and asked the Lord to show him a sign. He said, "Lord, if that was really you telling me to pick this guy up, let the road be cleared on the other side of this hill."

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HPC Kidz:

## “Transformation Junction”

Brother and Sister Woolei  
Kidz Church Directors

*Romans 12:2 “...And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

**A**s many already know, the HPC “Kidz Church” western town carries the name “Transformation Junction”. There was prayerful consideration during the creation of our little Kidz town with a desire to choose a name that would reflect the true purpose of this special place to be used for God’s Glory.

We want our children to have a place of refuge to learn more about Jesus, to have a time of enjoyment, as well as to escape from the pull of the world. We want them to have that “special place” at “Transformation Junction” so they can learn how to know Jesus on a personal basis.

First, let us look at the meaning of the words “Transformation” and “Junction”:

- Transformation – an operation that converts;
- Junction – the state of being joined; a place where two things join or meet to become one.

Our primary goal in Kidz Church is to bring each child to the “Junction” (a place) where they meet Jesus and grow closer in their relationship with Him. I’ve heard it said, “I’m at a cross road in my life.” In other words, they have come to a point or junction where a choice must be made on which way to go. Romans 12:2 shows clearly the only way anyone, a child or an adult, can know, then show, the “perfect will of God” is to first come to a place or *junction* where they can experience a *transformation* or conversion.

In 2 Timothy 3:15, the Apostle Paul tells Timothy, “And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” Paul was speaking

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to Timothy of how he had “known the Holy Scriptures” from his youth. NOW is the time for our children to learn the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. Whether you are 2 or 102, NOW is the time!! At “Transformation Junction”, we do our best to instill a love for God’s Word.

If **you**, as a parent, do not take your relationship with Jesus seriously, there is a great possibility your child will not either. Even if a child grew up in a home where Jesus is not a priority and that child still chooses to serve the Lord with their whole heart, ‘**YOU**’ as the parent will be held accountable for not guiding your child in the right direction toward a “Transformation” experience. *James 4:17 says, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”* Let us not be guilty of the sin of overlooking our responsibility to properly lead our children to a place or “Junction” of “Transformation”.

Working together, we as Parents, Pastors, Sunday School Teachers and Kidz Church Teachers/Preachers **can reap a harvest of children that will bring revival to their homes, their church, their community and the world!**

**Mark 16:15; “...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”**

You may not personally be able to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, but who knows what God will bring forth from our precious children. Let us do our best to bring these children to a “Transformation Junction” experience.

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- ◆ Christ's tomb is the only tourist attraction that people line up for blocks to see nothing.....he is gone!!
- ◆ Excuse our noise!! It is the sound of freedom...(shouts and prayer in church).

Compiled by Brother Claude Powell



”Después” .....

*Brother Zane Estis*

**No amount of orientation could have prepared me for what I was about to see...**

**T**hat's what I remember most. What a cruel word. It kept him in a deeper prison than the one he was physically bound in, but let me start from the beginning....

I knew when I returned from El Salvador everyone would want to hear the good stories; the funny ones, the triumphant ones—it makes for good conversation and quick pleasantries. But there is another story; one with a much darker side and more tragic ending than the ones you've probably already heard me speak about.

The team had just ministered to the police officers, and one policeman, who, ironically, fought against us having a city-wide crusade, was so moved after speaking with us that he called some close friends of his at the local Action News Station to come down and interview us. As we waited patiently for the crew to arrive and set up, Officer Walter, who serves as the Chaplain of the Christian Police Ministerial Alliance, asked me if I would be willing to go down into the jail cells to minister to the inmates. Like a naive and innocent child, I agreed to do so with Bro. Benner being my interpreter. No amount of orientation could have prepared me for what I was about to see and, so far, nothing has been able to abrogate and erase the scenes from my memory and heart.

The metal door slowly pulled open, and what sounded like a colony of rats crawling over each other soon took the form of real men who stood almost blinded by the sunlight indirectly peering through the open door into their iron-clad cells. One of the other ministers started to walk in first, only to catch his breath as he backward stepped, motioning for us to go ahead.

I took the first step in. The air quickly became redolent and a wave of nausea ran from the bottom of my stomach to the base of my throat. They were on both sides of me—two cells that could hold a maximum of 15 men each with both cells housing no less than 40 men per unit. To put that in perspective, we, at HPC, have a 15 passenger van—try packing 40 men into that 15 passenger van and you can only begin to gather the animal-like environment each prisoner endured. Packed shoulder to shoulder and shoeless (less they use the strings as a weapon) were men whose only illumination was a small rip in the roof that allowed for a small portion of natural sunlight to beam through the metal bars. It wasn't a prison—it was a cage; a human cage. Once my eyes readjusted to the darkness it became apparent that, covering the walls to the far side of me, was the remnants of human waste that had been thrown time and again; perhaps out of insanity, rebellion, or maybe pure demonic possession. I fully felt at any moment, someone would most likely throw something at me.

I was told afterward that the men were kept there 24 hours a day, with no breaks or recesses away from the repugnant cells. At night, they would have to sleep in shifts—with 20 standing perfectly still for 4 hours while the others laid down; then they would switch off with the other group, allowing them to lay flat for 4 hours. This process occurs every night.

Interestingly, a young man, that stood as close to me as the bars would allow him, held a Gideon Bible in his hand. When I looked at him, it dawned on me that, although most in this overpopulated tank were murders, child killers, and robbers, some were just dumb kids that were hanging out with the wrong crowd and got caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. I'll never forget that young man who held his Bible as close and dearly as a first born child. His eyes were wet with fear. They pleaded for help. His silence screamed at me, **“I don't want to be here!! Help me!!”**

I could not help their current situation, but I was there to deal with their eternal situation. I spoke what most of you heard me say when we had our Tent Service this past year. I preached from Luke 16 where the poor man and the rich man lived and died. I simply told them the poor man didn't choose his life; he didn't choose to be born in that environment. And likewise, the rich man undoubtedly didn't choose his death. Nevertheless, each man could choose his eternity. I told them that there are a lot of things now that they could no longer choose, but the one thing they can choose is their eternity. In fact, it may be the only choice they have left.

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.....from cover

## “A Dilemma ... A Decision ... A Destiny”

- Spiritual Ears have been deafened with discouragement.

- Spiritual Strength has been failing because of the fight ...they have a dilemma Should you just lie down and die and give up because.....

- the valley has taken your victory
- the storm has diminished your strength
- the battle has knocked you off balance

Before you give in to the Dilemma, remember, you have a Decision!

### 2. Her Decision

In verse 13 the Bible reads .....*Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.*

Was the Prophet saying to put God first even when you think you're going to die?

She had a decision to make. Obey God or feed the flesh. *When you have a dilemma it's hard to deny the flesh.* When we are in the fight, we have a choice.....fall to the flesh or let faith flourish. We have to be careful not to make a bad decision in a bad time. How many people do you know that in a low time...

- the Pastor resigned his church
- the husband divorced his wife
- the family left their home church

...all because an important decision was made when they were in their worst mood. It may be true that there are two sides to every question, but it is also true that there are two sides to a sheet of flypaper, and it makes a big difference to the fly which side he chooses.

Bro Suits always told me, *“Never make a decision at a low time or you will probably live to regret it.”*

David Russell said, “The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.”

Robert H. Schuler said, “One winter my dad needed firewood, and he found a dead tree and sawed it down. In the spring, to his dismay, new shoots sprouted around the trunk.” He said, “I thought sure it was dead. The leaves had all dropped in the wintertime. It was so cold that twigs snapped as if there were no life left in the old tree. But now I see that there was still life at the taproot.” He looked at me and said, “Bob, don't forget this important lesson. Never cut a tree down in the winter.”

**In your dilemma you must make a decision to determine your destiny!**

It's hard to make a good decision when..... you're scraping the bottom of the barrel. It's hard to do what is right when you're starving and struggling on the inside. It's hard to take a leap of faith when you're lying, crying on your face!

- Brother, don't quit when you're down.
- Sister, don't give in when your give out.
- Don't throw in the towel & give up now .... Hold on for the Miracle!

### 3. Her Destiny

Her decision about her dilemma determined her destiny. Her decision was that she obeyed God .... The Bible says in verse 15 & 16 *And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she,*

*and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.*

Your decision will determine whether your destiny is ...

- Life or Death
- Victory or Failure
- Heaven or Hell
- Saved or Lost
- Bondage or Freedom
- Happiness or Horror
- Peace or Misery
- Grace or Judgment
- Beauty or Bitterness
- Salvation or Sin

In your dilemma you must make a decision to determine your destiny.

Harry S. Truman said *“Men who live in the past remind me of a toy you have seen. The toy is a small wooden bird called the “Floogie Bird.” Around the Floogie Bird's neck is a label reading, “I fly backwards, I don't care where I'm going. I just want to see where I've been.”*

You cannot dwell on the past problem; you must focus on faith for the future just like the man we find in Mark 2:3 who was sick of the palsy. His dilemma was sickness; his decision was to go to Jesus; his destiny was to be made whole by the power of God. Sin says, “You make your bed; lay in it,” but Jesus says, “Take up thy bed and walk.”

My dear friend, let us remember

*...Destiny is not a matter of chance... it is a matter of choice!*

.....from page 4

## "The Quickening of Brother Quick"

When they topped the hill, they met a snow plow which had not been visible from their earlier perspective. The road was clear ahead. Jim obeyed, picked up the man, and took him home.

Without Jim's knowledge (1958 = no cell phones), his wife, Norma, had called on her in-laws, the Millers, to pray for their 5 week old daughter, Patricia, that had suddenly become very ill while Jim was away. Not long before Mamaw and Papaw Miller arrived, Jim, Don, and the hitchhiker had arrived home. Norma had their home set up in the manner in which they always conducted prayer - one chair in the middle of the room surrounded by others. Whomever needed prayer sat in the middle chair. Soon, Millers showed up from everywhere to come pray for little Patricia. When they arrived, guess who was sitting in the middle chair...the hitchhiker!

In the commotion over the sick child, it seems Jim had not been as accommodating as he might have been with the stranger. No one had taken his coat, offered him food, or even asked his name. He was just sitting in the chair in the midst observing. Once enough folks arrived, they began to pray for this stranger (after all, he

was in the chair). Norma, not wanting to seem insensitive, had to leave the room because the poor guy was just sitting there in his overcoat, with his hands over his eyes, peeping out from between his fingers amongst all these Holy Ghost filled people praying for him. She found his appearance and behavior comical. All he could say at that point was that he didn't want to join their church. Later, he admitted that he thought they were fortune tellers at that point. You will see why in a moment.

Here is what happens when someone knows how to "cook ham". The Spirit began to speak through someone who gave a message in tongues. The interpretation was for the body assembled there. He said, "I have not called you here to pray for the baby. She is mine, and I have healed her. I have called you to pray for the soul of this man." Other messages were given and interpreted with the Holy Ghost revealing that the hitchhiker's mother had passed away, that he had been cold and hungry a lot, and that he had been dragged under a truck while hitchhiking. As they say, "The Holy Ghost read his mail."

As they continued to pray for his

soul, he broke, wept, and prayed through to salvation that he did not know even existed a few hours earlier. One thing that touched him so much was that he heard them in Italian, his second language. Looking up at them out of his state of prayer, he said, "You speak Italian?" They could only repeat what the Holy Ghost had given them as an interpretation in English. Of course, they had to explain that was the power of the Holy Ghost, and that they had no ability within themselves. It was only through the Holy Ghost that they were given that ability specifically for him. They realized after he was saved that they didn't even know his name, Phil James Quick.

Later, Jim took Phil to a local hotel, put him up, and gave him some food for his journey to Delta, Michigan.

In a few weeks, they received a post card from Bro. Quick. He had definitely had a change of heart and was called into the ministry. They kept up with Bro. Quick over the years, finding that he became a faithful Christian.

Either you know how to cook the ham or you don't. I say the Miller family knew how to cook! May all of us grow in the Lord until He can use us in this manner.

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⇒IF A MAN IS GIVEN KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, HE MURDERS. *(Cain)*

⇒IF A MAN IS GIVEN AUTHORITY AS A POLITICAL LEADER, HE WILL UNITE A NATION AGAINST GOD *(Gen. 11)*

⇒IF GOD CALLS OUT A CHOSEN PEOPLE, THEY COMPLAIN AND GRIPE IN UNBELIEF *(Ex 15)*

⇒IF GOD GIVES A LAW TO A MAN TO SHOW HIM HE IS A SINNER AND TO EDUCATE HIM ABOUT SIN, MAN USES THIS LAW TO EXALT HIMSELF AND ATTEMPT TO PROVE HE IS RIGHT. *(Gal 5:4)*

⇒IF A MAN IS GIVEN A SAVIOUR, WHO IS SINLESS, MAN WILL CRUCIFY HIM.

⇒IF GOD GIVES MAN 2000 YEARS OF GRACE AND ALL THE BENEFITS OF SCIENCE, SCHOLARSHIP, TRAVEL, MEDICINE, ETC... MAN SETS UP THE ANTICHRIST TO RUN THE WHOLE BUSINESS! *(John 19:15, John 5:43)*

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HPC First Lady:

## Obedience: A Force to Make Things Happen

*Sister Genell Webb*

Obedience, simply defined, is to obey or to carry out orders. From the time one is born, obedience is a struggle in the human nature. This struggle shows up early on, often times as soon as a baby's personality starts to make an appearance. The battle to obey continues on through every phase of life - at school, on the job, in a marriage - our fleshly nature doesn't like to be told what to do. It is also a struggle in our relationship with the Lord.

In Genesis 12:1-3, God is speaking to Abram, asking of him some hard things; to leave his country, leave his kindred, leave his father's house, "...unto a land I will shew thee." Verse four is a powerful act of obedience on Abram's part. The Bible says, "So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken to him;" no questions asked.

In Luke chapter one, Gabriel brings a message from heaven to Mary that she would have a son and call his name Jesus. In verse 38, Mary says in simple obedience, "Be it unto me according to thy word."

In Acts chapter one, the apostles were given the commandment from Jesus that they should not depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father. After tarrying in obedience, chapter two and verse four records,

*If a person obeys  
the voice of God,  
a motion is set  
forth that will  
have great effect  
on the kingdom  
of God.*

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

A simple science lesson may be an analogy to bring this to life... As children of God, we are each full of "potential energy". Potential energy is "stored" energy; energy that is sitting dormant.

John 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..." Christ is speaking of the potential.

How does one move from being full of potential to "kinetic energy"? Potential energy is simply energy waiting for a force to act upon it causing it to become "kinetic energy" or energy of "motion".

Obedience is the key! If a person obeys the voice of God, a motion is set forth that will have great

effect on the kingdom of God. When someone has a faithful relationship with the Lord, through prayer and thorough the Word, He will speak things to our hearts. A decision must be made at this point. Does one go against the nature of the flesh, which screams of pride, fear and doubt? Does one obey, apply that force so to speak, or do they refuse and stay unmoved, never knowing the depths of what God wants to use them to do?

What can a simple act of obedience do?

Abram's obedience set the course for God's chosen people. Mary's obedience changed the history of the human race. The obedience of the apostles in the upper room ushered in the third part of the Godhead as a personal indwelling for every believer.

What will your simple act of obedience do?

Do you need to be filled with the Holy Ghost? Does a loved one of yours need to be healed? Is a co-worker in a desperate need of salvation? Is there a cause that needs to be financed?

Let us always remember, we are vessels for the Master's use. Our obedience isn't about the action or the result. It is about a relationship with Him. Out of the overflow of that relationship and love for Him, obedience becomes easy and great things happen.

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## "LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!"



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That evening we had a wonderful service in Mexico! There were hundreds of people from four different churches present there - all hungry for God. We did Spanish puppet songs for the children, testified, others sang, and Bro. Wesley Ard, missionary to the Ukraine, preached a powerful message with Bro. Benner translating. There was a powerful move of God in the altar service. The Holy Spirit was moving and being poured out on many from the children to the adults; there were hundreds crying out for God at the altar!



After the altar service, there were over 300 Christmas gift bags given to children and pastors. Sis. Connie Taylor put 180 bags together to bring from HPC; the other bags were brought from Bro. Samuel Snow's church. You should have seen the smiles and tears of gratitude! HPC was also able to bring bags for refuge children, tracts, 200 Spanish NT Gideon Bibles to give out, and a gift for every missionary there. It truly is more blessed to give than to receive!

On Tuesday thru Thursday was

the Mission's Conference at Champion Mission. Again, God moved in a mighty way in the morning and evening services. My boys and I did children's church services in the morning for all of the missionaries' and pastors' children. The Lord really challenged the children through the preaching on how to be more of an effective witness for Him. The children prayed great in the altar services and made some life-long commitments to the Lord.

I received great reports of how God moved in the morning services in the tabernacle, and what mighty moves of God we had in the evening services! The Lord spoke to and thru Pastor David Webb, with Bro. David Trawick translating. There was a girl's school from Mexico in the evening services; God moved in those ladies' lives in a powerful way. On Thursday night, one of the young ladies from the school testified. The Holy Spirit had filled her, she was dancing in the Spirit, and the Lord spoke through her to us to humble ourselves before the Lord. People were healed, filled with

the Holy Ghost, recommitted, and saved by the power of God in these services! There were several missionaries and pastors at the mission's conference that were tired and discouraged. But through the Lord blessing in the altar services, they were encouraged, refreshed, and set back on fire for God!

God moved for Champion Mission itself during the conference as well. For several years, the Mission has needed a connecting five acre field on which to build a youth camp. At the Thursday evening service, the Lord spoke through our pastor to testify that God would give the Mission that field. He said that there was someone in that service that had connections with someone that could pay the \$120,000 needed to purchase that field.



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## ”Después” .....

Many responded favorably. Some even **clapped and gave praise to God**. I was astonished at this. Bro. Walter told me he had worked with these men and many had given their hearts to God while in holding.

Then I noticed the other. He was on the other side of the narrow hall. The side that was very unfavorable to what I had to say. There stood one young man, no more than 19 or 20 years old. Brother Walter walked in behind me, and I turned to hear him speak to the young man. As Bro. Walter spoke, the boy's face resembled stone—expressionless. His voice was low and troubled. The Brother asked, “Would you like to get out of the Spiritual prison you are held in?” The boy paused for response, his eyes stared as if glaring into an empty nothingness. He took a deep breath and slowly replied in the Spanish tongue, **”Después... después.”** Translated into our English ears, **”Later...later.”**

I remember thinking to myself, “Later? Why later? How much later? When later?” What a cruel word that is. Oh! How it has robbed men and women from eternal peace! And yet as you read this today, there will be those in churches across, not only

America, but the entire world who kindly yet cruelly smile at God's invitation and simply say, **”Después;” “Come back at a more convenient time.”**

How about you today? Your environment is not nearly as uncouth as a loathsome prison in El Salvador, yet is your response to God still a slap in the face to an open handed Savior?

As I walked out of that prison, I felt the Lord softly remind me, **”Son, there's not a soul in Hell that would not willingly trade places with anyone of these. There's no place like Hell.”**

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## Memorable Notes:

*”A movement starts with God Calling a Man. The Movement becomes a machine. If we are not careful, the machine becomes a museum.”*

Bro Zane Estis, referring to the movement birthed at Cane Ridge.

*We are overdue for a great move of God. There was the Cane Ridge revival of 1801. There was the Azusa street movement and Topeka Kansas around the turn of the 20th century. It is 2014, we are overdue!!! God always sends revival when things are the darkest”*

Bro David Webb, speaking at the Cane Ridge meeting house. Sept, 2014.

*We need to continue to dig for the treasures of God. We never stop developing our jobs, technology, medicine, etc... Why not dig deeper in our spiritual lives?*

*In our pursuit of knowledge we have become our own Gods.*

Bro Danny Compton, Sunday School, 12/2013 Colossians 2:3

*”If you could go back 2000 years and ask which entity would survive: The Roman Empire or the little sect of people that were called The Way!....most would say the Roman Empire. Well folks, I am here in 2014 to tell you that today we name our children James, John, and Peter. WE NAME OUR DOGS NERO, CEASAR, and JULIUS!!!!*

Bro Zane Estis 1/22/2014

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**"LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!"**



Then Pastor Webb had everyone to lay their hands on the wall of the tabernacle that was facing the five acre field, and pray, and believe God for it.

That was on Thursday evening. The following Sunday, Pastor Webb received a call from Bro. Frank Rogers. Bro. Rogers said that he told a man that he knew about the need to purchase the field in Donna, TX.

The man gave him the \$120,000 to purchase the field! Praise God!

Bro. Rogers called Pastor Webb a few days later with another praise report. He said that they went to the people that owned the field and asked them if they would be willing to come down on their price. The original price of the land was \$180,000; they had already come down to \$120,000. The owners of the land said that, since it would be used for God, they would drop the price another \$38,000, bringing the sales price down to \$82,000!



A little over a week later, Bro. Rogers called Pastor Webb with yet *another* praise report.

Bro. Rogers said that a lady called him and said, *"I heard that you are purchasing land to start a youth camp. I have always wanted to be a part of starting a youth camp. I have \$30,000 that I would like to give for the camp, and my son is also going to match my gift and give another \$30,000 for the camp."* That brought the total contributed to the Mission to \$180,000 – enough to purchase the land and still have \$98,000 left with which to build buildings for the youth camp! They are planning on having a youth camp on that five acres in March of 2015.



**To God be the glory!** Thank you all for your giving and your prayers. I am excited to see and hear what God will do at Champion Mission in the near future!

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1 Chronicles Chapter 23: (...in part...)

Verse 24: *These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers;..... that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD,*

Verse 30: *And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;*

Verse 32: *And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, .....in the service of the house of the LORD.*



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10:00 am
- Sunday Worship  
11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 pm
- Wednesday Night  
7:30 pm

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