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A Servant's Heart
"Mine" or "I'm Yours"



Peace & Respect in the Home
Where we are living



The Armourbearer
I am with thee

*Bind us
together!*

Psalm 133:1



A SERVANT'S HEART

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Have you ever heard a teenager say, "I can't wait to get on my own so no one can tell me what to do?" Has your boss ever told you to do something a certain way but you think you know better and do what he asked differently or did not do it at all? Have you been in church and the pastor preached on something and that feeling of "righteous indignation" began to rise up within you?

We live in a world today where the prevailing attitude is one of entitlement. The spirit of this society makes us feel that we are owed something and that everything should be handed to us on a silver platter. We always have to be right. We have to be recognized (on stage, in a prominent position, etc.). We have to be somebody important.

What we fail to realize is there will always be someone in authority over us, someone more important, and someone better than we are. Do we have the humility to accept this realization?

What is humility? The KJV dictionary definition for humility is as follows: *In ethics, freedom from pride and arrogance; humbleness of mind; a modest estimate of one's own worth. In theology, humility consists in lowliness of mind; a deep sense of one's own unworthiness in the sight of God, self-abasement, penitence for sin, and submission to the divine will.*

If anyone ever had a right to feel and act greater than others, it was Jesus. He was the King of Kings, Lord of Lords and God's only Son. However, Jesus was the ultimate example of humility creation has ever known. He fraternized with the common people, wept for his friends and submitted to the Father's will in the Garden and on the Cross.

Perhaps the greatest example of His humility was at the Last Supper. The disciples were arguing who would be the greatest but Jesus took the opportunity to exhibit what makes a man humble and truly great. He took a towel and commenced to washing the disciple's feet.

What humility! What greatness! What an example! When Jesus came to Peter to wash his feet, he said to Jesus, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." After Jesus metaphorically explained that if He did not wash his feet, he would have no part with Jesus, Peter said to not only wash his feet but his hands and head also. He wanted all to be clean.

We as Christians realize that we need God to teach and lead us, and that we must follow Him. Does that take a lot of humility to accomplish? Not really. The greatest humility comes when we comprehend that we must be totally washed clean, that we are nothing without Him, and we submit our whole being unto God's control without reserve asking Him to use us whenever, wherever, and to do whatever his will is for our lives.

One of the first words a child learns is mine. In the book Leading like a Lion by our Pastor David Webb, he lists the "property laws of a toddler:

- If I like it, it is mine.
- If it is in my hand, it is mine.
- If I can take it from you, it is mine.
- If I had it a little while ago, it is mine.
- If it is mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
- If I am doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
- If it looks just like mine, it is mine.
- If I saw it first, it is mine.
- If you are playing with something and you put it down, it is mine.
- If it is broken, it is yours."

Doesn't this attitude sound like our society today, and, if we want to admit it or not, even some people in our churches? I want my life, words, and actions to say not "mine," but "I'm yours."

Lord, help me to realize that I am nothing without you, and all that I have is because you have allowed me to use it. Let me hold nothing back from you, even the things in the deep recesses of my soul. Use me in whatever capacity you need me and help me to be willing to say "yes" even if there is no limelight or glory. Lord use me!





THE ARMOURBEARER

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II Samuel 23 along with 1 Chronicles 11 lists David's mighty men that fought the battles against the enemies of God's people. Towards the end of that "Who's Who" list of mighty warriors is the name Naharai the Beerothite. It wasn't the struggle of pronouncing his name that caught my attention when recently reading 1 Chronicles 11, but the title given him besides being a mighty man of David. Verse 39 states, "...the armourbearer of Joab..." In a list of over 30 valiant and superior officers that assisted in establishing David's kingdom, Naharai retained his identification as Joab's armourbearer even after his promotion to the rank of a mighty man. David must have had a keen eye on promoting faithful mighty armourbearers being himself an armourbearer of Saul at the start of his military career.

Naharai means snorter. Maybe Naharai snorted or had a peculiar grunt or sound while swinging the sword in battle that his peers and especially Joab his officer could recognize only being from this mighty man of valor. Can you imagine the confidence Joab had when engaged in hand to hand combat hearing Snortie behind him joining in the fight for their lives? Joab didn't have to worry about being out flanked by an enemy because Snortie "had his back" protecting him from a cowardly stab in the back. It also allowed Joab to keep his focus on where it needed to be — the enemy facing his army.

Armourbearer is derived from the two Hebrew words "keliy" meaning article, vessel, implement of hunting or war, utensil; and "nasa" meaning to lift up, bear up, or carry. (Maybe NASA had that in mind when established in 1958 to lead our space program, but I digress.) The primary responsibility of an armourbearer was to bear the armor of his commanding officer. He was the personal aide to assist his officer with carrying an extra weapon, arrows, shield or maybe the canteen, mattock or other utensils. He might have had the responsibility to immediately dress or close a wound, or sharpen the sword or recondition arrows for his commander after a hard battle. The duties of the armourbearer was whatever his superior needed him to do at that minute as well as be willing to die in battle with him.

There are only 5 individuals recognized as "armourbearers" in the Old Testament though the word appears 14 times. 1 Samuel 14 gives the most narration concerning these unsung heroes. The story is that of Jonathan and his armourbearer attacking the garrison of the Philistines on the rocky crags of the passage towards Michmash. Verse 6 records, "Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison

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of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few." The reply of this young soldier must have given Jonathan a boost of faith and confidence needed against such overwhelming difficulties when he heard, "Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart." The armourbearer believed in his leader's vision and step of faith and was willing to follow him to his death if need be. He wasn't second guessing his leader or mumbling "this will never work." He was all in and was in lock step right behind his leader.

An armourbearer frees his leader from extra loads and weights by baring the extra armor and equipment needed for battle and believes in the vision of his superior to encourage him onward to victory, but he is also a barrier for his leader. Verse 13, "And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him." I doubt all the Philistines stood in single file to face Jonathan one-on-one on this half acre of land. More likely, they rushed on the two Hebrew soldiers all the while trying to out flank them. The armourbearer was right there following his man of faith by slaying after him but, more importantly, Jonathan knew his back was protected. Maybe it was the distinct battle cry of his young ar-

mourbearer or the clanking of the weapons and equipment strapped to his side and back that caused Jonathan to not turn backwards but to rush forward to put "to flight the armies of the aliens." Maybe there were times they fought back to back with Jonathan knowing that his combat comrade was nudging him forward through the enemy's line. It says about 20 Philistines fell that day,




but how many ran off when they saw the determination of two men committed to a cause? How many times is the enthusiasm of a leader squelched by the naysayers' doubts and lack of vision? How many times a move of God and revival was denied to a congregation because no one stood up with Pastor Caleb or Brother Joshua when they exhorted the people that we are well able to go up and possess the land because the God of battles is on our side?

1 Corinthians 10:11, "Now all these things happened unto them for en-

samples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." As Israel struggled and fought with physical giants and enemies that stood in their way to enjoying the promise land and benefits of the Abrahamic Covenant, so we face spiritual giants and struggles that are sent to hinder the Church of the living God, which is the expression of God's Kingdom in this world today. In order for the Church to be effective and victorious, we must all find our place in the Body of Christ and fulfill our call to duty. Not all are called to leadership positions like apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, but all can be armourbearers of intercessory prayer warriors for the man of God in our lives. Every leader needs at least one to believe in him. Elijah had Elisha to follow him for years and "poured water on the hands" of the prophet of God. Paul had Si-

las to not only preach and teach alongside him but also to suffer a beating and imprisonment with him in order to bring a mighty Philippian crusade that started after a midnight song service. Charles Finney had Daniel Nash, a prayer warrior who would enter towns weeks before the arrival of the famed evangelist to bombard the gates of hell with intercessory prayer and fasting for lost souls.

How much more would the Church see the power and exploits of the

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THE BLESSING OF THE BELIEVER

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Has anyone else ever grown weary of the perceived demands of life in general to a degree that you become weary of everything in your life including church? When

I find myself in that state, I sometimes feel that transparency is helpful, and I just want to commiserate with someone else who is worn out as well — the proverbial “misery loves company.” It is times like these that the believer must take stock of what he has and realize how blessed he really is. To fail in this is to risk backsliding. There is no amount of affliction and adversity I can think of that would make me want to go back to the “old life” out in the world — no amount. I want no part of it; I don’t long for it; I don’t think about it. Old things have passed away; behold, all things are new, but that does not keep one from being tired and frustrated.

I recall not long ago speaking with my wife about how many horrible situations that are close to us either in our natural families, church families, or close acquaintances. We cannot even remember them all to pray for them the way we would like there are so many. I certainly don’t want to provoke the devil into making a project out of me by my boasting, but if that is the best he has, he is a long way from changing my mind. Come to think of it, he is making a project out of me already.

There is no need to despair. One could say that we will never be happier, more content, or more fulfilled than we are when we are in the will of God. We all know this but often lose sight of it. We often take out our frustration on church and look for molehills to make into mountains. However, whatever upset or aggravation we experience is often our own doing. Even if you were to have a legitimate grievance, I would admonish anyone that there is nothing in the world that is going to make you happier than your Christian life — not that liquor store or its contents, not those so called “buddies”, not that old girlfriend, not a nicer car, a bigger house, a boat, a vacation home, a promotion at work, all the money you can use, none of it. You don't have to take my word for it; you can

read a firsthand account from Solomon himself in Ecclesiastes, where we all are familiar with his lengthy discourse on the vanity or uselessness of all these things. If our life in Christ is not perfect, it is not Him.

It is so crucial when you feel this way to use your prayer time and the altar. I quit caring a long time ago about what people think if I go to the altar constantly. When the Holy Ghost moves on me, I shed tears. I am not naturally a crier, and I figure it is the Lord’s way to touch me in a way that tears always flow. It is critical to have this time for the Holy Ghost to refresh you and lift those burdens. I always feel better. I urge you to avail yourself of every opportunity.

Your prayer life also keeps you up to date with the Holy Ghost. That becomes your battery, and only with His help can we bear the trials that are bound to come our way. In that way you will become a conduit to relief for not only yourself but also for others that come into your sphere of influence. There is nothing wrong with witnessing to the attendant at the drive thru, but the power of God in your life is a magnet to people, more than likely your lost family when their world is circling the drain. I marvel at the amount of burden that prayer warriors can handle with His help. The lost run to substance abuse, self-abuse, etc.. with just a fraction of what most children of God carry.

The first law of thermodynamics, the law of entropy, basically states that there is an increasing amount of disorder in the world or any system. By extension, it implies that it requires investment of energy to maintain a highly ordered state. This can be applied to many things in principle, your closet for example: If you do not invest time and energy into hanging up and folding clothes, straightening up, etc.... your closet will go to pieces in a hurry. EVEN if you never open the door for 50 years, when you finally do, it will need work to get back to where it was when you closed the door. In order to be the kind of Christian that our Lord and Savior needs in this hour, it is

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going to require energy to maintain ourselves in the kind of spiritual condition that is necessary in this last hour. That means a lot of church attendance, going to those church dinners you hate because you are not a social bug, putting up with someone rubbing you the wrong way, giving the Pastor the benefit of the doubt when he doesn't handle something the way you would like to have it handled, and a million other things. We are going to have to purpose to see the forest and not the trees on a lot of occasions. We are going to have to force ourselves to look around and realize how great we have it.

You don't seriously think you will be happier if you had that devotion time back? You don't really believe that you would be more satisfied with another pastor? I promise you the next one is just as much human as the one you have. The next church will not be to your satisfaction either, unless you determine to "lie down in green pastures."

6 Life does not have to be a bed of roses for us to be content or happy. I was just reflecting on the loss of one of our dear elder saints that went on to be with the Lord just recently. He and his wife have been through a lot of trials, the last of which was his recent battle with dementia. He slipped out of this world due to an infection; by all accounts, he passed peacefully. While I am sure his wife is deeply grieving the loss of her husband of 60+ years, I also think I know her well enough that she might just cut loose and shout a little in a few weeks because she knows where he is, and she knows where she is going. You can't top that. God has been good to her!

As Christians, we must learn to handle feelings of dissatisfaction and feeling that we have it bad when we really do not. It is not enough to just tough it out. We must learn how to back off and get some perspective. Here are some things that may help gain that perspective:

1. If you are fed up, first do a self-check. Are you reading and feeding on the Word? If not, purpose to set aside some time to do it. Make it uninterrupted. Do it in a part of the day that you will not be disturbed. I hate to say it, but you may have to give something up, maybe

sleep.


2. Following close on #1. Set aside dedicated time for reflection and prayer. I know we feel inadequate as Pentecostal folks if we are not saying something profound to God every moment we are praying, but, honestly, you need to listen as well. Contemplate, mull over, allow the Lord to work with you about whatever you are praying about. He doesn't need you to tell Him a solution; you need to hear it from Him. Empty your mind so He can drop something in it.

3. Be willing to give up something. Sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is take a break. Every soldier needs to come offline occasionally. The more intense the battle, the more often and prolonged your rest must be. Brother and Sister, we are afraid someone is going to take our place, aren't we? Come on! Surely we aren't motivated by position?

4. Talk to those you are sick of dealing with. That is Biblical. Folks, we cannot afford for one glimmer of daylight to get between us and allow the enemy space to drive a wedge, because he WILL. Many a good work has died on the beach while invading enemy territory because we disagreed on something that did not matter or just simply got on each other's nerves.

5. Pray about and make clear the boundaries in your life. People need to know what you have going on. A lack of resolution and clarity on this point is a sure fire way to become bitter. It is the quintessential management truth that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. There is nothing wrong with being part of that 20% as long as you don't become the antithesis of that axiom: 20% of the people cause 80% of the problems. I once had a man come alongside me and confess to me how he had neglected to recognize and deal with problems directly related to him being superman too late to save his marriage and how that caused him to be bitter. You cannot allow yourself to become that.

6. Have an accountability partner/confidant. Not a gossip buddy, but someone you can unload on regularly and

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PEACE & RESPECT IN THE HOME

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Did you know you can own a house without it being a home?

What makes a house a home? **It's the little things...**

Daddy relaxing in his Lazy Boy reading a book.
The atmosphere of the family is peace and kindness.
The smell of fresh baked cookies comes from Mom's kitchen.
Hot dinner is prepared by the hands of a loving mother for her husband and children.
God dwells there, and a Bible is always the item of choice.
The daddy is more worried about fixing the feather in his daughter's hat than his favorite football team.
The momma is busy cleaning the house rather than wasting time editing her photo for her latest social media post.

Here are some staggering statistics about families:

- 35% prefer their phone over their spouse.
- 3 out of every 5 children born this year will live in a single-parent household for at least part of their childhood.
- **94% of American households are dysfunctional.**
- The average American dad spends 5 min or less with their children a day.
- Study in 2012 said 14% of American women are "stay at home moms."

Rose Sands of The Saturday Evening Post said of a husband's love for his wife, *"To prove his love for her, he swam the deepest river, crossed the widest desert and climbed the highest mountain. She divorced him. He was never home."*

Verse 6 of our text - Sarah called her husband "Lord" – The Authority

Sister, can you recall the days when your own romance was brand new? Your love was close to perfect. You, as a woman, tenderly placed honor upon your husband. A

mere glimpse of him made your heart beat faster. His whispered words took your breath away. He was witty, wise, and brilliant. Then you blinked and, without warning, you were buried beneath a burden of bills, babies, and business deadlines. *Soon the mundane overshadowed the magical.* You discovered your knight in shining armor suddenly seemed rusty and dull. The respect had subsided. Then you really hit him where it hurts: you second-guess his business decisions, you question his capabilities. Honor is withdrawn. An unspoken war is raged.

Studies say that 75% of men would rather have respect than feel loved! Men always want to prove themselves. Why? I'm glad you asked! They do it to gain respect from others! That's why we hear phrases like ... I'm stronger. I'm faster. I'm smarter. I can drink 20 cups of coffee a day and sleep like a baby. Men will kill themselves to prove they are better than the next man! ***Wives, if you do not give your husband respect, they will seek it elsewhere!*** That office lady at work will give him respect. His hunting buddies will give him respect. His boss will respect him and brag on his work! Listen carefully, all you need to do to get more out of your man is brag on him and respect him!

We want the preacher to address the problem of disrespect in the home *as long as it doesn't get down to "where we are living!"* Husbands, if you do not respect your wife, your children won't!

Wives, if you do not respect your husband you cannot expect your children to respect you. Sister, if you run your



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mouth to your husband, you can be sure your children will run their mouth to their authority and, ironically, that is you! Parents ... if you want to be respected by your children, you must give them something to respect! **Some of us have planted seeds of disrespect by openly disagreeing with our authority. Know this—if you do this you are assassinating your children’s respect for authority to your own demise!**

A good policy is this: Even if one disagrees with authority, unless it is physically harmful or spiritually damning, one should always take the side of the authority of those of which they have placed their children under.

Our homes need to be a haven—a palace of peace that we can find refuge from the riptide of rage that is engulfing our country. In Proverbs 27:15, Solomon, from his prospective, penned these words: ***A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.*** One man said, “If you’re going to push my buttons, you may want to avoid the ones controlling the missile launch!”

We want to be like the man whose boss would always come by and poke him in the chest. After becoming fed up with this he put three sticks of dynamite inside his chest pocket and said, “When he pokes me today it will blow his hand off.” Revenge will only hurt you worse than who you are taking revenge upon! Some may say, “This is not spiritual.” Yes, it is! It affects you more than you think!

- Have a knock down drag out before you walk in to church then try praising God.
- You are running late. You began honking the horn. Try to feel spiritual after being angry!
- Kids argue in back seat. Try getting in.

Matthew 5: 9 **Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the sons of God!**

Homes are battlegrounds, but spouses can be oblivious.

February 11th 2018 - Sinner Man (Segun) wrote an article“MARRIED WOMEN GET OFF SOCIAL MEDIA or LOSE YOUR HUSBANDS” He went on to say, “*Married women get off social media today and be happy. Married men get your wives off social media or risk a better looking or loving man flirt with your wife and perhaps even more.*”

Could it be the reason a woman would spend hours and hours on social media is she’s not happy?

- She wants a better house because she is not happy.
- She wants a bigger vacation because she is not happy.
- She wants better décor in the house because she is not happy.

Facebook status says, “Happily married,” **but that is not what her actions are saying!**

We only need one thumbs up, and that is for the Lord to say, “*Well done my good and faithful servant ... enter in to the joys of the Lord!*”

Be aware. Be intentional. Do not allow your marriage to die. Make your house a haven. Join around the kitchen table for quality time with all the family. Ask the Lord to help you give respect, honor, and love to your spouse. Be content with all the Lord has done for you. Do not fall into the trap of comparing yourself with others; rather focus on pleasing the Lord.

God working through you can give you more than a house... He will help you make a home!



TO BOAST

- by Abigail Webb

*Boasting is an easy thing to do
You could create something
and name it after you
But I would not boast
because of who you are
I would take pride in who I do it for
So remember this when people put
you down
God looks on the humble
and not the proud*



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Holy Ghost in our midst if one or more would join in lifting the shield of faith against those fiery darts that Satan shoots at our preachers? Many ministries are hindered because the pastor stands alone in being all things to all members including serving the widows tables as in Acts 6. May we all, young and old, free the man of God so he can devote more time to prayer and to the ministry of the Word so that the disciples can be multiplied in our midst. It was said of John Mark by the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:11 that Mark was profitable to him for the ministry. Profitable means "easy to make use of, useful." Can our pastor find us useful and flexible at a moment's notice to lead singing, exhort, sing a special, teach a Sunday School class, pray the prayer of faith, or even preach or conduct the service due to a last-minute emergency? The battle at hand doesn't allow time to get prayed up or prayed through. It's not acceptable for an armourbearer to reply with "I'm having a bad day" or "Next time I'll be ready."

Going back to Naharai, old Snortie. Eventually he was promoted from being Joab's armourbearer to a mighty officer in David's army. I find it interesting in II Samuel 18:15, "And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him." Could Naharai been such a great armourbearer and a multi-faceted elite force that Joab needed to replace him with 10 younger men to feel safe to get the job done? Young preachers, instead of going off on your own to set the evangelistic field on fire for God right out of Bible school,

or go full time after one or two invitations to preach revivals, maybe return home and be an armourbearer for your pastor and pour your life into seeing his ministry is successful and dreams fulfilled. During a chapel service our senior year, a retired local classmate who attended FGBI with Ruth and I from 1982-1985 shared the story about bombers being manufactured so fast on the assembly line during World War II that the exterior paint process was faulty. The paint was peeling off which created bare surfaces. These ally bombers became easy targets to shoot down because of the search lights reflection on bare metal giving the anti-aircraft gunners exact locations of these flying fortresses. It is said to be a good leader one must be a good follower. Are we willing to wait 2, 5, 10 years before going off and being a pastor or full time evangelist all the while learning from a veteran minister? If not, I hope the high cost of tuition in the school of hard knocks doesn't bankrupt the zeal and desire to be on the battle field for our Lord when dreams go unfulfilled.

A book published in 1990 titled God's Armor Bearer Volumes 1 & 2 by Terry Nance published by Focus on the Harvest was given to me after I taught this lesson in Sunday School in April. It let me know I was on target with this subject. Unfortunately, it also let me know I was 30 years late in learning this key lesson on being an armourbearer for the man of God.





EXCUSES & CRUTCHES

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Making excuses is nothing new. People have been using excuses, or a crutch, for years. It all started in Genesis 3:7-13. In many ways an excuse is nothing more than a crutch. Let's look at the definition of 'crutch'.

something that a person depends on to help deal with problems.

"To use something as a crutch" means to use that thing as a way to avoid dealing with problems directly or in the correct way. For example: A person might use drugs or alcohol as a crutch to try to forget about his problems, appear to have a more interesting personality, or avoid the effort of finding more healthy activities.

An unemployed person receiving financial help from friends or family might use that support as a crutch to avoid looking for a job as long as they are getting money from others.

There are times when a crutch is necessary (i.e., the use of crutches following knee surgery), but if the crutches are used too long they will actually become detrimental to the proper healing process. The knee will not be able to regain its full range of motion, thus the reason the crutches are removed at the right point during physical therapy.

That reminds me of the lawyer and statesman Daniel Webster, a powerful orator who gave early evidence of his quick mind and way with words. One day Webster's father, who was to be absent from home, left Daniel and his brother Ezekiel specific work instructions. Upon his return he found the task still undone and questioned his sons about their idleness. "What have you been doing, Ezekiel?" he asked. "Nothing, sir." "Well, Daniel, what have you been doing?" "Helping Zeke, sir."

Let's read Luke 14:16-24. In this scripture the 'Great Supper' represents heaven and the bidding or invitation to

the supper represents the Lord wanting to save someone. Because these people used things in their daily life as a crutch/excuse they missed the 'Great Supper'. What about you? Are you going to allow yourself to spend your life making excuses and using crutches throughout your whole life and end up missing the greatest opportunity you could ever have?

In Luke 18:18-23, we can read about a rich ruler whose money was his crutch. He was not willing to even try to make the change necessary to be saved. He was so in love with his money he just couldn't let it go.

It's that way many times with many people. They have things in their life they are not willing to let go. They keep making excuses on why they can't trust the Lord Jesus with their life. Just fill in the blank - "I can't _____." They have crutches like:

- ⇒ Alcohol
- ⇒ Drugs
- ⇒ Sex
- ⇒ Their Past
- ⇒ Their Parents

The truth is we all have excuses/crutches, but not very good reasons. Bad things are always going to happen in life. People will hurt you, but you can't use that as an excuse to fail or to hurt someone back. Why is it that people tend to want to make excuses to remain in the same mess that continuously pulls them down into misery? The Bible explains how this happens in 2 Corinthians 4:4

"...in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

I can take a glove and try to use it to do many things such

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as open a door, pick up a book, or move a chair, but the fact is until I fill that glove with something that has true life it will never be able to accomplish anything on its own. That glove will remain as a dead object.

We are as a dead object without the Lord, but with Jesus living within us we are made alive in Him. Ephesians 2:1 *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"*

Don't let the devil trick you into using excuses or a crutch for not even trying to seek after true salvation through Jesus.

John 6:37 *"and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."*

Mark 16:16 *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."*

Quotes:

There aren't nearly enough crutches in the world for all the lame excuses.

Excuses are the nails used to build a house of failure.

**Things You Need to Know From Noah's Ark**

Compiled by Brother Claude Powell

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember, we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It was not raining when Noah built the boat.
4. Stay fit. When you are old, God may ask you to do something really big.
5. Do not miss the boat.
6. Travel by 2. It's safer that way.
7. Speed is not always an advantage. The snail was on board with the cheetahs.
8. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs. The Titanic was built by professionals.
9. No matter how great the storm, when God is with you, there is always a rainbow.
10. Do not miss the boat.

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be transparent and honest with. This is not carrying tales or pouring poison in the well; it is blowing off steam and getting stuff off your chest and asking that person to be honest with you.

What is in the well is going to come up in the bucket. If your well is poisonous, you are going to shed that abroad. If your well is sweet and alive, that is what you will give forth. The Lord most assuredly will meet you more than halfway here, but it is going to take work on your part as well.

I know this is different than what you are accustomed to reading in *The Levite*. I just feel that this is going to fall under someone's attention that is ready to call it quits because they think they have it bad. I implore you to not do that. I urge you, in the name of Jesus, to reevaluate and get a fresh look at how truly blessed you are. If you cannot see that, please find someone soon, maybe your pastor, and ask them to recount with you the blessings in your life. I know you will find a lengthy list.

Many of you are ministers and pastors — you are not immune. Every one of you can call to mind a colleague that has failed or given up. I urge you not to internalize these feelings and figure that you can tough it out. Perhaps you hate to say anything because you feel it will compromise you or people will lose respect. "Physician, heal thyself," the saying says. People will have more respect for you when they see you are real and see you demonstrate the right way to work through a crisis.



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11:00 AM

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- Bro. Dwain Galiher "One Thing That God Hates"
Proverbs 6:19 (Sowing discord among the brethren, gossip, back-biting and disunity)
- Rev. Shad McDonald "Integrity"
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11:00 AM

- Bro. Jon Brock
"Biblical and Practical Explanation of Outward Standards"
(Hair, Jewelry, Modesty, Makeup)
- Bro. Shad McDonald
"Me... An Idolater?" "Gods of American Culture"
(Sports, Social Media, Music, Movies)

7:00 PM

- Bro. Dwain Galiher
"The Fallacies of Calvinism and Alternate Versions of the Bible"
- Bro. Jon Brock
"Need for the Holy Ghost & Its Evidences"
(Power, Tongues, Truth, Comfort)

11:00 AM — SUNDAY — 29TH

- Rev. Douglas Meadow "Pleasure Crazy"
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- Rev. John Gabbard "Revival, Repentance & Praying Through"

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