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Truth and Right

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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Philippians 4:8 (NASB-U)

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More than a Haircut

By: Jennifer Kegley

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"Seek And Ye Shall Find" -- You never know when you are going to cross paths with someone who is searching for the Lord. There are people in this world who are seeking and it is our duty as Christians to show them the way. I learned this lesson in 1989. His name was David.

I had gone to get a simple haircut. At that time, I did not have a regular hairdresser, so I went to one of those chain salons. Oddly enough, this was the one and only time I went to this particular salon. I walked in and a man named David was available to cut my hair. As I was sitting there, he began talking about how he had seen images of Jesus. He caught me off guard and I really did not know how to respond, so I said very little. In fact, I mostly listened. After he finished cutting my hair, I paid him and was about to leave when I felt the tug of conscience. I knew I needed to say something but what? I did the only thing I knew to do: I jotted down our service times and told him that we would love for him to visit our services. He thanked me and I left.



The following Sunday morning -- there he was! David had come. I was thrilled not only that he came but also that I had found the courage to invite him. He came back again and about a week later on a Wednesday night, he stayed after services and had a Bible study with my dad and two other members. The study lasted four hours and somewhere around 2:00 A.M., David was baptized. Since then he has married a Christian and together they have two children. To this day he is faithful to the Lord.

I walked into the salon that day, expecting only a haircut. I walked out with a haircut and an opportunity realized. I walked into the salon that day with no idea that I was about to cross paths with a man who was searching for the Lord. All of which says, the next time you pick up your dry cleaning, or stand in line at the grocery

TIMES OF SERVICES	
SUNDAY	
Bible Classes*	10:00 AM
AM Worship	10:45 AM
PM Worship	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Classes*	7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)	

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store, or sit beside someone at the ball field, or get a haircut, just remember...the person has a soul - a soul that may be searching. And who knows, you may be the very one God uses to show them

"Pain, Pain, Go Away"

By: Bubba Garner

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I was driving down I-45 when it happened. An unfamiliar, orange-colored light appeared between the oil temperature gauges. In horror, I read the dreaded words on the dash -- "Check Engine." I didn't know what it meant, I just knew it was going to be expensive. The mechanic looked the car over, tested all the systems on his computer, but couldn't find anything. When I got in to drive home, I asked why the "Check Engine" light was off? "I disconnected it," he said. "It's fixed."

A lot of people are "fixing" their problems the same way. When we feel the pains of conscience or some other spiritual discomfort, we would rather eliminate the symptom than find the source. Pain, just like the "Check Engine" light, is an indicator that something is not right. And sometimes we think that as long as we cover it up, disposing of the messenger, we have treated the problem. But in fact, all we end up doing is intensifying the pain.

Pay Less Attention To Prayer: -- How do we think that's going to help? Yet, when we are burdened and feel the signal that something is wrong, we assume that leaving the Lord out of the loop will somehow make things better. Someone who is really struggling, who has not been attending the services will tell you, "well, I've got a lot of things I've got to work on in my life and when I get those settled, I'll come back to the Lord." They've got it backwards. You can't get it straightened out without Him. And when you turn everything over to Him, He's the One Who makes the pain manageable because you see that it actually has a purpose in your life. I'm afraid that many of us don't believe in the power of answered prayer because we're not praying. He who kneels before God can withstand any pain.

Don't Worry With Worship: -- That's an easy fix, too. Because if you're not praying, what's the point of worshiping? We often neglect the worship service because we don't "get anything out of it." The song leaders never lead any of our favorite songs. The prayers are too long and a waste of time because they don't include anyone of our family. The preacher's subject doesn't fit our mood or our schedule for that matter. Where is the concern to give to God what is His? Before we think about what we can get out of it, let's be certain we have put something into it that has been pleasing in His sight. When that is our concentration and focus, we will derive certain benefits from worship that will help prepare us for heaven. A place where there is no longer any pain (Revelation 21:4).

Isolate Rather Than Assimilate: -- I once heard about a weatherman who was reporting during a heavy snowstorm. He noticed that the trees that were clustered close together were not breaking under the weight of the snow. "They lean on each other," he said. You want to know why it's important for us to stay together? Consider the trees. But how can we "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2), when we don't know what each other's burdens are? Or when we don't use what we've learned about our pain to help someone who is experiencing the same sufferings? We need

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Today's Sermon:

Then God Said"
God's Authority
throughout time

John 1:1-5, 14

one another. Don't think it makes you brave and strong to try to face your problems by yourself. All it does is leave you out in the cold.

Someone has said, "Pain makes us think. Thinking makes us wise. Wisdom makes us profitable." Be willing to reach down and help someone up. But be just as willing to reach up when you think you're beyond all help. And keep looking to Jesus Who promised rest to all who are weary and heavy-laden (Matt. 11:28-30). There's no better way to spell relief.

"It is too late to be on our guard when we are in the midst of evils." — Seneca
"Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." — Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

"He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else." — Benjamin Franklin

"Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change. And when we are right, make us easy to live with." — Author Unknown

"When the only tool you have is a hammer, all problems begin to resemble nails." — Abraham Maslow

News N Notes

Remember these in your prayers:

- Dorothy Lancaster
- Trudell Tennant
- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband.
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Roy Rhodes, Peggy Miller's brother
- Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Audrio Gaudio, Nancy Morris' great-granddaughter
- Mabel Fleming
- Ed & Marie Roberts, & Ed's father, Jim Roberts.
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Cary & Grace Lancaster

Nursing Home:

- Hazel Carroll
- Pauline Sellers

Shut-ins:

- Ethel Mahan
- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap
- Rhea Henthorn