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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." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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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)

Today's Sermon:

*Getting the Right
Answers from
God's Word*

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A Spiritually Safe Home

Greg Gwin

I can't do everything, but I can make my home spiritually safe and I will!

It is a simple fact that I can't do everything, but there are some things that I definitely can do and, with God's help, I will. For instance, I can make certain that spiritual dangers are removed from my home.

The world is full of all sorts of temptations – and many of these are finding their way into our homes. In fact, the Devil has a whole array of new and very powerful enticements. For instance, television and radio are relatively new inventions, and Satan has seized upon them as a means of promoting evil. The movie industry continues to crank out films full of moral filth that corrupt people's minds – which is exactly what Satan desires. The Internet is a brand new weapon in his arsenal, and he has succeeded in making it a super effective way to tempt both young and old.

What can I do in the face of all these dangers?

There is little hope of changing the trends in the modern me-

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dia. Things are bad and they are likely to get worse, not better. **But, I can control these things in my own home.**

- I can carefully monitor what I allow myself and my family to view on TV.
- I can be more cautious about the music that is played.
- I can make hard and fast rules about the types of movies that will be watched.
- I can keep a strict and constant check on how the Internet is being used.

God's Word charges me with providing for the well being of my family (1 Timothy 5:8). If I don't protect them from spiritual dangers, I have failed them. This is important, and I must work at it. With God's help . . . **I will!**

Courageous Reason

By: Gary Henry

"... who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."

Hebrews 11:33,34

Faith is apt to get us into trouble. Unlike mere "belief," real faith leaves the comforts of home and gets out there where the real fight is taking place between good and evil. It is willing to take risks in the course of serving the Lord's will. Based on what God has done

in the observable realm of history, we reason that He is telling us the truth about the unseen realm, and we are willing to follow that reasoning out onto the battlefield of life.

The key element in the kind of faith that takes risks is *trust*. We are willing to put any number of things in jeopardy in the short run because we have confidence that, in the long run, the Lord will not let us down. "*For this reason I also suffer these things,*" Paul wrote; "*nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day*" (2 Timothy 1:12).

A well-reasoned faith will impart not only courage but also determination and persistence. In Luke 5:17-26, there is the story of some people who brought to the Lord a paralyzed man for Him to heal. There was such a crowd, they could not get to the Lord. Undeterred, however, "*they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus*" (v.19). Jesus was pleased with the persistence of their effort, and He knew it to be the result of faith: "*When He saw their faith, He said to him, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you'*" (v.20).

The courage that comes from genuine faith is far different from the cowardice that tags along behind superficial faith. In John 12:42, we read that "*even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.*" If this kind of faith could save, even the demons would be in heaven: "*You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe -- and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?*" (James 2:19,20). So the question is not "What do you believe?" but "What are you willing to do about it?"

*"Faith is reason grown
courageous."*

Sherwood Eddy

Courageous Desire

By: Gary Henry

"Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven.""

Luke 7:44-48

If there's one thing that is obvious about love, it's that love wants to show itself. Love (that is, *real* love) is active. Like a healthy toddler, it can't sit still for very long. It always wants to be doing something, preferably to act out its desires.

Like faith, love is not only active, it is willing to take significant risks. The woman in Luke 7, whose love led her to anoint the Lord's feet with expensive oil, risked several things to show her love. For one thing, she

accepted the risk of *real* loss. The ointment was costly, but wanting to show her love, she was willing to make a sacrifice (suffer an actual, couldn't-afford-it loss) to do so. But second, she accepted the risk of *the disapproval of others*. To show her love for the Lord, she pushed past the "respectable" crowd and did something that incurred criticism from those, like Simon, who loved the Lord with nothing more than an official love.

Today, we need to be careful, but we also need to be brave. Love doesn't give us the right to do anything we please in showing our love for the Lord. We know nothing about what pleases Him except what He has revealed to us in His word, and we dare not disregard the Scriptures in deciding how to show our love. But that said, it's important for us to be courageous in the desires of our love. All the scriptural correctness in the world will not accomplish anything if it is not carried out in active love.

"The loving are the daring" (Bayard Taylor). Our lives and our relationship with God would be richer if we loved Him more deeply, dreamed of showing our love more extravagantly, and then demonstrated our faith more boldly and bravely. It's time we got over our fears: our fear of being hurt and our fear that others will think we're crazy. What if the woman in Luke 7 had stifled her desire and done the "sensible" thing? Well, the world -- and certainly the Lord's cause -- would have been much the poorer.

*"Have the
courage of
your desire"*

George Gissing

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Ed Roberts
Announcements	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Ezekiel 40:31-49
Reader	Blake Headen
Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Don Coen, Sr.
Fruit of the Vine	Harold Marshall
Serve	Dan Marton
Serve	Terry Smith
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Dave Harless
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Ezekiel 41:1-13
Reader	Nathan Marshall
1st Prayer	Harold Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Chuck Isinghood
Closing Prayer	Tim Henderson

Wednesday

Announcements	Dave Harless
Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Invitation	Tim Henderson
Closing Prayer	Ed Roberts

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Traveling: Alfred and Mary Jane Myers

Recovering:

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| - Earl Miller | - Ann Rudolph |
| - Marie Roberts | - Phyllis Coen |

Prayer Requests:

- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother.
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Bud and Merl Frey

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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