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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 Sermons:

*AM: Which
Brother Are You?
PM: Scripture &
Songs*

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what we teach and practice, please
feel free to ask*

The Forgetful Hearer

Bob West

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." — James 1:22-25

Hearing the word of God is vitally important. We are all blessed to live in a time of relative affluence which enables us to provide for ourselves comfortable transportation, on smooth roadways, to come sit in comfortable pews, and listen to the gospel aided by a sound system adjusted to a comfortable level and see hi-tech visual aids which enhances the presentations. We can even get high-quality video or audio reproductions of the lessons hear them again and review them at our leisure. We have no shortage of opportunities to hear the word.

But no amount of *hearing* will substitute for *doing*. We have not provided the above-mentioned conveniences just

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for our comfort or even just for our hearing the Word. The sermons, lessons and opportunities for hearing are provided to make us better people and consequently glorify our Lord. But this can only be done if we *put into practice* the suggestions and exhortations involved in all of the lessons. Let us all determine not to be "forgetful hearers," but *doers* of the work which so badly needs to be done.

"I Was Wrong"

Stan Mitchell

He wrote these words with a fountain pen before the greatest invasion in history began. The attempt to take the beaches at Normandy against Germany's entrenched defenses was a fearful risk. The effort would be massive, and if the attempt failed, he wanted someone to blame. Himself.

"Our landing has failed," he wrote, "And I have withdrawn the troops. My decision to attack at this time and place was based upon the best information available. The troops, the air, and the navy did all that bravery and devotion could do. If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt, it is mine, and mine alone" (Dwight D. Eisenhower, June 5, 1944).

Thankfully that was a message he never had to deliver. It's ironic to learn that the secret to greatness is the ability to admit failure. Three words, more difficult to pronounce than "Mephibosheth" are, "I was wrong."

It's hard in a marriage to learn that the problem with us is me. It's too easy when we abandon the Lord to blame his church. People wonder why Saul was considered a failure as leader of Israel, and the flawed but earnest David achieved greatness.

It's not that David made fewer mistakes; he admitted responsibility for them.

"For I know my transgressions," he declared. We know our brethren's transgressions. David knew his own. "And my sin is always before me" (Psalm 51:3). In contrast, our sin is

constantly repressed in our memories!

How's your pronunciation of hard-to-say words?

A Truth That Each One Must Deal With

Gary Henry

*"Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I
desire besides You. My flesh and my
heart fail; But God is the strength of
my heart and my portion forever."*

— Psalm 73:25,26 —

When we look at the matter honestly, we can see that everything comes down to one simple truth. The time comes when every other reality drops away and we're confronted with the stark simplicity of this fact: **We have no one but God, and because of our sin, we are cut off even from Him.** This is a truth that each one of us must deal with sooner or later. We may or may not deal wisely with it, but deal with it we must. God is waiting for us to do so. True religion has a chance to arise in our hearts when, as solitary beings, we confess how empty we are without God.

Most of us spend our lives leaning on props. We instinctively sense the need for "relationship" to other beings, but we foolishly build our relationships on the shifting sands of false principles. Feeling the urge to "do" something, we throw ourselves into a fury of daily activity. And driven to "acquire," we heap up for ourselves a horde of assets and possessions. Our RELATIONSHIPS, our ACTIVITIES, and our POSSESSIONS — these become our props. And despite their undependability, they become the sum and substance of our lives. After a while, we can

hardly see how totally we've come to lean on these things. We're hiding from the truth, of course, but as long as our props are in place, we don't worry about our alienation. Deep down, our hearts are a lonely void, but we're simply too busy to think about it very much.

But what do we do when all the props are taken away? What do we do when we stand alone, nakedly "individual" before our God, with every other choice stripped away from us except our choice concerning God Himself? Do we choose to turn even more selfishly INWARD, or do we desire God and turn penitently UPWARD? When the laughter has died down, the party is over, and all the guests have gone home, a human being finally has no other choice. The brutal fact is that we are cut off from everything we were ever meant to be connected to. And what we choose to do ABOUT that fact makes all the difference.

*"Religion is what the individual
does with his solitariness"*

—Alfred North Whitehead

Too Much Tranquility

Gary Henry

*"Now the Lord had said to Abram:
'Get out of your country, from your
family and from your father's house,
to a land that I will show you'"*

—Genesis 12:1—

God's command for Abram to leave the familiarity of his homeland was "disturbing" in the very sense of that word. It is not a term that has very positive connotations, perhaps, but in regard to the more important side of life, events that are "disturbing" are often those that work to our greatest advantage.

DIFFICULTY. No doubt it would have been easier for Abram to stay where he was

than to make the long, dangerous trek to a strange country. From nearly any angle you look at it, it was a HARD thing that God asked Abram to do. But Abram was not primarily concerned about ease, and years later, he was a better man for having endured the hardships that God brought into his life.

DISRUPTION. We don't know what plans Abram may have had for his life, but if he had any, the Lord's call to leave home surely disrupted them. To disrupt is to "throw into confusion or disorder," and it's an unwelcome concept for those of us who thrive on order and predictability. But the Lord knows we need many other things more than we need to know what's going to happen next.

DISTURBANCE. In my dictionary, "disturb" is only two pages over from "disrupt." It means to "break up or destroy the tranquility or settled state of." God's plans for Abram would have done that for him, to say the very least. Yet in the long run, Abram's great disturbance helped bring about his salvation — and ours. When God disturbed Abram's life, it was an act of sheer GRACE.

With too much tranquility in our own lives, we tend to forget God. Yes, we may continue to study our Bibles and attend worship services, but as long as our lives are pleasantly predictable, our need for God becomes a nice religious theory rather than a desperately felt desire. With no real GRIEF or FEAR to keep us awake, we "doze off," spiritually speaking. For our own good, then, we need to get out of our ruts and go on some fearful adventures, the kind that require real FAITH. If we don't, God may have to disturb our comfort. He may have to say, "Get out of your country ..."

*"You know no disturbing voice? God
never points out for you a pathway al-
together different from the one you
had planned? Then, my brother, you
are living still in the land of slavery, in
the land of darkness"*

—G. Campbell Morgan

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Matthew 9:18-38
Reader	Blake Headen
Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Dave Harless
Fruit of the Vine	Don Coen, Jr.
Serve	Wayne Campbell
Serve	Chaz Shaefer
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

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

Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Scripture	Matthew 10:1-20
Reader	Ken Prager
1st Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Earl Miller
Closing Prayer	Dave Harless

Wednesday

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Class Prayer	Dan Marton
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Invitation	Tim Henderson
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

News N Notes

Business Meeting for the men this afternoon.

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

- Zeda Goddard, also her family— sons, Dallas and Terry, and daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, is doing well after surgery, he is to go back in 6 weeks to have a stint put in for the other kidney.
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson are in Medford, OR for the next few weeks
- Betty Isinghood will be going to the knee doctor on the 11th and her knee surgery is scheduled for the 15th.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Gabriel Taylor, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:
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