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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 lesson:

*Membership  
Has Its  
Privileges*

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

## "I am Praying for You"

By—R. J. Evans

Via—The Auburn Beacon—01-0162011

*"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).*

Paul wrote two letters to Timothy, as a young evangelist he referred to as "my true son in the faith" (1 Timothy 1:2). Both of the letters are filled with instructions and admonitions that would come under the category of a "charge" (1 Timothy 1:18) that Paul was giving his "son in the faith." Among other things, Paul charged him to study the Word (2 Timothy 2:15); live the Word (1 Timothy 4:12); preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:2). But as noted from our text, Paul charged him "first of all" to pray for others.

Over four years ago, when I was battling for my life in my fight against cancer, there were no sweeter words than to hear brethren say, "I am praying for you." I am convinced that I am alive and doing well today because of all the prayers of my brethren from all over the world. I believe this to be especially true in view of the fact that on the day of my surgery,

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the doctors told Jackie and my sons that I would live 18 months to 2 years.

Prayer is one of the most important duties and privileges of a Christian. And I am convinced that praying for others ("intercessions") should take up a large portion of our prayer time. There are some valid reasons for believing this.

In our text, Paul is giving a command to intercede by prayer for all men. In the next verse he mentions some in particular— *"for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence"* (1 Timothy 2:2). Ephesians 6:18 and James 5:16 also commands us to pray for others. Thus, it is a duty commanded by God for every Christian to pray for others.

Our prayers for others manifest brotherly love and an unselfish attitude. These two areas are so important in the life of a Christian. The Apostle Paul said, *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others"* (Philippians 2:3-4). This being true, the requests we make for others are just as important as the requests we make for ourselves. When the Lord answers our prayers for others, no doubt, our faith is increased. Jesus said loving our neighbor as our self is the second greatest commandment (Mark 12:31).

The Apostle Paul prayed for all the churches where he labored. For example, in his letter to the Ephesians, he assured them of his prayers on their behalf. He said I *"do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him"* (Ephesians 1:16-17). The list of things he asked God to do for the Colossians was similar (Colossians 1:9-12). Epaphras offered fervent prayers for the Colossian brethren.

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ren. Paul told them, *"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God"* (Colossians 4:12).

I have no doubt that Christians enjoy many blessings from God because some brother or sister in Christ prayed for them. May we not forget that praying for others should be a big part of our lives. What encouraging words when some faithful brother or sister tells us, **"I AM PRAYING FOR YOU."**

## *The Face of Friendship*

*by Gary Henry*

*Via—Diligently Seeking God—02-11-2011*

***"And Jacob said, 'No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me'" — Genesis 33:10***

**No one ever came to God in true penitence without finding God's welcome to be that of a friend.** Having refused to live by the laws of our Creator's kingdom, we know that justice demands our banishment from His presence. As rebels against His love, we are right to fear the consequences of our rebellion. But the wonder of God's character is the grace by which He is willing and able to make us His friends once again.

Jacob had every reason to fear the wrath of Esau, the brother he had so treacherously supplanted before fleeing to Haran. As he returned to Canaan, Jacob prepared many gifts, hoping to placate the anger that he assumed would still be smoldering in his brother's heart. Contrary to all expectation, however, Esau was eager to be reconciled. *"Esau ran to meet*

him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept" (Genesis 33:4). Jacob's gifts were not necessary, Esau insisted, but Jacob begged that these be accepted as tokens of his gratitude for the grace he'd been shown. Jacob knew that he had no rightful claim to the friendship of either God or his brother. That his brother's face was friendly was as unexpected as the fact that he'd been allowed to survive in his wrestling with God the night before. Slowly, Jacob was growing in his understanding of God. He was learning that those who will struggle for what is right and deal realistically with their sins can always expect a friendly welcome in the presence of God. And Jacob saw something of this grace in his brother's countenance: *"I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me."*

When we come to our senses and seek God honestly and penitently, we too will find that He is *"gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy"* (Psalm 145:8). As traitors, we deserve to be banished from His presence. But such is the love of our Father that He is eager to welcome us back home.

*This, this is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable friend.  
Whose love is as great as his power,  
And neither knows measure nor end.*  
~Joseph Hart~

## ***Strength From Brokenness***

***by Gary Henry***

*Via—Reaching Forward—02-10-2011*

***"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren'"***

**— Luke 22:31,32**

Having suffered the pain of sorrow (and maybe having stumbled in our faith), we are

stronger for having had that experience—if we respond to it in the right way. Like a broken bone that is stronger at the spot where it was mended, we can gain strength from our brokenness, if we make that choice.

Our chosen response to suffering is what makes the difference, of course. And choosing correctly is not easy. There are two opposite dangers that must be avoided. On the one hand, we must stay away from SELF-PITY, but on the other, we must steer clear of SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. When we've been broken by some experience in life, we tend to veer back and forth between these extremes. With practice, however, we can learn to respond to heartbreaks with a balance of reverence, gratitude, and humility — and when we do, we find that hardships help us more than they hurt us.

In what sense, though, can we say that broken people are "stronger"? Well, for one thing, those who've had their hearts broken are often wiser and less vulnerable to certain temptations. After Peter had denied the Lord three times and recovered, he would have been more vigilant in that particular area for the rest of his life. But not only that, faith, hope, and love are often more "real" to those who've been tried by fire. Job, for example, was a man of considerable faith before his ordeal, but after it was over, he found that his faith was a finer thing by far (Job 42:5,6).

Not everybody has to be broken by sorrow in order to learn spiritual strength; some are wise enough to learn from others' ordeals (Proverb 21:11; 22:3). Yet there can be no question that those who are the strongest spiritually are often those whose hearts have been torn apart and then mended. Life in this world is hard, we must be frank to say. It is ugly, and it is dangerous. We're never more than a step away from sorrow or shame, and the weight of the world may not be something we can bear without breaking. Being broken, however, need not be the end of the story.

***"The world breaks everyone and afterwards many are strong at the broken places"***

**~Ernest Hemingway~**

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 14:46-72
<b>Reader</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Bryan Legg
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	John Lemal
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson

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

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 15:1-26
<b>Reader</b>	Bryan Legg
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Lemal

## Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Bryan Legg
<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Invitation</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson

# *News N Notes*

Please remember these in your prayers:

### **Travelling:**

- Don Coen, Jr. and family are in Fairmont, WV

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Don Coen, Sr.
- Zeda Goddard
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, Sr., Harold's father
- Kitty Morgan
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grand-son of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **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 contact Tim Henderson