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WOMEN CO-WORKERS IN THE GOSPEL

I read this post by Doy Moyer on Facebook about the need for men in the brotherhood to lift up our fellow sisters in Christ as co-workers in the work of the Kingdom who deserve not only recognition but our prayers and support in all they do as well. I thought this was so well written and much needed I thought I'd share that here: "I've long been impressed with the fact that Paul considers several women to be his co-workers (cf. Phil. 4:2-3; Rom. 16:1-15). He credited the faith of Timothy to Timothy's mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5). We read of Tabitha (Dorcas), who was 'full of good works and acts of charity' (Acts 9:36). We could go on about the recognition given to great women of God, but I say that to make this point **TO MY FELLOW BROTHERS:** Women are co-workers in the

Gospel just as much as other men, and we need to lift them up in their work. The work of the Lord is not all about who can preach in a pulpit. I believe we do a disservice to the concept of being workers for the Lord when we relegate the important work to public acts of leadership that happen within a very small window of time each week, as if those 2 to 4 hours of the week are what comprise all the significant works and service that are supposed to happen by God's people. Hardly. The greatest work is not being done by the most visible people, and frankly, I know many of these women who would never want me to call their names (I'm tempted anyway :)). They aren't looking for attention, yet they keep working in ways that astound me. The nitty-gritty work is going on at levels we do

not often see or even know about, and I'll guess that the larger percentage of that is being done by the women in our lives. The women I know work harder than the men I know, and that includes me. I need to get busy if I want to keep up. Co-workers in the Lord. Paul saw it. Do we? Are we showing appreciation for the work they are doing?" – Doy Moyer. I thought this was so on point, I not only wanted to share his thoughts, but echo those words towards the great sisters of this congregation who work so hard for the cause of Christ. We are blessed in this congregation to have so many of you sisters diligently serving, encouraging, praying, teaching, inspiring, loving, exemplifying the love and teachings of Christ. Thank you for all you do, sisters in Christ, co-workers in the gospel! - Daniel Ruegg

Jesus Is King

I was watching clips on YouTube the other night when one caught my eye of Kanye West on Jimmy Kimmel promoting his latest album. His album is titled "Jesus Is King." The album is entirely comprised of tracks praising the greatness of God and Jesus, detailing the transformation which took place in his life changing his entire perspective on God, Jesus and

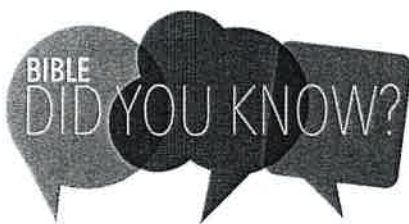
the gospel. Throughout the album, Kanye addresses passages of scripture, notably how the book of Ephesians changed his thinking on his purpose in life, and how he has been given a new purpose to embrace the life as a servant of God. When he was discussing the album with Jimmy Kimmel, Kanye stated, "I have given my life to Jesus Christ and I work for God." This complete turnaround in direction and perspective for him in both his personal life and professional musical career will no doubt be shocking for some, applauded by others, let down and disappointed by many, and encouraged and supported by those who embrace and welcome his change. Without commenting on anything concerning the legitimacy and sincerity of this change (not to mention the biblical accuracy or authenticity of his conversion) I can't help but watch this unfold with the confirmation of what I have been saying and feeling about our present culture and society for some time. There is a great awakening happening and an acceptance of the need to turn back to God. There have been periods of history where God was able to use notable and influential people to bring attention to the need to worship and serve the Creator. Nebuchadnezzar was one, who

after being humbled, turned and acknowledged the greatness of God. "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?' ...Now I,

Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride," Daniel 4:34-35,37. Darius, after witnessing God protect Daniel in the den of lions, exalts God, sending a proclamation for all people everywhere to fear and serve the God of Daniel. "Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language who were living in all the land: 'May your peace abound! I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, and His

kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and His dominion will be forever. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions,'" Daniel 6:25-27. May even more and more recognize that Jesus Is King and surrender their lives under His rule.

– Daniel Ruegg



"Lift up your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath; for the sky will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will not wane."
Isaiah 51:6

BIBLE TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

DIRECTIONS: After searching through your Bible, circle which answer is correct.

1. On the day of Pentecost there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing ____.

- a) Buffalo
- b) Wind
- c) Donkey
- d) Angry mob

2. Peter ended his first sermon with, "God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you ____.

- a) Loved
- b) Served
- c) Worshiped
- d) Crucified

3. Peter told his audience, "Repent, and each of you be ____."

- a) Baptized
- b) Tickled
- c) Still
- d) Quiet

4. Luke says all those who were baptized at Pentecost were those who had ____.

- a) Cried
- b) Laughed
- c) Whistled
- d) Believed

5. Peter said to a lame man, "In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, ____!"

- a) Walk
- b) Leave
- c) Speak
- d) Roll over

6. Peter preached, "Repent and ____, so that your sins may be wiped away."

- a) Believe
- b) Mourn
- c) Pray
- d) Return

7. Peter ended his second sermon, "God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your ____ ways."

- a) Silly
- b) Childish
- c) Wicked
- d) Stubborn

8. "Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John...they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with ____."

- a) Pilate
- b) Jesus
- c) Nicodemus
- d) Lazarus

9. After being threatened not to preach Jesus, they prayed, and the place where they had gathered ____.

- a) Burned
- b) Illuminated
- c) Shook
- d) Sunk

10. A Levite named, Joseph, was called ____ by the Apostles.

- a) Joey
- b) Josie
- c) Joe
- d) Barnabas

- 1) B, Reference: Acts 2:2
 2) D, Reference: Acts 2:36
 3) A, Reference: Acts 2:38
 4) D, Reference: Acts 2:41, 44
 5) A, Reference: Acts 3:6
 6) D, Reference: Acts 3:19
 7) C, Acts 3:26
 8) B, Acts 4:13
 9) C, Acts 4:31
 10) D, Acts 4:36