

How Big Are Your Dreams?

A. Last week we talked about the 12 spies who spied out the Promised Land & then came back with their report. You recall that 10 of them gave a negative report, & 2 gave a positive one. The 2 who gave the positive report were Joshua & Caleb. This morning I want to follow in Paul Harvey's footsteps & tell you "The rest of the story." And you will find the rest of Caleb's story in Joshua, the 14th chapter.

As the story unfolds, you need to realize that 45 years have passed since the spies entered the Promised Land & came back with that discouraging majority report which caused the people to refuse to obey God's command to go in & take the land.

So because of their disobedience, God told them that they would have to wander for 40 years, one year for every day the spies were in the land, until every man of Israel who had voted to disobey God had died in the wilderness.

B. And God kept his word. For 40 years they wandered, & God provided for them. But at the end of those 40 years only Moses, Joshua, & Caleb were left of the older generation of men. So when God told them again that it was time to go in & take the Promised Land,

this younger generation was ready to do it.

Yes, the giants that had so frightened their fathers were still there. But this time they obeyed God, & the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. They followed God's leading, & He gave them victory after victory, & within 5 years the Promised Land was theirs.

No, they hadn't conquered it all. There were areas still occupied by their enemies. But they had conquered most of it, enough to be able to divide the land up into large regions where each of the 12 tribes could settle & begin building their own homes & cities & farms.

Of course, that meant that some tribes still had to contend with enemies in their own region. But with God's help, they were convinced that they could do it. God had truly given them a land flowing with milk & honey!



your feet have walked will be your inheritance & that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'

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the desert. So here I am today, 85 years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.

"Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there & their cities were large & fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as He said" [Joshua 14:6b-12].

Caleb was a dreamer, wasn't he? For 45 years Caleb had been dreaming of this land that God promised to him. So now, 85 years old, he steps up & says, "I want what God has promised me. See that hill country? I want it." He had dreamed about it, & now it was time for his dream to come true.

A few years ago a study was made of 200 people that we would call

C. Now, it is at this point, as the 12 tribes are dividing up the land, that we come upon the 2nd part of the story of Caleb's life, as recorded in the 14th chapter of the Book of Joshua. So follow along with me now in Joshua 14, beginning with the last part of vs. 6, as I read what Caleb is saying, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you & me. I was 40 years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear.

"I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which

Church and Community Events

August 7-11

You are cordially invited to worship with the Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church family, to help celebrate homecoming and revival on August 7, 2011. Homecoming service begins with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; worship starts at 11:00 a.m. with our pastor Rev. Freddie Little bringing the message. Lunch will be served directly after the morning service. Revival service will be Tuesday, August 9 - Thursday, August 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

August 20

HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair

Recognizing Community Service Accomplishments
Honoring Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant

Greetings from the HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair Committee!

We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us in recognizing Mrs. Vancine Sturdivant for her unrelenting and valuable service to our community. She is president of Faith Based Center of Hope in Lilesville, NC.

On Saturday, August 20, 2011, we will host a HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair at the HOLLA! Resource and Community Development Center in Morven NC from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. to give Mrs. Sturdivant the walk down the red carpet she deserves.

The HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair will include live music on the inside and a DJ on the deck. You will also enjoy great food, good folks and an elegant evening of fun!

Then on Sunday, August 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm., Vancine will receive friends and family who could not attend Saturday's event during the Red Carpet Gospel Revue. This event will be equally exciting, as guests will experience live gospel entertainment, food and be able to bid on some valuable prizes during a silent auction.

We are asking that you consider becoming a sponsor for this exciting event. Proceeds will benefit one of Vancine's favorite charities; the HOLLA! Resource and Community Development Center in Morven, NC. This sponsorship opportunity will help guarantee that the HOLLA! Center will remain opened to provide valuable services to our community! Please review the attached contract, where you will find various opportunities to participate. We look forward to you joining us in making this a special evening for Mrs. Sturdivant and the cause of sponsorship community service.

The HOLLA! Red Carpet Affair committee is appreciative of your consideration of this request. We also have tickets available for \$25 each which can be used for the Saturday or the Sunday event. Children age 18 and under can attend Sunday's event at no cost.

Please feel free to refer questions to us at 704-694-3552 or via email to HOLLA@Wadesboro.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Monday-Thursday

HOLLA! Zumba class at the Morven HOLLA! Center on Mondays and Tuesdays at 6:30 pm; Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:15 pm (\$3 per class)

INSPIRATIONAL SCOPE

Love

This weeks **WORD** is **Love!** There are over four hundred references throughout the scriptures using this word in some form. There is predominately one **Hebrew word used for love** in the Old Testament and one **Greek word used for love** in the New Testament.

The Hebrew word is “ahab” (pronounced: aw-hab) which describes a human love for/to God, for another including family and finally, the act of being a friend.

The Greek word is “agape” (pronounced: a-gah-pay) which defines as charity, affection, good will, benevolence, to be fond of, to welcome.

This is my paraphrase of what many have referred to as “the most precious verse” in the Bible.

Father God loved and continues to love His earth (universe) and its inhabitants (the human race) so much that he gave someone to it/us; that someone was and is His Son, the Christ. Every man/woman who believes and releases their conviction of this truth, the Christ, will not be lost but will ex-



perience the fullness of the God-life, real and genuine, active and vigorous. (John 3:16, Apostle Hughes paraphrase)

The entire story of redemption is the master “love story” of the ages. It shows a Father, so in love with His creation, that He literally gives His best so the actions of His creation will not eternally sever their relationship. God doesn’t lose hope, He doesn’t give up on us, He always chooses (it is a choice) to believe the best. Why are there so many references to His love in the scriptures? Because Father knows the tendencies of the fleshly side of man and because He is the master teacher, he knows how important

repetition is. How many times in our own lives have we had to hear something and even make mistakes before we “**get it**” to the point we “**live it?**” Why could Christ love so freely, so unconditionally, even loving to the point that He died for those who rejected Him?

The answer is found in the Gospel of John, chapter fifteen, and verses nine-fourteen: **As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my**

joy might remain in you, and [that] your joy might be full. 12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (John 15:9-14)

The Father freely gave His love to His Son; Christ, so Christ had no problem mirroring before us what He had seen from His father. Christ reveals the acid-test of true love, being a doer of His Word. Do we love others with the same unconditional love that Father has shown us? Do we love without strings attached or ulterior motives? I keep hearing the song in my heart “**...What the world needs NOW, is love, sweet love, it’s the only thing that there’s just too little of...**” (Written by Hal David) I want to leave you with a few popular phrases that I believe have great prophetic significance for TODAY!

“Where’s the love?”
 “Show me some love!”
 I love you and there ain’t (oh, my Dad hates when I use that word J) nothing you can do about it!

Apostle

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It's not how old you are... it's what you do that matters.

Church Listings

Amazing Grace Lutheran Waxhaw, NC

Pastor: *Frederick Guy*
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Antioch Baptist Monroe, NC

Pastor: *Mike Riley*
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

Benton Heights Presbyterian Monroe, NC

Pastor: *Paul M. Saleeby*
Praise & Worship: 8:45 AM
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Traditional Worship: 11:00 AM

Black's Memorial Presbyterian Church Monroe, NC

Rev. Dr. Julia Robinson-Harmon
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Central United Methodist Church

Pastor: *Rev. J. Matthew Burton, Jr.*

Sunday Worship:
Chapel 8:50 AM
Contemporary: 8:50 AM
Traditional: 11:00 AM

Christ Memorial H.C.O.G.I.C

Pastor: *Vice Bishop David N. Brown*

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Morning Worship: 11 AM
Wed. Night Service: 7:30 PM

Church of God and Prophecy Wadesboro, NC

Pastor: *Bishop Major Neal*
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM

Church of Philadelphia

Praise, Worship, and Deliverance Center Charlotte, NC

Pastor: *Apostle Clavon Leonard*
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Community Baptist Church

Indian Trail, NC
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM & 6 PM

Cornerstone Worship Center Marshville, NC

Pastor: *Michael J. Oney*
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor: *Freddie Little*
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Prayer Meetings & Bible Study: Wed 6:30 PM

Deliverance Crusade Ministries

Pastor: *Overseer Angela E. Colston*

Sunday School: 10:30am
Morning Worship 11:30am
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7:30pm

Thursday Evangelistic: 7:30pm

Ebenezer Baptist Indian Trail, NC

Pastor: *Rodney Navey*
Bible Study: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Ebenezer MBC Wadesboro, NC

Pastor: *W.W. Williams*
Co-Pastor: *M. Mcleod, J. Bennett*
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM

Mid-Week Services:

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:00 PM

Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 PM
**Elizabeth Baptist Church-
Lilesville, NC**

Sunday School- 10 AM
Worship service- 11 AM
Pastor: Rev. J.L. Williams
Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church

Marshville NC

Pastor: *Rev. J.C. Clark*
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm

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Faith Assembly Outreach Ministries

Dobbins Heights, NC

Pastor *Mordecai & Linda Ross*
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Tuesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

First Methodist Church Rockingham, NC

Sunday School: 10AM
Worship Service: 10:55 AM
Contemporary: Saturday 6 PM

Flat Rock A.M.E. Zion Church Morven, NC

Pastor: *Rebecca Rorie*
Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church
Wadesboro, NC

Rev. Frank R. Butler, Jr.
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Praise & Worship: 11:00 am
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

Communion 1st Sunday Forrest Hills Baptist Church Monroe, NC

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship 10 AM & 6 PM
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Monroe NC.

Pastor: *Rev. Leake*
Sunday School- 9:45am
Worship Services- 11:00am
Mid- Week Services- Wed.

Prayer Meeting- 6:30pm
Bible Study- 7:30pm

Garris Grove MBC

Wadesboro, N.C.
Pastor: *Roy A. Lisensby*
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship:

11:00 AM
Tuesdays Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Gatewood Station

AME Zion Church

Morven, NC

Pastor: *David T. Richardson*
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship; 11:00
Prayer Services: Wednesday 6:00 PM

Gods Temple of God International Fellowship Church

Indian Trail, NC
Pastor *Victor D. Thompson*
Apostle *Stephanie Thompson*,
Ass. Pastor

Sun-School 9:30 10:20
Church 10:30-12 noon

Greater Faith Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ 1733 Parson Grove Church Rd

Pastor: *Sarah Spencer*
Sunday School: 11:00 AM
Morning Worship: 12:00 PM
Wednesday Evangelist & Joy Night 6:30 PM

Friday Prayer Bible Study 6:30 PM

Greater Grace Community Baptist Wingate, NC

Church Listings

Health Tip

Monthly Topic: Diabetes Dental Tips

Pastor: *Rodney J. Evans Sr.*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Greater Blessed Hope Baptist Church

Mineral Spring N.C.
 Sunday School - 9:45am
 Wed. Bible School - 7:15
 www.gbhc.org

Greater Grace World Outreach
 Waxhaw, NC
 Pastor: *Apostle Charles C. Carter and Prophetess Jacqueline A. Carter*
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
 Saturday Prayer Meeting: 12:00 noon

Friday Prayer Meeting: 12:00 noon
 Office Phone: 704.272.0838
 Church Website:
 www.greatergracewoc.org

Greater St Mark Church of Deliverance Wadesboro, NC
 Pastor: *Bishop Leonard Williams, II*
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM

AM Greater St. Matthews GLH Word Ministries Wadesboro, NC
 Pastor: *Apostle Reginald J. White*
 Sunday School 9:30AM
 Sunday Worship
 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sundays at 11:00 AM

Morning Glory
 2nd Sundays At 8:00 AM
 Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
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Greater Walls Chapel Baptist Church Rockingham, NC
 Pastor: *Rev. Keith Ellerbe*
 Sunday School: 10 AM
 Morning Worship: 11 AM
 Prayer meeting & Bible Study: Wed @ 7 PM

Hamilton Cross Roads Baptist Marshville, NC
 Pastor: *Jeff Smith*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
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Harris Chapel A.M.E. Zion Morven, NC
 Pastor: *Bernice Bennett*
 Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Diabetes can cause serious problems in your mouth. You can do something about it.

If you have diabetes, make sure you take care of your mouth. People with diabetes are at risk for mouth infections, especially periodontal (gum) disease. Periodontal disease can damage the gum and bone that hold your teeth in place and may lead to painful chewing problems. Some people with serious gum disease lose their teeth. Periodontal disease may also make it hard to control your blood glucose (blood sugar).



Other problems diabetes can cause are dry mouth and a fungal infection called thrush. Dry mouth happens when you do not have enough saliva—the fluid that keeps your mouth wet. Diabetes may also cause the glucose level in your saliva to increase. Together, these problems may lead to thrush, which causes painful white patches in your mouth.

You can keep your teeth and gums healthy. By controlling your blood glucose, brushing and flossing every day, and visiting a dentist regularly, you can help prevent periodontal disease. If your diabetes is not under control, you are more likely to develop problems in your mouth.

Take steps to keep your mouth healthy. Call your dentist when you notice a problem.

If you have diabetes, follow these steps:

- Control your blood glucose.
- Brush and floss every day.
- Visit your dentist regularly. Be sure to tell your dentist that you have diabetes.
- Tell your dentist if your dentures (false teeth) do not fit right, or if your gums are sore.
- Quit smoking. Smoking makes gum disease worse. Your physician or dentist can help you quit.

Take time to check your mouth regularly for any problems. Sometimes people notice that their gums bleed when they brush and floss. Others notice dryness, soreness, white patches, or a bad taste in the mouth. All of these are reasons to visit your dentist.

Remember, good blood glucose control can help prevent mouth problems.

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*Tax Tip***Having Trouble Paying Your Taxes?**

With tax season in full swing, those who haven't set enough aside from their earnings can find that they don't have enough cash on hand to cover their tax bill.

If you're in this situation, don't make the costly mistake of paying your taxes with a credit card. It sounds like an easy out, a short-term solution with no penalties involved. However, that is far from the truth! To make matters worse, the IRS supports credit card payments! The IRS states on its website that paying with a credit card is quick, safe, secure, and rewarding.

Rewarding? What? It's a fact that paying your taxes with a credit card is a quick way to enter the poor house!

You'll Pay More

It actually costs you more money to use a credit card. If you've used a credit card at a store, the bank charges the store a fee to accept the credit card purchase. But the IRS isn't a store and doesn't have to pay those fees charged by the bank. So guess who ends up paying them? You do. What's so rewarding about paying more?

Also, you can expect that bank fee to be a minimum of 2.49% of your payment. So as soon as you pay, you're in the hole. If you owe \$10,000 to the IRS, you would be charged \$249 just to use a credit card. Can't you think of many other ways you'd rather spend \$249?

What If I Don't Have the Money?

If you're in a tight spot and absolutely don't have the money to pay your taxes, there is another option available besides using a credit card. It is an installment plan offered by the IRS. While this plan still charges an interest rate, it is usually much lower than the typical credit card rate. The IRS will tell you otherwise just so they can get their money immediately. Don't fall for the pretty pictures they try to paint for you!

Remember, using credit cards for anything—even to pay taxes—is a very bad idea. If you need last-minute help with your taxes, it's a good idea to contact a tax professional who will walk you step by step through your individual situation.

http://www.daveramsey.com/article/having-trouble-paying-your-taxes/lifeandmoney_taxes/

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www.churchbulletinonline.com

*House Buying Tips***5 Hidden Costs Of Homeownership**

Are you really as ready as you think you are?



So you've reviewed your budget, crunched the numbers, and researched your options. Now you're ready to take the plunge into homeownership.

But are you really ready?

Most people don't realize that there are "hidden" costs to owning a home. What's even worse is that many people don't budget, and therefore aren't financially prepared for these forgotten costs. When making a large purchase, it's always a smart idea to include some wiggle room in your budget and beef up your savings for unexpected expenses.

Here are five ways that homeownership can end up costing

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"very successful." It was discovered that all 200 had one common denominator: each had dared to dream big dreams & set goals, & reach out to achieve those goals.

The apostle Paul dared to dream of a world where all mankind would hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. And even though he was persecuted & beaten, shipwrecked & imprisoned, Paul kept on following his dream.

Martin Luther dared to dream of a church where the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ could be preached freely, & common people could hear & understand the message of the Bible. And before he died, millions of people were able to have the Bible in their own language, to read & study it for themselves.

Alexander Campbell & Barton W. Stone & Raccoon John Smith dared to dream of a church where there would be no denominational walls, no denominational names or creeds or organizations to separate us from each other, where we could all just be Christians. "Not the only Christians, but Christians only." And we are a result of their dreams.

Maybe we need to dream, too. As a congregation we need to see the greatness of our potential, & the possibilities that God sets before us, because little dreams lead to little service. But big dreams lead to big service, & eternal results. So let's ask ourselves, "How big are our dreams? And

what are we going to do about them?"

Now let's look more closely at this scripture, & as we do, I believe that there are at least 3 lessons that we can learn from Caleb this morning.

I. YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO DREAM

A. The first lesson is found in vs. 10 where Caleb says, "Now then, just as the Lord promised, He has kept me alive for 45 years since the time He said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, 85 years old."

Now usually by age 85 people have pulled over & parked. I mean, by age 85 they're often pre-occupied with dying. They're not usually thinking about starting out on some new adventure, right? But Caleb teaches us that we are never too old to dream, & I like that.

Are you familiar with George Foreman, the former heavyweight boxing champion? You may not be a boxing fan, but you've got to admire him. He is now a preacher. A few years ago, at age 42, he came out of retirement to box once again in order to support his ministry. Foreman said, "I decided to go back & challenge the heavyweight champion because I needed the money to build more recreation centers for young boys & get them off the streets & out of trouble."

Evander Holyfield, the heavyweight champion, was 28 years old & 215 pounds of solid muscle. George Foreman was 42 & weighed 257 pounds, & not all of that was solid muscle. But that was a whole lot better than the 350 lbs. he weighed just before going into training for his comeback. Boxing experts said that he didn't stand a chance. No way that the old & slow Foreman could last more than 2 or 3 rounds against Evander Holyfield.

But on that Friday night Foreman stepped into the ring. And when the bell rang at the end of the 12th round, he was still on his feet - 42 years old. No, George Foreman didn't win the fight. But as the 2 fighters embraced in the center of the ring at the end of the fight, the entire crowd in the arena stood up & gave them a standing ovation in appreciation of both boxers & the battle they had waged.

I like what Foreman said afterwards when he was being interviewed. He said, "I lost the fight, but...as long as you're alive you can dream." I doubt if that will go down in the World Book of Famous Quotes. But it's not bad. He's saying, "You're never too old to dream."

B. Now if you are never too old to dream, you're never too young to dream, either. Whether you're 10 or 15 or 20 there's a time to dream, to see what God's will is for your life, & then to follow that dream.

II. GOD NEVER DROPS DREAMS IN OUR LAPS & SAYS, "HERE THEY ARE."

A. There is a 2nd lesson here. Caleb, at age 85, 45 years later, in vs. 11 says, "I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out. I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then."

Boy, wouldn't you like to be able to say something like that at age 85? Caleb is either an awful liar or the Lord had really blessed him with strength & power.

But I want you to notice the main point of this verse. Caleb realizes that even though this land has been promised him by God, the only way for him to get the land is by going to battle. There were giants that had to be driven out. God wasn't going to hand him the land on a silver platter. Caleb was going to have to fight for it.

B. That is true of our dreams, too. If we dare to dream a big dream, never think that God is just going to drop it in our laps. We must work for it, roll up our sleeves, & sweat & strain for it. We must be willing to do things that we never thought we could do in order to accomplish our dreams. And there will always be giants before us.

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Harvest Ministries Outreach Center
Wadesboro, NC
 Pastor: *Apostle Tim Adams*
 Praise & Worship Service 10:30AM
 Wednesday Nite Impact 7:00 PM
Haven of Truth Worldwide
Deliverance Church
Rockingham, NC
 Pastor: *Apostle Larry N. Crosby*
 Co-Pastor: *Sarah D. Crosby*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Henry Grove Missionary Baptist
Church- Lilesville, NC
 Sunday School- 9:45 AM
 Worship Service- 11 AM
 Bible Study- Wed--7PM
 Pastor: *Rev. L. Davis*
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 Pastor: *Rev. Sandra H. Gripper*
 Sunday School- 9:45am
 Worship Service- 11:00am
 Wed.- 12:00pm Prayer
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting-
 7:00pm
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Marshville Presbyterian
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 Pastor: *Ed Henegar*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Marshville United Methodist
Marshville, NC
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Marvin A.M.E. Zion
Church Waxhaw, NC
 Pastor *Rev. Haven O. Anderson*
 Sunday Worship: 8:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
Mt. Calvary A. M. E. Zion Church
Monroe, NC
Rev. David L. McLendon
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Morning Service 11:00 AM
 Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 PM
Mt. Pisgah A.M.E Zion Church
 Pastor: *Rev. James Smith, Sr.*
 Sunday School: 9:45 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
 Bible Study: Wed. 6:30PM
 Office Hours: Tues-Fri 10 AM-2PM
New Arising Ministries
Jefferson, SC
 Pastor /Founder: *Bishop G.J. McIver*
 Sunday school... 10:00
 Sunday Worship ... 7:30
 Tuesday Worship ... 7:30
 Wed. Noon Service & Food Bank
 Friday Worship ... 8:00
New Beginnings Baptist
Marshville, NC
 Pastor *Jonathan Ash*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
New Beginning Missionary Baptist
Church
Ruby, SC
 Pastor: *Rev. Bennie Gaddy, Sr.*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM
 Bible Study: Tuesday & Wednesday 6:00
 PM

New Hope Methodist **Monroe, NC**

Pastor: *Phillip Park*
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM

New Life Baptist **Monroe, NC**

Pastor: *Rick Godwin*
 Sunday School: 10 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM & 6 PM
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Nicey Grove Missionary Baptist **Church**

Marshville, NC
 www.niceygrovembc.com
 Pastor: *Pastor: Dr. M. L. Kaufman*
 Sunday Bible Study: 8:45 AM
 Sunday Worship: 8 AM & 10:00 AM
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7PM

Oak Grove Baptist **Waxhaw, NC**

Pastor: *Richard Myers*
 Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM & 6 PM

Olive Branch Missionary Baptist **Church Marshville, NC**

Pastor *Tobias Wall*
 Sunday School: 9:30 AM
 Missionary/BTU: 10:20 AM
 Morning Worship: 11 AM
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 PM
 Monday Night Class: 7 PM

Pee Dee Baptist Church

Pastor: *Rev. Eddie Maye*
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM

Pleasant Hill A.M.E Zion **Wadesboro NC**

Pastor *Author Gillian*
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Ansonville, NC
 Sunday School: 9:45 am
 Sunday Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays
 @ 11:00am

Prayer and Deliverance Ministries **Rockingham, NC**

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you more than you anticipated.

1. Repair fees

Yep, you're now in charge of all maintenance costs. Everything from a leaking hot water heater to a broken AC unit, it's now your responsibility. It always seems that when one thing goes bad, so does something else...and something else...and it just snowballs from there. That's why it's imperative to have completed Baby Step 3 and have a big emergency fund socked away—and not use it for closing costs or new furniture. These expenses can show up when you least expect them, so be prepared!

2. Lawn care

You'll quickly realize that the grass doesn't cut itself. And that means you have to buy a lawnmower—at the very least—or pay someone often so your lawn doesn't transform into a prairie where wild animals roam. Want to do some landscaping? That's going to take a chunk of change, too.

3. Taxes

You think you finally have it all figured out budget-wise with your new home. Then zing! The mail brings a note saying that taxes are due soon. And the tax amount will make your jaw drop! It's one of those hidden costs that can easily be overlooked because it only comes around once a year. Dave recommends factoring in these yearly costs when you are in the market for a house—make sure the payment (including taxes) is no more than 25% of your take-home pay.

4. Time

No one realizes just how much time it takes to keep up a home. Your weekends turn into a spring cleaning extravaganza or an all-day event of installing the new dishwasher. Homeownership takes work. You have to keep it tidy. Maintain it during the seasons. Cut the grass, clean the bathrooms, paint the trim, the list goes on and on. As the old adage goes, time is money.

5. New stuff

Suddenly your old couch doesn't look so great in your new living room. And your bedroom furniture

just doesn't go with the style of the house, so you must buy new furniture, right? If you aren't careful, you can quickly drop several thousand by decorating your new home to look like "you." Contrary to popular belief, this stuff can wait. There's no reason to wipe out your savings or accrue debt just to make your house look "perfect." If you want to upgrade your furniture and such, do it! Just take it slow, save a little every month, and pay for it when you have the cash.

And that's just the start of the list! The best ways to alleviate the blow of these unexpected expenses is to be proactive by preparing a budget, having three to six months of household expenses saved, and actually sticking to the budget.

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Your Money: Recession Proof Yourself

"The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" That sounds just like what all the media people are telling us these days. "Recession! Recession!" Calm down, Chicken Little! The sky is *not* falling. Everything will be okay.

By definition, a recession doesn't happen until the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) numbers—how you measure the number of goods made and sold in the USA—goes down for **six consecutive months**. Even though the economy has slowed, it's no reason to completely freak out and think the world is going to collapse. **Don't let the talking heads on the nightly news make you emotional and cause you to freak out about the economy.** If you let your emotions dictate your actions, you're going to be broke your whole life.

What Can I Do About It?

Regardless of the condition of the national economy, it's a *must* that you **take a look at your own personal economy**. Do you have your \$1,000 emergency fund saved? Are you tackling your debt snowball like crazy? If you follow the Baby Steps in order, you'll be able to prepare for yourself and your family so that you'll hardly notice when the national economy or your household economy faces potential setbacks:



1. Baby Step 1: \$1,000 Emergency Fund

No one eagerly anticipates negative, unexpected events. But guess what? They're going to happen. It's just a fact of life. *Money* magazine says that 78% of us will have a major negative event happen in any given 10-year period of time. This beginning emergency fund will keep life's little Murphies from turning into new debt while you work off the old debt.

2. Baby Step 2: The Debt Snowball

The principle is to stop everything except minimum payments and focus on one thing at a time. Otherwise, nothing gets accomplished because all your effort is diluted. List your debts in order with the smallest payoff or balance first. Do not be concerned with interest rates or terms unless two debts have similar pay-offs, then list the higher interest rate debt first. Paying the little debts off first gives you quick feedback, and you are more likely to stay with the plan.

3. Baby Step 3: Fully Funded Emergency Fund

Ask yourself, "Self, what would it take for you to live for three to six months if you lost your income?" Your answer to that question is how much you should save. Remember, this stash of money is *not* an investment; it is insurance you're paying to yourself, a buffer between you and life.

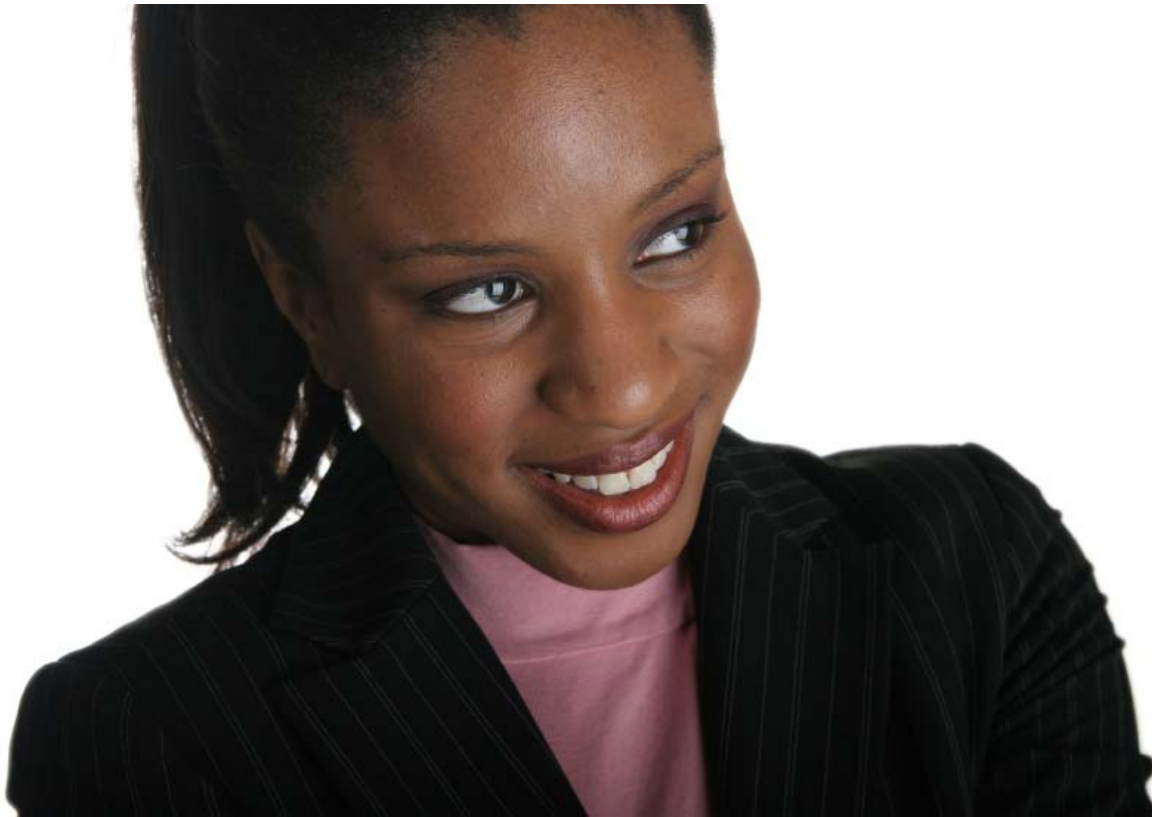
Most importantly, remember one last thing. **Your economy is up to you.** If you are out of debt and have money in the bank, then the media can talk up a storm about a recession, but you won't feel it. When you have a plan, live on less than you make and save money, you are not in trouble. If you have a paid-for house, who cares if foreclosure rates are up? *You* are all right. If you have no credit card debt and the plastic companies decide to raise interest rates to 50%, how much will you care? **NOT ONE BIT!** Take care of your personal money situation, and **everything else will take care of itself.**

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Satisfied Single Making Decisions



terward. God not only wants us to have peace and assurance as we make our decisions and carry them out, He promises to guide those decisions and assist us as we go through with them. Ever our constant Companion, He will never

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Three women buying homes without husbands — one woman widowed twice, another widowed once, and the third never married. The transactions completed, each one struggled with doubts about having made the right decision. I observed the struggles, heard the doubts, and prayed for guidance for them. I also empathized. Making a big decision alone is not an easy thing. Carrying it out alone is even harder.

And yet none of them were truly alone in their decision-making process. God's promise to be with us and to guide us is real, if not physically tangible. And therein, I believe, lies the struggle. I have no doubt that

God led each one of these women, but the lack of an audible voice to reassure them left room for doubt.

So how do we know if our decisions are truly led of God? The best answer to this was the encouragement one of these women gave to another: "If you trusted God and acknowledged Him in the process, then you have to believe that He directed your decision."

Truly, if we are learning to know God through His Word and following it to the best of our understanding, if we are submitting ourselves to His Spirit to live in and through us, and if we are trusting Him to lead and guide our every step, then as we work through decisions we can be assured that He truly is directing our steps.

Satan wants us to agonize over life's decisions, and then feel doubts af-

terward. God not only wants us to have peace and assurance as we make our decisions and carry them out, He promises to guide those decisions and assist us as we go through with them. Ever our constant Companion, He will never leave us nor forsake us, at any stage in the process.

"And the LORD shall guide thee continually." (Isaiah 58:11a)

"Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (I Chronicles 28:20)

"And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

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Sun. Morning Service 11 am

Savannah A.M.E. Zion Church

518 Firetower Road,
Lilesville
Pastor: *Rev. Jeannett E. Monroe*

Sunday School: 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM

Tuesday, Prayer Service and Bible Study starting at 6:00 p.m.

St. Luke #2 FWB Church Dobbins Heights, NC **Continued on page 17**

Pastor: *Elder Allen J. Sutton*

Co-Pastor: *Eldress Amelia B. Sutton*

Sunday School: 9:45AM
Morning Worship: 11:15 AM

Communion: Every 1st Sunday

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Pastor: *Kenneth W. Fink*
Steven Troisi,
Vicar Sunday School
9:30am

Worship Services:
8:15 & 10:30am

St. Peter United Methodist Church Hamlet, NC

Pastor: *Rev. Donna M. Thompson*

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Morning Worship:
11:00AM

Wed. Bible Study: 6:30PM
Thursday Bible Study: 5:00 PM

Streater Grove A.M.E. Zion Morven NC

Pastor: *Rev. James L. Moore*

Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11am
Bible Study Tuesday 6:30 pm

The East Campus

6140 West Marshville Blvd.
Marshville, NC 28103
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The Upper Room Greater Highway Church of Christ

Marvin, NC

Pastor: *Elder Malachi Haines Sr.*

Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship:
11:30 am

Monday Praise & Worship:
7:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study:
7:30 pm

Kidz Church: Wednesday
@ 7:30 pm

Afternoon Services: 2nd & 4th Sunday afternoons @ 3:30 pm

Walking By Faith Out-

reach Ministry **Marshville, NC**

Pastor: *Dene and Verniece Grant*

Sunday School: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:15 am

Wednesday Intercessory
Prayer: 6:30pm

Wednesday Bible Study:
7:00 pm

Walker Grove Missionary Baptist Church **Wingate, NC**

Pastor: *Jasper Powe*

Assistant Pastor: Minister
James Barrett

Sunday school 9:45 am
Worship service 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 pm

Thursday night Men's
Meeting 7:00 pm

Watts Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Rocky River Road **North-Monroe, NC**

Pastor: *Donald L. Robinson*

Sunday School: 9:25 AM
Sunday Worship Service:
11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible
Study/Prayer Service:
7:00 PM

White House Church,

Pastor: *Pastor K. Barrett*

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Whitehouse Out-reach Deliv- **erance Center**

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Prayer 10:45-11am

Sunday Worship 11am

Evening Service 5pm

Wingate Community Church of God

Pastor *Dr. M.K. Thomas*

1st Sunday Sunday school @
9:45-11:00

2nd & 4th Sunday Sunday
school @ 9:45a.m.-11:00a.m.

Morning worship begins @
11:00

Womble Chapel A.M.E. Zion **Church**

Pastor: *Rev. Yvette R. Caple*

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Worship 11:00am

Zion Hill Christian Fellow- **ship**

Pastor *Bill Sullivan*

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Couple's Enlightenment

Into Me See



She interrupted my talk to tell me that I should say the word differently to make its meaning clear. Instead of intimacy, I should say it into-me-see.

She had a great point.

The Dictionary defines intimacy as “a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person or group.” In the social sciences we think of it as closeness, openness, vulnerability, and transparency. Pronouncing it into-me-see does a great job of giving the meaning in the way the word sounds. It is letting another person look deep inside you.

The difficulty is that most of us don't have a person, much less a group of people, with whom we can

be so open. We learned early in life that people tend to accept us when we meet their criteria for acceptance, and we learned to paint pictures of how they want us to be rather than showing who

we really are.

Yet we crave being known as we truly are and loved nevertheless. No criteria. No pretending. Just love me as I am.

A couple weeks ago a friend was interviewing me before an audience several thousand teenagers. In the course of our conversation, I tried to make it clear that we do strange – sometimes very bad – things in our effort to feel that someone loves us as we are. Without realizing it, I referred to the title of an old hymn that I haven't heard for decades. I said to my friend, “I want someone to love me just as I am.”

“Just as I am,” he mullied. He quickly got the symbolism. Great revival-

ists in the last century used that hymn at the end of their sermons to draw people down aisles into public repentance. Maybe they understood its importance. Maybe it was just an easy hymn to sing. Either way, the underlying theme was, and is, powerful.

I want to be accepted just as I am. That's the core of love. I don't feel loved when someone wants me to be different in some way to be accepted. I feel loved when I realize that another person can and does love me without requiring me to be any different than I actually am deep inside. Some call it unconditional love. Others call it true love. Most don't care what it is called: They want just want it.

It is a basic desire of every human. When it happens, tremendous bonds of affection, trust, and loyalty develop. Unfortunately, that doesn't happen in many relationships.

Some grow up in homes where they feel they have to meet cer-

tain criteria to be accepted by a parent. Others enter romantic relationships with people that constantly want to control or change them, only feeling loved when the partner is happy with what they are being or doing at a particular moment. Yet others feel that their friends accept them and want them around as long as they are giving their friends what they want or need.

It seems to be rare for a person to be in a relationship where he or she feels that the other accepts or loves without requiring any action, belief, mindset, or anything else...where love exists for the person when he is good, when she is bad, or when vacillating between the two.

After the interview by my friend, people lined up to tell me that no one loves them as they are. A teenager told me his friends only want what he can do for them and no one seems to care that he hurts, and that he feels lonely. As long as he does what the group wants, he's ac-

cepted. Rather than feeling a close bond with them, he felt rejected and alone. A wife told me a similar story about her relationship with her husband. A husband's story was eerily similar, though he had no connection to the woman who had just talked with me.

As each passed in turn, I knew a three things were alike for each of them.

1. They were lonely.
2. They wanted someone to love them without making them pretend to be someone or something else. They craved another person to see into them and accept and care about the person they are, even when flawed or imperfect.
3. They each were vulnerable to abandoning their values if they could feel loved and accepted as they are.

Could a predator person prey on them? Yes. However, they were much more likely to find another hurting person and engage in a relationship with him or her that could lead them both to personal misery or destruction.

When lonely hurting people find each other, it can

be a wonderful thing if they develop a relationship based on mutual trust, openness, and understanding. It can be a tragic thing if they come to feel that they are "two against the world" and no one else could ever understand or love them the way they do each other.

Allow me to illustrate. At LovePath International we work a great deal with marriages in crisis. Quite a few of those involve infidelity. Sometimes the infidelity is primarily an affair of opportunity; being in the wrong place at the right time and things get out of hand. As bad as that is – and it is very bad – those are usually the less troublesome to overcome. Those that are far more difficult involve two people, feeling lonely and craving love, who come into contact with each other, but one or both of them are married to someone else.

Can you imagine how difficult it is to convince a person to leave a relationship where they feel accepted and loved for who they are, and go back into a marital relationship where they feel the other person controls or coerces them to be as

that spouse wants them to be?

It can only be done if there is a restructuring of the existing marriage to a relationship of unconditional love. That, of course, is very hard to accomplish when the unfaithful mate compares the love and acceptance he or she feels from the lover to the experiences of feeling unloved by their spouse. If the spouse being abandoned isn't willing to see his or her part in what happened, and isn't open to changing the relationship to one much healthier than they had, it's relatively impossible. We have an amazing success record of saving three out of four troubled marriages, even when this situation exists, but only occasionally can we help when the abandoned spouse refuses to see what must be done, refuses to take any responsibility for what has occurred, or mostly just wants to hurt the unfaithful spouse.

That is not to say that adultery is justified, or that it is acceptable to stray when one feels more love from a paramour than from a spouse. It is to say that a marriage in crisis because a spouse feels loved by another usually involves a

serious problem in the marriage. Whatever the symptoms, the underlying cause probably relates to at least one spouse, if not both, feeling a lack of love because they are afraid to let the other person see into them. Or they did let the other person see into them but were rejected, castigated, or made to pretend to be someone else.

Intimacy is the answer to a great many problems in relationships. However, it will never occur until a person feels safe enough to show who he or she is, and the other person in the relationship can accept them as they are.

Without that, all relationships are temporary. They exist until a person finds acceptance and love from someone else.

Joe Beam founded LovePath International, an organization that provides marriage help to hurting couples http://411.marriagevine.com/articleoftheweek/Into_Me_See.php

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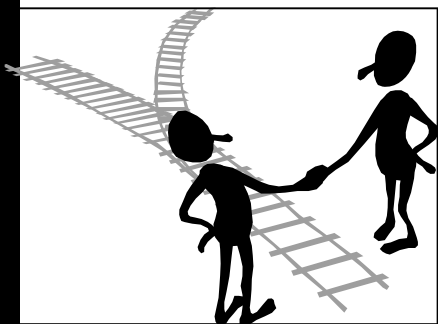
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What the Bible Says About... Compromise



We also need to remember that God gives us gifts with the expectation that we will use him for His Glory. When we compromise ourselves spiritu-

ally we are not using our spiritual gifts to the fullest. Sometimes it means squandering those gifts. It can be hard, as doing the right thing spiritually often is, but we have to work on keeping God first. It's important to take that work one day and one situation at a time.

You Can Do the Right Thing...In the Wrong Way

While we don't want to compromise ourselves spiritually, we need to also not turn people off to Christianity by being too rigid. Yes, this means we walk quite the tightrope of not compromising ourselves spiritually while not totally offending those around us. Yet there are times when compromise does not contradict the Word of God. In Acts 21:18-26, Paul exemplifies compromise without going against the Word.

Sometimes we just need to be sensitive to others, even if what we believe does not exactly go along with what they consider to be right. Tact goes a long way in giving people a good impression. Being kind in your

words is not compromising your values. Sensitivity means understanding the other person's position, but agreeing to disagree.

When Not Compromising Means Bad Things

So what can happen when you don't compromise your values to fit it? Some of what you fear can actually happen. You may lose friends who don't understand your values. You may be made fun of for being the "Christian" in the room. Anyone who says that holding to your values is always easy lives in an ideal utopia, because often people don't understand why Christians make the decisions they do. It can be discouraging, and it can also lead to temptation to give into compromise (1 Corinthians 10:12).

However, always think of how that compromise will feel in the end. Judas compromised and ended up filled with regret (2 Corinthians 6:14, Matthew 27:3-5). Too often we idealize holding onto our values, making it seem like all is better when we don't compromise. Yet the Bible doesn't tell us that the world is all rainbows and butter-

flies when you don't compromise. It reminds us that living by your values is hard sometimes. Yet in the end a life without regret is much lighter than one heavy with compromise.

Know When You're Prone to Spiritual Compromise

The best way to avoid spiritual compromise is to know when you're most prone to it. Are you easily swayed by peer pressure? Maybe it's time to look closely at your choices in friends (2 Corinthians 6:14). Are you afraid of conflict? Maybe you need to practice standing up for your values in small ways. It can be far easier in the moment to compromise and avoid confrontation. It's easy to say that we'll change our behavior tomorrow and do what we want today. Temptations to compromise can be strong, so we need to build up our resistance.

By Kelli Mahoney
<http://christianteens.about.com/od/whatthebiblesaysabout/a/What-The-Bible-Says-About-Compromise.htm>

The Bible often has a lot to say about compromise, and not all of it is what you'd expect. Many times we're told that all compromise is bad, but is it? Are there times when compromise works? Well, how we approach spiritual compromise in our lives may have to do a lot with the context of situations we are in...

Compromise and Doing What God Expects

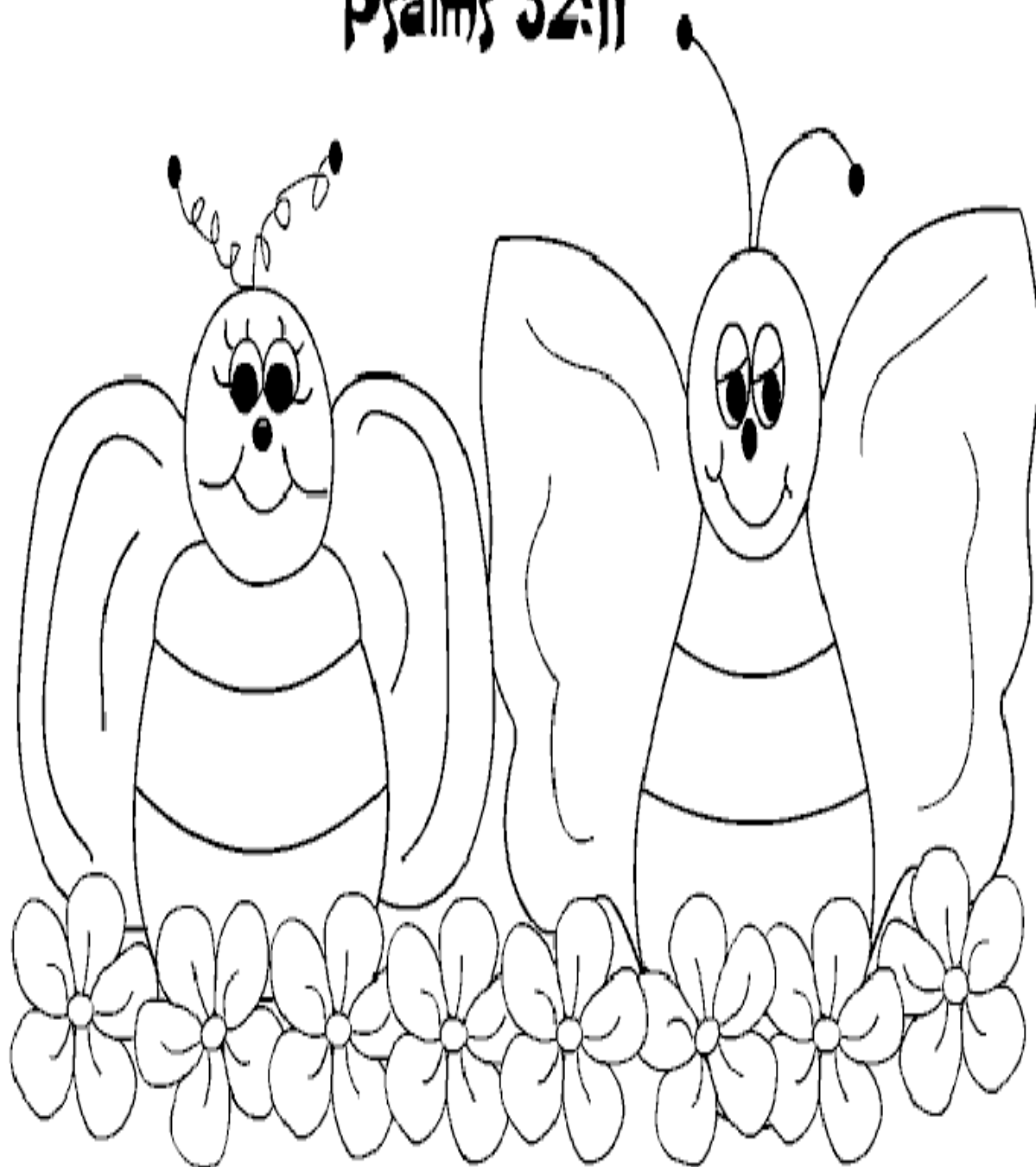
How we approach compromise in our spiritual lives means taking a closer look at God's laws. If we approach the dictates in the Bible as being both practical and spiritual, then we look at spiritual compromise with a different viewpoint. When we compromise our values to fit in or to avoid conflict, we are often avoiding what God expects of us. As Christians, we are asked to put God first, and spiritual compromise is often putting God second to avoiding conflict.

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Coloring Page

Bee Glad in the Lord

Psalm 32:11



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Children's Corner

How Big Are Your Dreams? *continued from page 8*

1. There is the giant of opposition. Every time you try something new there will be those who will criticize what you're doing. Every time you explore new fields, someone is going to say, "It won't work. You're foolish even to try." There are always people in the background who will criticize anyone who has a dream & is expending the effort to try to make that dream come true.

2. Another giant is the giant of failure. Whenever you plan to do something, & it is new territory for you, be ready for failure because we all fail at times. We're not perfect. We pray & plan & get all ready to do something. And then we realize that we didn't plan well enough. We made a mistake, or we overlooked something. Be ready to face the giant of failure, but then try again.

3. There is the giant of laziness. Most people never realize their potential because they're too lazy to expend the effort to get where God wants them to be. It's much easier just to sit & be content with the way things are now. "Let someone else lead the way," we say. But to get out on the cutting edge & begin to do something for God, that takes effort, & many aren't willing to pay that price.

These are many giants, big giants in the land. But Caleb said, "Bring on the giants! I'm ready for them." And if you want the land, the giants must be evicted.

III. GOD WILL HELP US ACCOMPLISH OUR DREAMS IN HARMONY WITH HIS WILL

A. Finally, here is the 3rd lesson. It is found in vs. 12. Caleb says, "Give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there & their cities were large & fortified, but, the Lord

helping me, I will drive them out just as He said."

We aren't giant-killers, people. But God specializes in killing giants.

God helped a stuttering Moses to become a deliverer of the people of Israel.

God enabled Gideon, with only 300 soldiers armed with pitchers & trumpets, to defeat the armies of the Midianites.

God enabled young, untrained David, with only a piece of rawhide & a smooth stone, to defeat Goliath.

God enabled the apostles, armed only with the good news of the Gospel, to overcome the Roman Empire & turn the world right side up.

B. And I'm convinced that God will help us, too, if we're willing to make the effort. He tells us, "I won't leave you alone. I'll help you accomplish your dreams."

Dr. Paul Brand, a well-known doctor & author, was raised in India. His parents were missionaries there. In his book, "In His Image," he writes about his mother. It is one of the most touching stories I've ever read.

He writes that when his mother was 75 years old, she was still walking miles every day, visiting the villages in the southern part of India, teaching the people about Jesus.

One day, at age 75, she was traveling alone & fell & broke her hip. After two days of just lying there in pain, some workers found her & put her on a makeshift cot & loaded her into their jeep & drove 150 miles over deep rutted roads to find a doctor who could set the broken bones. But the very bumpy ride damaged her bones so badly that her hip never completely healed.

He said, "I visited my mother in her mud-covered hut several weeks after all of this happened. I

watched as she took two bamboo crutches that she had made herself, & moved from one place to another with her feet just dragging behind because she had lost all feeling in them."

He said, "At age 75, with a broken hip, unable to stand on her own two legs, I thought that I made a pretty intelligent suggestion. I suggested that she retire." He said, "She turned around & looked at me & said, 'What value is that? If we try to preserve this body just a few more years & it is not being used for God, of what value is that?'"

So she kept on working. She kept on riding her donkey to villages until she was 93 years old. At age 93 she couldn't stay on her donkey anymore. She kept falling off. But she didn't stop preaching. Indian men would carry her in hammocks from one village to another. And she continued to tell people about Jesus Christ until she died at age 95.

Paul Brand writes, "My most vivid memory of my mother is of her propped up against a stone wall as people are coming to her from their homes, schools, & places of work. I can still see the wrinkles in her face, & her skin so tanned by the weather & the heat.

"I saw her speaking to those people. I looked at them & saw the sparkle in their eyes, & the smiles on their faces. And I saw them deeply moved by the message of God's love, spoken by this old woman. I knew what they saw was not an old woman who had passed her prime, but a beautiful person bringing tidings of love straight from heaven."

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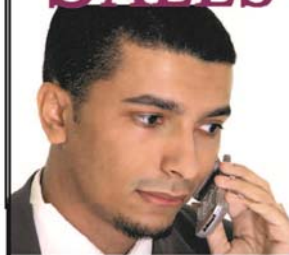
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