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Disappointment and Providence

There is a story about a Scottish family who wanted to take a trip to the United States. They worked hard and saved their money. After years of focused effort, they had finally saved enough money for the family of eleven to secure passage on a new liner to the U.S. One week before departure, one of the boys was bitten by a dog. The doctor sewed him up without any trouble, but then he quarantined them for two weeks because of the risk of rabies. They had to miss the trip for which they had worked so hard. The dad, filled with disappointment and anger, cursed his son and God as he watched the ship leave port without them. That was April 10, 1912.

Late on April 14th, the Titanic hit an iceberg. Early on April 15th, it sank, killing more than 1,500 people. The dad, who had been so angry, hugged his son and thanked him. He also offered thanks to God for keeping them alive.

Just *maybe* people can mitigate their disappointment and frustration over a missed or delayed treat by accepting the possibility that God has providentially kept them safe. One cannot be sure about “assigning” the providence of God to events, but one can be sure “that for those who love God all things work together for good” (Rom. 8:28).

See you Sunday, trusting God...

David

Life Answers

David South

Where to turn for the answers? Isaiah confronted the Israelites because they were looking in the wrong places for answers to life (Is. 8:16-22). They wanted answers from the mediums and necromancers (19). Isaiah ridiculed them for seeking from the dead answers about life. Why would the living seek answers from those who are not living? They should have sought for answers from the teaching given by God. Why would a people look anywhere for answers other than to their God? “To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn” (20). God’s word is the light (Ps. 119:105). When people base their beliefs and teachings on sources other than God’s word, there is no light in them. Further, Isaiah indicated that when they lacked the necessities for life, they would look to the earth rather than to God. Their end would be distress, darkness, gloom, and anguish (22). God is the giver of good gifts (Jas. 1:17). One should turn to him to ask for the necessities of life (Php. 4:6; Mt. 6:11). God is the one who made people (Gen. 1-2), and he is the one who has provided the instructions about human life (Jn. 6:63; Ps. 19:7-10; 1 Cor. 2:9-13).

Jeremiah pursued a similar course in his preaching. He urged the people to seek the old paths and walk in that good way, but they refused (Jer. 6:16). He had already described them as refusing to listen to God’s word. Even worse, they rejected God’s word with scorn and took no delight in it (Jer. 6:10). One is reminded of the declaration in Psalm 1:3 that those who delight in the law of the Lord will be blessed. How sad it is when people look for answers in all the wrong places while rejecting the one thing that will provide those answers. It is all the worse when God’s own people refuse to accept his guidance. We church people ought to give heed to such examples.

Jesus told about Lazarus and the rich man. The rich man wanted Lazarus to return from the dead and warn his brothers. Abraham told him that his brothers had the teachings of Moses and the prophets to warn them away from eternal torment. The rich man insisted that his brothers would listen if only one would return from the dead to warn them. Abraham himself insisted that if those brothers refused to listen to the teaching already given them, then they would continue to refuse to listen even if one returned from the dead (Lk. 16:19-31).

Many people form their world view, life aspirations, and ethical standards on what they like or what seems right. Few even pause to wonder what the Bible says about such things. Fewer still care enough to investigate and discover God’s guidance. Even fewer then actually follow that guidance. How about you? Do you even care what the Bible says about your life choices? Do you care enough to investigate? Let me urge you to accept the challenge issued by James: “Receive with meekness the implanted word,” and “be doers of the word” (Jas. 1:21-22).

OUR PRAYER LIST

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June 24, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Dan Amar
Opening Prayer	Kenny Cox
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Bill & Robi Seward
Serve Communion:	Mitch Bradshaw, Alton Criswell, Darrell Dacus, Ed Dacus, Bob Karr, Tony Robinson, John Waddell, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	David Close
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

Evening Worship

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Jim Hubbert
Devotional/Holy Spirit Study	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Jerry Thompson
PM Nursery	Regina Brittain



MISSION TRIP

Thirteen of our Woodland Hills members leave on June 27th to go to Honduras to help there for 10 days. Keep them in your prayers for their safety in travel as well as safety while there and for the work for the Hondurans that they will be able to accomplish.

LIFE IS A GIFT

Before you say an unkind word – think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food – think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife – think of someone whose spouse died too early.

Before you complain about your children – think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house someone didn't clean or sweep – think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive – think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job – think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

Before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another – remember that not one of us is without sin and we all answer to one Maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down – put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.

Author Unknown



**FAMILY RETREAT
JULY 20-22**

Smoky Mountains

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello again! I apologize for missing last week's youth corner. We were right in the middle of our crazy VBS week and it fell through the cracks. But VBS is what I want to tell you all about in this article. Well, less about VBS itself, and more about how much our teenagers helped pull off this event.

An informal count of the teenage helpers at the end of the week came to 23. 23 different teenagers gave up their summer time to help out in one way or another. Be it setting up decorations, the skit room, puppets, the game station, supervising the bouncy castles, and/or cleaning up, our teens were an integral part of VBS. I saw teens grow closer together, I saw visitors become friends. I even had some teens, who are usually on the quiet side, take leading roles in skits! I'm very proud of all of them.

So I just want to encourage you to tell them thank you, if you get the chance. I believe that service is one of the best things young people can do to solidify their connection to the church, and I want them to be encouraged to continue serving every time they get the chance. Thank you, and God bless!

**Please sign the
back of your
attendance
card the
number in
your family
that will be attending the meal.**



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