

Let's Visit

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Weariness

There are times in all of our lives when we feel overwhelmed. I remember reading a story about a woman named Susie. It seems that Susie called a friend and asked her how she was feeling. "Terrible" she told her. "My head is splitting and my back and legs are killing me. The house is a mess and the kids are driving me crazy." Filled with compassion, Susie said, "Listen, go and lie down. I'll come right over and cook you some lunch, clean up the house and take care of the children while you get some rest. By the way, how is Sam?" The woman said, "Sam, who is Sam?" "You know, your husband Sam" Susie replied. "I don't have a husband named Sam" the woman said. Susie exclaimed, "My heavens, I must have dialed the wrong number." The woman then asked, "Are you still coming over?"

Immediately, you recognize the fact that she was weary. That is something that happens to all of us from time to time, we grow weary. We grow weary in our day to day living as parents, grandparents, husbands, wives, employees and employers. In the world of social work, they have a name for weariness. They call it "burnout"

It happens when a very dedicated, committed person suddenly wakes up and realizes they are tired. Tired of giving, tired of doing, tired of serving. They find the joy of service is gone.

What is true in the secular world is also true in the spiritual world. The writers of the New Testament all realized that from time to time, those faithful workers for the Lord become weary, and the issue is addressed in a number of scriptures. Paul addressed it in Galatians 6:9 when he wrote, "*And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*" Paul would also

write in II Thessalonians 3:13, "*But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.*"

Often we wonder why those in the Lord's work grow weary. One reason is that often there are not observable results. We live in a result oriented society. When you play golf and make a good score, you have the score card. When you fish, you produce a stinger of fish and take a picture for proof.

In the secular world, we can measure success in tangible ways,. Service to the Lord however is not always easy to measure. We may labor years and years and not know the results of our work. As a result, we grow weary. We begin thinking non-visible results mean no results. When God commissioned Isaiah in Isaiah 6:9, he told him to deliver the message of God to a people who would not hear and would not see. Jeremiah likewise was commissioned by God to deliver His message to the people. The only results Jeremiah ever received were his own ridicule and torture. He even despaired of his own life. That is why he is called the "weeping prophet". Isaiah and Jeremiah both labored for God with absolutely no positive results in the way that the world measures results. Can you imagine how weary they must have become.

Sometimes, those who face criticism can become weary. It does not matter what the worker in the

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m.

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Lord's vineyard is doing, there is always a critic. Someone says, "we don't do it that way" or "We've never done it that way before" or the real killer, "oh no, we never do THAT!"

We must overcome being weary in well doing. We must focus on our eternal reward, knowing we shall reap if we keep on sowing good work. Paul tells us that if we do not grow weary in doing good, but continue to sow good, we will reap eternal life. We must focus on our service to the Lord. We must ignore those who are not working and hindering the work of the church by their criticism. In our service to the Lord, we will encounter hardship. We will sometimes encounter hostility. The Bible recognized God's people sometimes get weary. Yet, we are promised we shall reap if we do not faint.

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FOR THE PANTRY....

Hamburger Helper

On The Lighter Side.....



MARKET RESEARCH CLEARLY SHOWS THAT OUR CORE AUDIENCE IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SERMONS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH SIN, JUDGEMENT, AND THAT WHOLE HELL THING



"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

A. W. Tozer

It All Depends..... On Your Point of View!

The story is told of two wealthy church members, a lawyer and a merchant, who joined a party that was going around the world on a mission trip. Before they started, their minister asked them to observe any unusual things they might see in the mission countries through which the mission party was to travel. They promised to do so.

In Korea, they saw a boy pulling a plow while an old man tried to guide it. The lawyer was amused and took a snapshot of the scene. "I suppose they are very poor," he said to the missionary, who was their guide. "Yes", was the quiet reply, "that is the family of Chi Num. When the church building was being built, they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money. So they sold their only ox and then gave the money from this sale to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves."

The lawyer and the business man were silent for some time. Then the business man said, "That must have been a real sacrifice."

"They did not so call it," said the missionary. "They thought it was fortunate they had the ox to sell."

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Miscellaneous



Those To Remember In Prayer

Ted Holt was taken to Willis Knighton Pierremont in Shreveport on Wednesday evening and is recovering from surgery this past Thursday.

Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's sister-in-law) is in a lot of pain with both shingles and bell's palsy.

Bethany Bridges (friend of Debra Pate) was involved in a 4 wheeler accident and is in serious condition.

Virginia Goodrum (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) is recovering from a stroke and now is bleeding internally.

Our church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Anne Burson, Lee Ola Eaves, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Jacob Benton (friend of Ann Burson) **Edward Lee Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's Brother) **Pauline Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), **Jennifer Britt** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Kaden Butler** (Debra Pate's great grandson) **Ronnie Emanis** (Sue Hagler's nephew) **Mary Fleming** (Mike O'Brien's aunt) **Hugh Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother) **Mike Fults**, **Jonica Glaze** (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) **Virginia Goodrum** (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) **Buddy Hancock** (Martha Jean Golden's brother) **Allison Harbison**, **Larry Landry** (Glenna Noles Brother) **Vickie Lee** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Juston Lout** (Patricia Lout's son) **Shirley Lout** (Mike Lout's mother) **Glynn McCleod** (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) **Mitchell McLeod** (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew), **Elsie Lee McDaniel** (Alice Hall's sister-in law) **Roger Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) **Robert Shull** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Winston Smith** (Thelma Hinton's brother) **Curtis Turner** (Norma Perkins Cousin) **Norman Turner** (Norma Perkins father) **Margie Weaver** (friend of Debra Pate) **Janice Williams**.

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), **Denise Cox** (member at Joaquin) **Laura Cuzzi** (Ann Burson's niece) **Harold Dawkins** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Reita Doty** (friend Ann Burson) **David Greer** (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) **Carla Holt** (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) **Dora Livingston**, **Connie Mettauer**, **Tem Morrison**, **Bobbie Smiley**, **Ronnie Stanfield** (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) **Tina Vaughn** (Sue Hagler's daughter) **Jo Windham** (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember **Leland Bradshaw**. (Gene and Martha's son) in Iraq.



**Sunday
September 8, 2019**

There are cards available in the foyer for you to use in inviting your friends and family to come!

Too True.....

When a garage mechanic makes a mistake, he adds it on your bill.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted. He can try the case over again.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a preacher makes a mistake, heaven help him!

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Please Tell Me Why....

If a lawyer finds a flaw in a title to property, and does not warn about it, he has not done his duty.

If a sanitary engineer discovers conditions dangerous to health and fails to report them, he has failed on his job.

If a doctor learns of a dangerous condition in our bodies and does not properly diagnose it, we think he is a quack!

If a bank examiner knows of discrepancies in the accounts of the bank and does not report them, they lose their position.

BUT, if the preacher sees a flaw in our title to a home in heaven, and warns about it; if he discovers conditions dangerous to our spiritual welfare and reports it; if he finds a diseased condition in our spiritual body and tells us of his diagnosis; and if he finds a discrepancy in our spiritual account and reports on it; many think he is just meddling and trying to find fault.

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Across The Preacher's Desk

There is a tender story told in Mark 14:1-9 of something which happened during some very difficult days for Jesus. The Jewish leaders were plotting his death and He was surrounded by his critics and His enemies. In this narrative, we see Him going to the little village of Bethany. It is the night before Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and He goes to a party in His honor in the home of Simon, a leper.

Picture the scene as Jesus is reclining at the table and John tells us Mary came and anointed the feet of Jesus (John 12:1-3). Well, the critics began to raise their voices and talk about her. Jesus said to leave her alone, she had done what she could.

Have you ever thought about the love that caused her to do this? Have you ever experienced that kind of love? An unexpected act of pure love, that is what you see in this beautiful story. She loved Jesus and she did what she could. She didn't have much, but what she had she gave to Jesus. Not to Simon the Leper, not to Peter or James or John. What she did, she did for Jesus.

God loves us more than we can ever love Him. You see, we can never pay Him back for what He has done. God doesn't require the debt to be repaid. He just wants us to accept what He has done and to love Him for it. He wants us to live a life obedient to His will. He only wants us to do what we can.

it's something to think about. . . .thp

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**