

Could You Be Job's Friend?

I want to help, but I don't know what to do. It is often difficult to know what to do in any given situation. If you live long enough, you will have friends and family that face difficult, often traumatic events in their lives. In the South we often face these times with food. Bringing someone food when there has been sickness, a surgery, a death in the family, etc, is our default setting. When we have someone in our life that faces a tragedy, we often find it difficult to know what to do or what to say. We want to fix the problem. We want to do something. We want to help, but the question is often "What can I do?"

The book of Job describes a tragedy and a group of friends trying to figure out what to do to help. We sometimes give Job's friends a hard time, but they do genuinely seem to care for Job. "When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was" (Job 2:11-13).

When the friends hear of the tragedy that has fallen on Job, they leave what they are doing, and go and provide him comfort. When they arrive, what do they do? They spend seven days and nights sitting in silence just being with Job. How many of us would drop everything in our lives to go spend seven days sitting with a friend in silence? We may not always know what to do, but by just being there, we let them know we care. ~B. Tolbert

"He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes. He casts forth His ice as fragments; who can stand before His cold? He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow." Psalm 147:16 -18.

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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

February 21, 2021

OUR IMAGE OF GOD, PT. 3

From time to time we sing the song, "What a Mighty God We Serve." And we do indeed serve a mighty God! The song goes on to share "...angels bow before Him, heaven and earth adore Him..." I continue to be amazed at how God's creation reminds me day after day of God's power. As David shepherded his sheep at night, he, too, was amazed at God's creation and penned the words, "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands" (Ps. 19:1).

But then, I have to stop and consider if perhaps my life has become so busy with work, family and leisure that I have actually limited the power of God. It is easy to be reminded of God's might when we stop and acknowledge Him, but is it possible that we really have put God in a box that limits His power to only a few hours a week?

The Israelites had done just that, in spite of what they knew of God and actually having witnessed His power over invading armies. Jeremiah warned the people that God demanded much more of them than just an occasional worship. They came to rely on the temple of the Lord as their devotion to God, but the Lord warned them that their ways and deeds must be amended before Him (Jeremiah 7:1-11). Even after hundreds of years, the Jews still gloried in the temple, but Jesus made clear that as great as the temple may have been, that it would one day be torn down (Mark 13:1-2), and then what?

We do serve a mighty God! He works in our lives in many different ways, if we allow Him. That may sound as if we are limiting His power, but He has given us the ability to reason and then to choose what we do with our lives. We can praise Him one day and then by our actions choose to betray Him (James 3:9-12) by our actions through the rest of the week. Our public worship to the Lord each week is vital for our spiritual welfare, but just like the Israelites so long ago, it can become our only "commitment" to God.

I am thankful that we are resuming our Sunday worship together and Wednesday Bible classes. I am thankful that we do serve a mighty God! May our daily lives reflect God's power, lovingkindness and mercy. May we be revitalized in the work the Lord has given for us to do — preaching and teaching the lost of the saving grace of our God, offered through the blood sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! ~P. Mowrer

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HEART-TO-HEART
Janet Staudinger's brother, Ronnie Light, is in the hospital with breathing issues.

Wednesday evening Bible classes will resume **this** Wed. evening, Feb. 24 at 6:30.

Directory Update: Cheryl Shirey's mailing address should be F-7.

Card of Thanks

To all at the Monticello church of Christ,
 Thank you so much for the plant you sent. More than anything, all the many prayers that were said for us. Harold was in a lot of pain and God knew best. He loved visiting and going to church before he became so sick. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.
 In Christian love,
 Mary Stuart & family

Comē, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods... Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture...
 Psalm 95 : 1-3, 6-7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Worship live streamed at 9:30

Feb 24 - Wed. evening Bible Classes @ 6:30

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Lyndell Baker... Tony & Judy Beard... Kay Crook... Ray Leonard... Rita Stiles... Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner.. Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge..Corey Bryant..Donnie Collins.. Bradyn Curtis...Noah Draper...Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy... Christian Stepanovich...Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Butch Baker...Grace Coburn...Louis Cook...Mike Frost...Terry Gibson...Ronnie Light...George Nickolson...Christy Rice...David & Loyce Ray... John & Christine Riddle...Kelsy Robinson (a boy due in Apr.)...Eddie Russell...Homer Shirey...Tess Smith... Joel Thompson...Cherice Webb... Paula Wilson... Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Today!** Dana Hughes
- Samantha Tannehill
- Feb. 22** Paula Wilson
- 25 Anna Koonce
- 26 Jimmy & LaVerne Potter
- 27 **Parks Michael Beard (1st)**
- Mar. 2** Ryan Usry
- 3 Daniel Light
- 9 Carolyn Wilson
- 11 Joanna Meier
- Walter & Rita Stiles

February Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 22 Deuteronomy 5-7
- 23 Deuteronomy 8-10
- 24 Deuteronomy 11-13
- 25 Deuteronomy 14-16
- 26 Deuteronomy 17-19
- 27 Deuteronomy 20-22
- 28 Deuteronomy 23-25

Golden Keys

A bunch of golden keys is mine, to make each day with gladness shine.

“Good morning” is the golden key, that unlocks every day for me.

When at the table, **“If you please”**, I take from off my bunch of keys.

If friends give anything to me, I use my little **“Thank you”** key.

When by mistake offense I’ve given, **“Forgive me”** and I’ll be forgiven.

When evening comes **“Good night”** I’ll say and close the door on each glad day.

On a golden ring these keys you’ll find, this is their motto, **“Be you kind”**.

I’ll often use each golden key, and so a happy child I’ll be. ~ Author Unknown
 Chambersburg church of Christ; Chambersburg, PA



OK, Show of hands... Who's tired of snow?

Attendance

Bible Class
 Sunday AM Worship
 Sunday PM Worship
 Wed. Evening
 Contribution

80

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
 In Search of the
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 Ghana Radio

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Feb. 28 Jacque Davidson
 Mar. 7 Jacque Davidson
 Mar. 14 Regina Dunn
 Mar. 21 Regina Dunn

Ladies February Duties

Cards: Barbara Dyson
 Food: Sandra Baker
 Lindsey Baker