

**The HBC Weekly Forecast**  
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When you plan to lovingly confront someone on a sensitive issue, only do so after covering your relationship and that person with much prayer. Only after you have you've checked yourself to insure the loving sincerity of your motivation, should you then plan your presentation.

You have to think about *when* you'll say it (make sure the other person is rested), *what* you'll say (introduce it well so it will be received well), and *how* you'll say it. I've discovered that there are three things that work if you want the message to get through to the person you love...

**1. Say it tactfully. 2. Say it lovingly. 3. Say it gently.**

Lower your voice when you talk and show humility. Gently state how we all need help at some point and express your love and concern for the person. When you plan how you're going to confront someone in love, remember this equation:

**Truth + Tact + Timing = Transformation.**

***“Join us live at HBC 10:00 am this Sunday for a sanitized and safe worship experience – Or tune into Facebook Live & join in with our virtual worship experience – Invite a friend!*”**



## ***Confront in Truth, Affirm in Love***

*“A word of encouragement does wonders!” Proverbs 12:25*

A healthy, strong relationship is always built on two legs: confronting in truth and affirming in love. If you only have one of these legs in your relationship, it isn't going to stand. It will fall over at just about anything!

The truth will set you free, but first it can sometimes make you miserable. The Bible says, *“Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful”* (Proverbs 27:5,6)

Let's say, I were to come to you today and say, “Let's go have some coffee. I want to point out the areas in your life that need changing,” you would not be thanking me for it. You'd be saying, “Who do you think you are?” You'd be resentful, rebellious, resistant, and stubborn. You would be miserable, because when you share the truth, at first it hurts. Yet, sometimes a surgeon has to cut out a cancer in order for a body to heal.

When you are having a speaking-the-truth-in-love session with somebody, you begin and end on a positive note, and you affirm three things:

Affirm that you love and care for that person.

Affirm that you will pray for and help that person.

Affirm that you believe that person can change.

Paul did this in 1 and 2 Corinthians. In both books, he begins and ends with affirmation. For example: Paul begins his first letter by saying, *“I always thank God for you,”* and at the end of the book he says, *“My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.”*

Between that he's dealing with some very tough truths. He begins and ends on a positive note, but he also includes affirmations like this in the middle of his second letter: *“I have great confidence in you, and I have a lot of reasons to be proud of you”* (2 Corinthians 7:4).

Notice that Paul used the word “and.” You should never use the word “but” in a confrontation. The moment you do, whatever you say before or after will be totally ignored and invalidated: “I think you're a great person, but,” “We've been friends a long time, but . . .”

Instead, use the word “and”: “You're a great person, and I believe you can be even better.” “We've got a great relationship, and I believe there are some things we need to work on.” That's what it means to affirm someone.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

April 27, 2021

Budget Offering \$7055.00

Designated Budget Offering In Memory of Becky Smith \$200.00

Cash in Cash out– Wedding \$150.00

Cash in Cash out– Rebate for damaged fridge \$250.00

Cash in Cash out– Peninsula Rescue Mission \$25.00

Food Pantry \$50.00

Total Deposit \$7730.00



UPCOMING

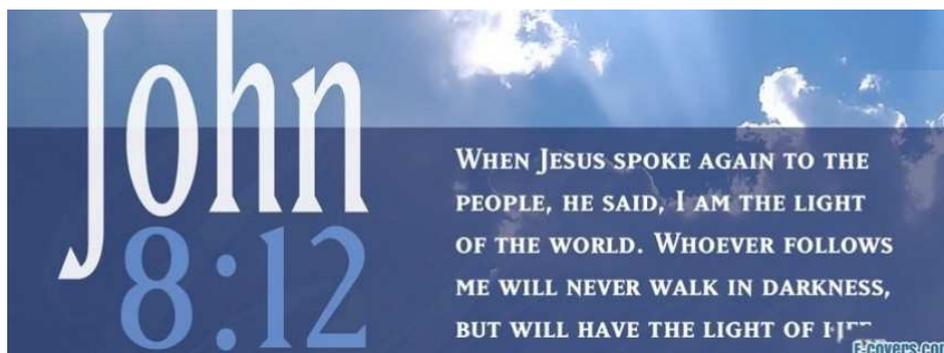
EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 5th**– Drive up Food Drive. Just bring your food pantry donations and drive up to the back door of the church and we will take them out of your car for you.

**Sunday, May 9th**– Mother's Day

**Tuesday, May 11th**– Vision Team Meeting 6:30pm

**Sunday, May 23rd**– We will be honoring Pastor Lynwood in the morning worship service for 20 years of service at HBC.



## *Missions Outreach*

### *Serve The City*

Visit [STC peninsula.com](http://STC.peninsula.com) to signup for opportunities to serve.

### *WMU Focus*

WMU Missions Focus for April—Money for Peninsula Rescue Mission

You can also donate the following items: Bath and Kitchen cleaner (soaps, rags, paper towels), Laundry detergent, hygiene items or toiletries.

### *Food Pantry at HBC*

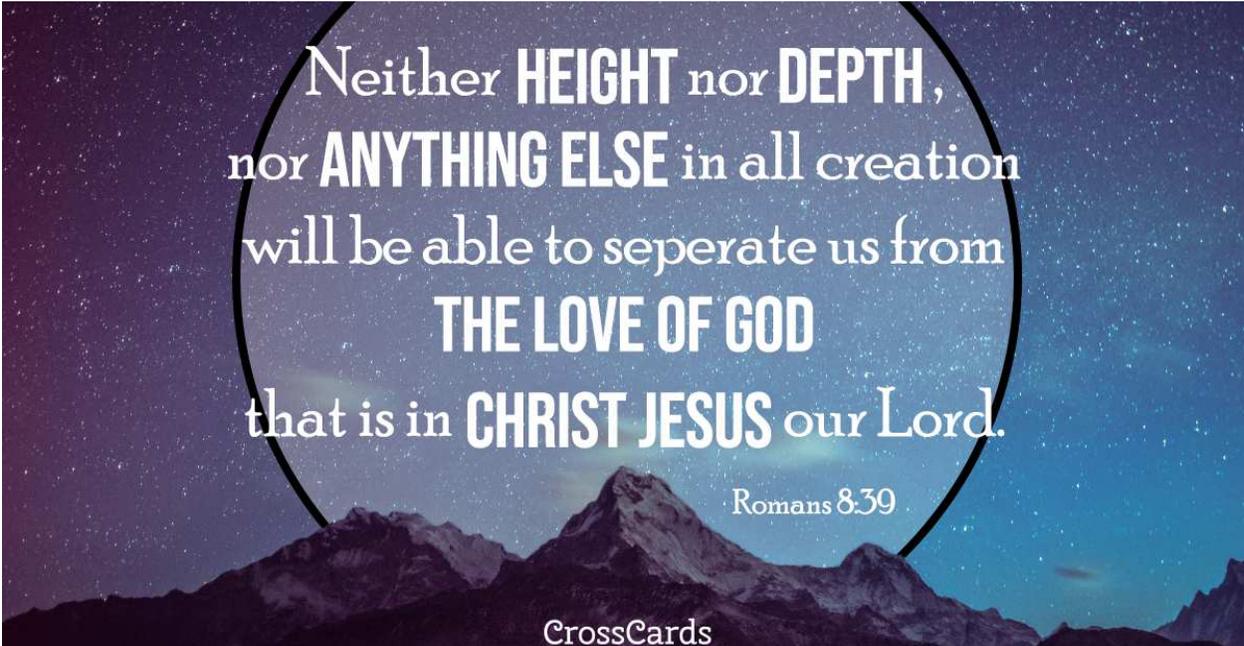
HBC gives food away on Tuesdays and Thursday. See Sue Monfalcone to volunteer and for more information on how you can help.

Wednesday, May 5th— Drive Through Food Drive

Just come to the back parking lot with your donations and Pam will take them out of your car for you. So easy.....tell a friend!

### *'Pray for Our Missionaries*

HH (Central Asian People) SI, TY (East Asian People) RV (Southeast Asian People) KS (Sub Saharan African People) Mary Cummins (GA) David Faile (OH) Vladimir Frolov (Ontario) Paul Hoffman (OR) Adam Kern (PA) Stephen Carson (SD) Richard Vanermark (VA)



Neither HEIGHT nor DEPTH,  
nor ANYTHING ELSE in all creation  
will be able to separate us from  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
that is in CHRIST JESUS our Lord.

Romans 8:39

## Calendar

### Tuesday, April 27th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, April 28th

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, April 29th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, May 2nd

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids

### Tuesday, May 4th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, May 5th

4:00– 6:00pm Drive By Food

Donation Drive by Parking Lot

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### Thursday, May 6th

1:00pm—2:00pm Food Distribution

### Sunday, May 9th

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Sonshine Kids



### Happy Birthday for the next two weeks

4/26 Lillian Clopton  
4/29 Wayne Tawney  
4/29 Randall Stevens  
5/1 Maddie Jordan  
5/2 Robert Caffacus  
5/3 Pauline Shofner  
5/4 Joyce Greene  
5/6 Kizzy Moriah



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### **Food Pantry at HBC**

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This Sunday is our Food Drive Sunday, bring your non-perishable items and place them in the basket in the sanctuary. You can also bring them by the church on Wednesday, May 5th between 4pm-6pm and drive around to the back of the church and Pam will unload the donations for you. No need to get out of your car!

## **A Special Note of Thanks....**

Lynwood and Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my illness. Having a caring church family even after relocating is such a comfort to me and our family.

In Christ's Love.

Debbie Riesbeck

We now are taking donations on the Venmo.

It is safe and secure. We still accept Cash, Check, and online giving on our website! This is just another way that you can give!



***Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!***



### **Exciting Things are Happening**

Starting May 2nd, Journey Church , a church plant that we lease Prior Hall to , will be changing their service times to Sunday Morning at 10am. With the change in their schedule, it has provided a great opportunity for each church. All kids from HBC and JC will be meeting together! Dreama will be in charge of all the Kids Ministries. (ages 4– 12)

We will be starting Student Ministries in June. This will also take place on Sunday Mornings at 10am and at first will be every other week. Pastor Chris and Pastor Kim of Journey Church will be leading the Student Ministries. (ages 13 and up)

We have something for everyone and we are so excited at what the Lord is going to do in these two ministries.

Please let Dreama know if you have any questions! Please be assured that all safety measures are still in place.

### **Vacation Bible School**

**August 9th– 13th 6:00pm– 8:30pm**

Dinner will be served Nightly.



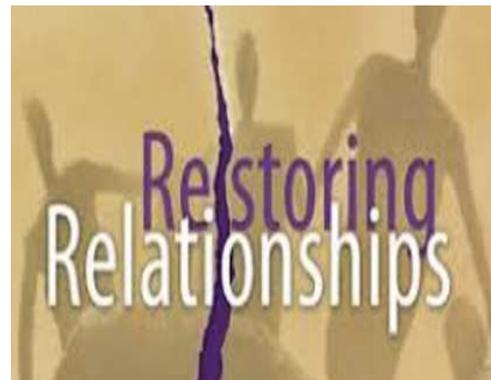
Last year because of COVID we were not able to have VBS. This year we are going to have it but it will be very similar to the Children's Christmas Workshop and Easter Party we had.

I am currently looking for helpers that will be able to be a Table Captain.

We will all be in the sanctuary together using the same schedule. I will have all that information available by the first of June.

If you are interested in being a helper. Please let me know. Dreama

## ***Relationship Restoration***



Is there a relationship you need to rebuild and restore?

Too often people are filled with regret and guilt because they failed to reach out to someone with whom they were at odds — and then death intervenes and it's too late. Don't let this happen to you.

If a broken relationship comes to mind, know that the place to begin is within yourself. Are you convinced that rebuilding this relationship is something God wants you to do?

Then let the person know that you care, and that you want your relationship to be different. Don't use words alone; back up your words with action. A small gift or an invitation to dinner can show that you mean what you say.

Most of all, seek God's forgiveness for anything you did to harm the relationship, and trust Him to help you both set aside the past. Don't argue about the past or who was at fault; that only reopens old wounds. Instead, focus on your hopes for the future. Change may take time, but with God's help it can happen.

*“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” — [Romans 12:18](#)*

God's will is for us to live at peace with everyone — but sometimes the door to a broken relationship seems closed forever. The marriage has died or the children are rejecting you... Your father abandoned your family or your disapproving mother has cut off all contact... A business partner has turned away in anger or a former friend wants nothing to do with you.

If someone rejects us and absolutely refuses to have anything to do with us, we can't force them to change. But we can — and should — do everything we can to keep the door open to a possible reconciliation.

We shouldn't strike back or condemn; instead, we should let them know we still care, and that we hope someday his or her attitude will change. And if we were at fault — even in small ways — we need to admit it and ask for forgiveness.

We also should pray. We can't change the person we're estranged from, but God can. Even when the door seems firmly closed, God is able to open it. Do all you can to restore that broken relationship — and trust God for the outcome.



### ***The Last Laugh...***

A trooper pulls over a pastor and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat.

“Have you been drinking?” the officer asks.

“Just water,” says the pastor. “Then why do I smell wine?” asked the officer.

The pastor looks at the bottle and shouts, “Good Lord! He’s done it again!”

### ***Who Are You When No One Is Looking?***

David was a teenage shepherd boy when God appointed him the next king of Israel. Compared to his older brothers, David certainly didn’t have the typical “look” of king.



But the amazing thing about our God is that He was watching and saw David’s integrity and character when no one else was looking.

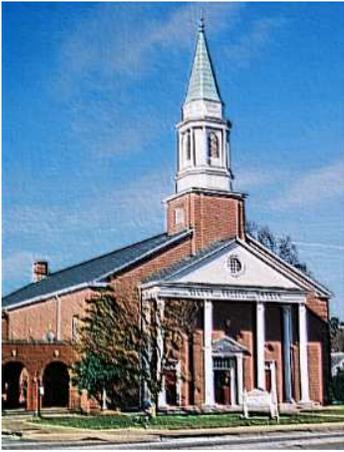
God saw David’s heart:

**Courage:** David was incredibly brave and courageous as a young shepherd boy who defended his sheep from both lion and bear. God knew he would need both to be king.

**Responsible:** David was willing to sacrifice his life for the sheep entrusted to him. This loyalty and responsibility would also make David a great king.

God saw David’s potential in how he lived his life when no one was looking. It was his inner character and heart that God valued most. What about you? What does God see when He looks at your heart? How do you live when no one’s looking?

The truth is, no matter how hard we try, no one’s heart and life are perfect. We all sin and mess up, but the good news is that God promises a new heart to those who put their trust in Him. Give your heart to God and He will transform both your heart and life to become the person He calls you to be.



## ***“God’s House vs. Our House”***

*“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” – [Haggai 1:3-4](#)*

After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, they began to prosper. They started rebuilding the temple which had been ruined by the Babylonians. But the people of other religions who lived in the land sent letters to Babylon and complained that the Jews were preparing to revolt. For that and other reasons, the rebuilding of the temple stopped.

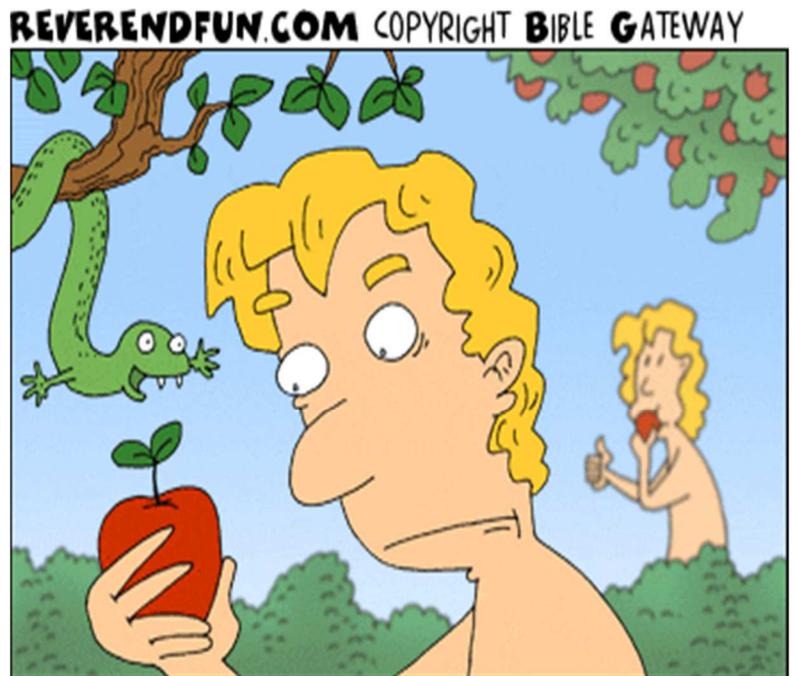
It seems that the Jews began with a will to rebuild the temple, but when opposition arose, they faltered and lost focus. They transferred their energy to building and beautifying their own houses. It took the searing words of Haggai to call them back to the priority of rebuilding God’s temple.

In the world today, we must not be discouraged by the struggle it takes to build Christ’s church. The forces of the devil will try to overcome it, but Jesus will prevail ([Matthew 16:18](#)). Remember what Jesus said: *“Seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”* ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

It’s not that God necessarily wants us to live in a bleak apartment without beautiful paneling. But if that’s what it takes to build God’s kingdom, we must be willing to sacrifice. Our treasures are in heaven!

***God is doing some exciting new and powerful things through the faithful people of God at HBC!***

***Please remember your tithing commitments and giving and be part of the ongoing miracle!***



Thanks to Jeremy (See Genesis 3) 10-13-2008

**EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE WORLD HAS TRIED IT BUT YOU!**

## ***Can A Sad Heart Be A Blessing?***

If you haven't experienced sadness yet, you will sometime. It's inevitable. It's also probable that you will experience a broken heart. After all, life is not all smooth sailing, and we can have painful memories of times that were really hard to bear.



The Bible says in [Ecclesiastes 3:1](#), in a verse written by Solomon: “There is a time for everything, or a season for everything under the sun.” And that includes broken hearts. Solomon went on to say: “There’s a time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to harvest. A time to destroy, a time to rebuild”. (verses 2-3 – TLB)

So what can we do about broken hearts and broken dreams? [Ecclesiastes 7:3](#) says, “Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance, the heart is made better”. I like [The Living Bible’s version](#): “Sorrow is better than laughter; for sadness has a refining influence on is”.

### **Sadness Can Help Us Grow**

How can this be? How can sadness have a refining influence on us? Does this really make sense? Yes, it does—for, during times of sadness, we grow more in our understanding of God’s love and provision. Experiencing sadness is normal, and healthy and necessary for our inner healing.

Solomon went on to say, “there is a time to mourn” or “a time to grieve” ([Ecclesiastes 3:4](#)). God gave us the ability to mourn the loss of someone who was close to us. Think how you felt when a loved one or a close family member died. You were upset—you mourned their passing. And that was a good thing to do; it was natural—it is necessary.

There is a time to mourn, and there is a time to stop mourning. God gave Joshua time to mourn after Moses died. But he also let Joshua know when it was time to move on. God said: “Moses my servant is dead. Now arise and lead my people across the Jordan River to the Promised Land” ([Joshua 1:2](#)). In other words, *shake yourself off and walk into the new future that God is preparing for you.*

Sometimes we need to act on these words. Life does have hard moments, but we can’t stay with them. We need to move on to new experiences. Don’t stay with the past. Take steps to prepare for something new. Create new experiences, make new friends, and go to new places if you have to.

As you move in a different direction, you will sense you’re entering a new season of your life. And that’s a good thing to do. Solomon said, “There’s a time to find, a time to lose, a time for keeping, a time for throwing away” ([Ecclesiastes 3:6](#)). If you don’t move forward, hardness of heart will occur and regrets take over. And that’s no way to live.

## ***Psalm 23 For The Workplace***

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want.

He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.

He reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job. He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in all I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mail, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,

I will not stop, for He is with me!

His presence, His peace and His power will see me through. He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me. He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go. His faithfulness and love are better than a bonus check.

His retirement plan beats every 401K there is! When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer; And for that... I will bless His Holy name!



### ***One Final Laugh...***

There were two men shipwrecked on this island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling,

"We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?!? We're going to die!!"

The second man replied, "You don't understand, I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?!? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that \$100,000 a week. My pastor will find me!"

## ***Are You Ready For Bigger Things?***

*“You... enlarged me when I was in distress.” –  
Psalms 4:1 (Amplified Bible)*



Did you know that the hermit crab looks for a shell that fits him, and then lives in it until he outgrows it? At that point he has to scurry along the ocean floor and find a bigger one; it's a process that repeats itself throughout his entire life.

Are you clinging to something that no longer fits you, just because it's easy and familiar? David said, “You... freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress.” To develop and grow spiritually you must be willing to move out of your comfort zone and deal with a little ‘distress.’ What worked for you yesterday may not work today.

Maybe it's a job you've outgrown, a relationship you need to re-examine or a behavior you need to change. Regardless of what it is, never become so ‘settled’ that you can't let go and move on when you need to. Patience and persistence are admirable, but they won't work in situations you've outgrown. Instead of hanging in and trying harder, at certain points you have to stop and ask yourself, “Is this situation good for me?”

When God says it's time to move on, it's because there's another shell out there that will fit you even better. But you can't take occupancy until you vacate the old one. So how about it - are you ready for bigger things?

## ***Shipwreck From Within***

Victor Hugo, who is famous for his novel the Hunchback of Notre Dame, also wrote a story called “Ninety-Three.” It tells of a ship caught in a dangerous storm on the high seas. At the height of the storm, the frightened sailors heard a terrible crashing noise below the deck. They knew at once that this new noise came from a cannon, part of the ship's cargo, that had broken loose. It was moving back and forth with the swaying of the ship, crashing into the side of the ship with terrible impact. Knowing that it could cause the ship to sink, two brave sailors volunteered to make the dangerous attempt to retie the loose cannon. They knew the danger of a shipwreck from the [loose] cannon was greater than the fury of the storm.



Life's certainly like that. Not always, but more often than not, it isn't the storms without that cause us the most problems, but the storms that rage within us, such as a spirit of bitterness, jealousy, pride, and greed. Other “loose cannons” are unresolved hurt, anger, a lack of forgiveness, guilt, lust, and so on. These, if not confronted and resolved, can readily cause shipwreck of our relations, our faith, or even our life.

## ***Bulldogs and Poodles***

The story's told of a bulldog and a poodle who were arguing one day. The bulldog was making fun of the poodle, calling him a weak little runt who couldn't do anything. The bulldog said, "I challenge you to a contest. Let's see who can open the back door of their house the fastest and get inside."



The bulldog was thinking he would turn the doorknob with his powerful jaws, while the poodle was too small to even reach the knob of his back door. But to the bulldog's surprise the poodle said, "I can get inside my house faster than you can. I accept the challenge."

So with the poodle watching, the bulldog ran to the back door of his house and jumped up to the doorknob. He got his teeth and paws around it and tried to turn it, but he couldn't get enough grip on the knob to do it, so he finally quit in exhaustion.

Now it was the poodle's turn. He just did what he'd been doing every day for the last several years. He went up to the door and scratched a couple of times, then waited patiently. Within a few seconds his master not only opened the door, but picked him up in his arms, patted him on the head affectionately and carried him inside.

The difference was in the relationship. Some of us are bulldog Christians. It's all grunting, growling and trying to please God. Give it up! All God asks us to do is, "Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you."



## ***Walking the Fence***

Everyone at one time or another has tried to keep his balance while walking on a fence. Sometimes we make it and sometimes we fall. When it comes to obedience, far too many Christians try to "walk the fence." They keep one foot in the Spirit while one foot flirts with the world. These are some of the unhappiest people in the world.

Charles Spurgeon once said, "I never saw anybody try to walk on both sides of the street but a drunken man; he tried it, and it was awkward work indeed; but I have seen many people in a moral point of view try to walk on both sides of the street, and I thought there was some kind of intoxication in them."

If God is God and Christ is our Savior, let us give our undivided attention and whole hearts to God. A lukewarm Christian never has the joy of knowing the fullness of God. Obedience is the key to real faith. This is real faith: believing and acting obediently regardless of circumstances.