

The Forecast
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Who hasn't faced a difficult situation where they felt God had forgotten them? You reach out to Him in prayer, but no answer seems to come. You might feel like you're all alone in the world. But did you know that God has a history of reaching out to His people in miraculous ways?

Throughout the Bible, we see stories of God providing for His people in astonishing ways. He provided food and water in the desert, opened up the Red Sea for Moses and the Israelites, and even fed 5,000 people with just a few loaves of bread and fish.

What all of this means is that the God of the Bible is a God who is interested in meeting our practical needs. He is a God who cares about us and is willing to intervene in our lives in extraordinary ways. All we need to do is ask him for help and put our trust in him. When we do, we can be assured that he will not let us down.



Pastor Steve Kennedy
“Champion’s Church”, Australia
Returns & Brings The Word,
Sunday 10:00 am, August 18th

In One Great Combined Service of
Hilton Baptist Church & Journey Church
Plan to be here and bring family & friends!



God's Miraculous Provision

Why are we surprised when God provides in ways we didn't see coming? The story of the Israelites in the desert is enough proof that God always gives us what we need.

After being delivered from slavery in Egypt and across the Red Sea, Moses gathered the people of God in the desert. They began to complain about what they didn't have.

The multitude of people began to wonder how they could survive in a desert. What would they eat? How could they live? How could they raise families? Maybe they would have been better off back in Egypt, eating leeks and onions by the Nile.

They were focused on the future and thinking about the past, but God was ready to provide for them in the present. While they were worried about the future, God already had provision plans in ways they couldn't imagine.

Exodus 16 records that God provided for His people through manna. Each day God provided enough for them to survive and every day for the next 40 years they had a tangible reminder of God's provision for them. Christians should never doubt that God will bring us what we need at the right time.

God provides through both the miraculous and the mundane. Joshua 5:12 makes clear that God's provision never stops, even as the manna does: *"The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate of the produce of Canaan."*

The produce of that land was a gift of God just like the manna from heaven. God provides through the miraculous and the mundane, through the normal and the extraordinary.

Every day, God provides for us through ways we don't even notice, and each of those provisions is just as much a means of grace as the others.

No matter what you're facing today, big or small, the Lord will provide. A job that gives steady income is just as much a blessing as a friend bringing a surprise monetary gift right when you need it.

Don't take manna for granted, and don't take the daily blessings of God's provisions for granted either. Ask God to open your eyes not just to see the manna on the ground, but to never lose sight of the ways that he provides for you so abundantly and consistently.

On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood

Hilton Baptist Church

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 1, 2023

Serving our Community with the Love of Jesus!

Budget \$1880.90

Food Pantry \$100.00

PORT \$25.00 In memory of Jim Upole

Total Deposit \$2005.90

Welcome to the Church Family by church membership

Billy and Jessica Surber - Bella

Ngwa and Winifred Ntumgia– Melodie, Lana and Myra

We love you and appreciate you in the church!

Lock up/ Hall Monitor 8/6 Robbie Ayscue 8/13 Don Moore

Counter 8/7 Margaret Upole 8/15 Kathy Caskie

Kids Church Helper 8/6 Kathy Caskie 8-13 Youth

Grass Cutting for weekend August 11th—Stephen Swiney

Grass Cutting for weekend August 26—Charles Vassar



Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 7th– 11th

There are fliers in the Connection Center to take and give out.

Its gonna be a “roaring” good time!

We are in need of a couple of people to come on Friday Night at 8:30pm to help us get the sanctuary in order for Sunday am. If you can, please let me know. Dreama



Hilton Baptist Church Craft Show

Saturday, September 23rd

9:00am- 3:00pm

We still have room for vendors. If you know someone who would like to be a part, please tell them to contact the church office for information.

The first Sunday in August we will have a sign up sheet in the Connection Center. Please sign up to help make this a great success

Hilton Baptist Church

2023 Quilt Raffle

Size: Queen

\$2.00 for each ticket

Purchase from Tracy Venable

Or the church office.

You do not need to be
present to win!



PORT is 6 months away....January 10th– 17th

Here are things that are needed more than others for the Clothes Closet

Jean (gently used are fine) Small and Medium Men's shirts

Hoodies T shirts

Socks Thermals

Bra's and panties Shoes

If you have any questions, please contract Dreama

Calendar

Tuesday, August 1st

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 2nd

7pm In house Bible Study and
Facebook Live Bible Study

Thursday, August 3rd

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

Sunday, August 6th

9:00 Discipleship Class

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

10am Sonshine Kids Church

Tuesday, August 7th –11th

VBS every night 6-8:30pm

Tuesday, August 8th

1pm-2pm Food Distribution

Wednesday, August 9th

7:00pm Wednesday Night Bible Study at
HBC and Facebook Live

Thursday, August 10th

1pm– 2pm Food Distribution

6:00pm Sisters Fellowship

Sunday, August 12th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10am Live Worship at HBC

Virtual Worship Online

Red Cross Blood Drive

We will be having a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 11th here at HBC. I will need volunteers to sign people in from 1pm– 6pm. If you can work an hour or two, please let me know. I need to get volunteers in place for that day. Thanks for your help! Dreama



Happy Birthday in July

7/31 Cindy Gibson

7/31 Lisa York

Happy Birthday in August

8/6 Myrna Powell

8/10 Moses Sabb

8/12 Patsy Hardman

8/19 Barry Surber

8/30 Janice Harvey

8/31 Pat Schell





**Pastor Steve Kennedy
Returns & Brings The Word,
Sunday 10:00 am, August 20th**

**In One Great Combined Service at Hilton Baptist
& Journey Church**

How blessed we were when Pastor Steve Kennedy preached for us several months ago! Circumstances arose that are bringing him back from Australia for several weeks in August, and Pastor Lynwood invited him back to preach again at HBC!

Pastor Steve is the founding Pastor of "Champions' Church," one of Australia's largest and most influential churches. Recently, the Lord has led him from pastoring to mentoring other pastors and churches to reaching their next level of success.

On a personal note from Pastor Lynwood...

Pastor Steve is a man whose heart is tuned into the heart of God. His messages are timely and directed toward the needs of his listeners. Everywhere he goes, there are good reports from the churches he visits, which often have congregations of several thousand. Yet, he is led by the Holy Spirit and looking forward to being back at HBC... He called from Australia the other evening and ended our telephone conversation with, "Let's see how many we can bring back to Jesus!" – And I replied and said, "Amen!"

The Last Impression

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

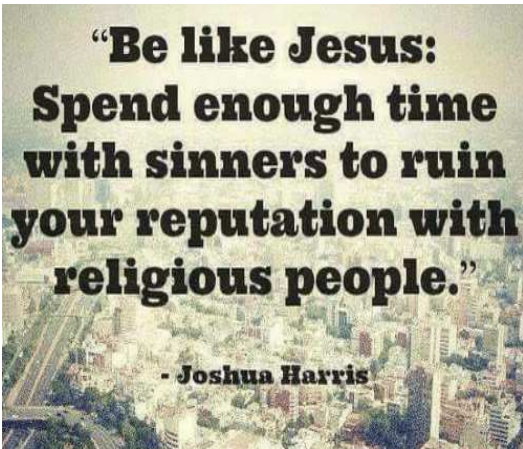
"We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

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!"





Spending Time With Sinners ...

Soon after calling Matthew to follow Him, Jesus ate a meal with “*many publicans and sinners*” in Matthew’s house (Mark 2:15). The scribes and the Pharisees were critical of his actions and complained to his disciples.

In Jesus’ day, rabbis were the highest members of Jewish society. Everyone looked up to the Pharisees.

They were strict adherents to the Law and tradition, and they avoided those whom they deemed “sinners” because they had a “clean” image to maintain. Tax collectors, infamous for embezzlement and their cooperation with the hated Romans, definitely fell into the “sinner” category.

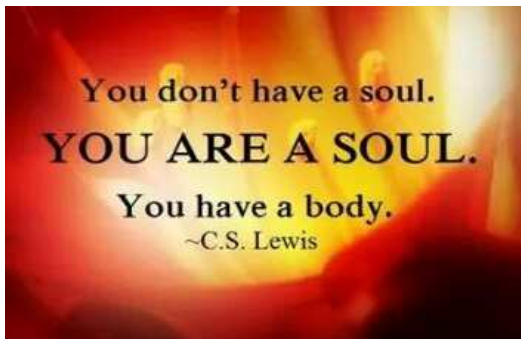
As Jesus’ ministry grew, so did His popularity among the social outcasts of society. Spending time with the publicans and sinners was part of Jesus’ mission: “*I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners*” (Mark 2:17). If Jesus was to reach the lost, He needed contact with them. He went to where the need was because “*it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.*” Praise the Lord, the Great Physician makes house calls!

Sitting at Matthew’s dinner table, Jesus may have broken some societal taboos, but His presence there shows that He looked beyond culture to people’s hearts. Whereas the Pharisees wrote people off simply because of their profession or their past, Jesus looked past all that and saw their need.

The fact that Jesus saw individuals, not just their labels, no doubt inspired them to know Him better. Jesus didn’t let social status or cultural norms dictate His relationships with people. As the Good Shepherd, He sought the lost sheep wherever they had strayed. When Matthew hosted the dinner party, Jesus gladly accepted the invitation. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of the kingdom with those who most needed to hear (see Matthew 4:23). Yes, He would be criticized for His actions, but what prophet ever lived without criticism?

Unlike the Pharisees, Jesus didn’t require people to change *before* coming to Him. He sought them out, met them where they were, and extended grace to them in their circumstances. Change would come to those who accepted Christ, but it would be from the inside out. Jesus knew better than anyone else that it is only the goodness and kindness of God leads sinners to repentance (Romans 2:4).

Jesus showed us that we shouldn’t let cultural norms dictate whom we evangelize. The sick need a physician. Lost sheep need a shepherd. Are we praying the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the field (Luke 10:2)?



“Spiritual Beings Having A Human Experience...”

“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” ~ Teilhard de Chardin

How easy it is to get confused with the perspectives and priorities of our lives – And when we do we become the most miserable of all people!

Let's face it. We are all born and we all will die. And in between we eat and sleep, work and play, dress ourselves, drive in cars, pay bills, mow our lawns, raise children, marry, divorce, fill out paperwork, earn degrees, are hired and fired, on and on...

In the midst of all the physical events our spirits are growing. Our spirits are being shaped. We learn and explore, we open up, we shut down, we experience grief, we experience healing, and hopefully through the many ups and downs of our internal experience we learn to love.

When we are children and growing up we possess an innocence that as we continue to grow up is lost piece by piece by the negative influences of this world, like fear, and competition, selfishness and greediness. This is the ultimate sin of not becoming the people God created us to be.

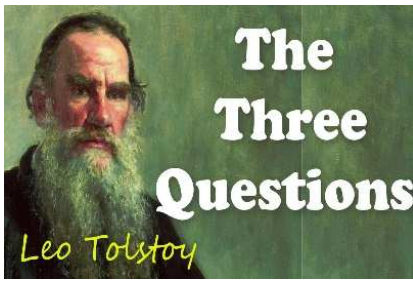
We find out that the money, the looks and the ego don't bring happiness to our spirit. Our true journey for inner peace only begins when we decide to follow Jesus Christ. No, I do not mean the socially accepted, substitute form of Christianity casually embraced by so many today. I am referring to the authentic, cross carrying, sacrificial experience of putting Christ first in our lives and priorities.

Every pilgrimage has a final destination. Christians who are authentic about the struggles of this life will also be hungry and authentic about the perfection of the next.

In Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, travelers from hell step off a bus onto heaven's grass. It is so razor-sharp, so real, that it cuts their tender feet: "The men were as they had always been ... it was the light, the grass, the trees that were different; made of some different substance, so much solidier than things in our country that men were ghosts by comparison."

For Christians, our true self is found in Christ, and we are on a pilgrimage to become more like him. As 1 John 3:2 says: *"We are now children of God, and what we will be has not yet appeared."*

A greater reality awaits... authentic Christ-following!



The Three Questions

Recently I re-read a short story by Leo Tolstoy called *The Three Questions*. It's a story about a king who wanted to find the secret to better leading his country. He searched the kingdom looking for the answers to these three questions:

1. When is the most important time?
2. Who are the most important people?
3. What is the most important thing to do?

(Spoiler alert--the king discovered the answers!)

And they are: 1. It is this very moment.

2. It is the person you are with.

3. Do good for the person you are with.

I love that because it inspires and instructs me that the most important time is now, the most important people are those that are with me now, and the most important thing I can do is to do good for them.

During this Coronavirus time, my prayer is that you might realize how much God loves spending time with you, that you know you are important to Him, and trust that He is doing good for you. I'm also praying that you would treat the people you come across in the same way, be fully present with them because they are important to you, and do them good.

"For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration— "plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

One Final A Bit Of Humor...

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.'"

The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police.

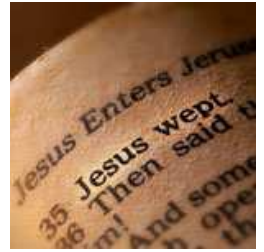
While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?"

The Lady said she had an "axe" and "2 thirty -eights!" What was I supposed to do? □



Honest Emotions

Some of us really are like a closed book; we strive to make sure that people never get to know what's on the inside of us.



Jesus was not afraid to be vulnerable. He wept openly at the grave of His friend Lazarus.

So, can you show honest emotion? Do you talk of the trophies you have won but not the tears you have shed? You see, when you speak only of your success but fail to share what you went through to achieve it, you leave people feeling like they'll never be able to rise as high as you have. Is that what you really want?

Jesus was infuriated when the strong took advantage of the weak; it's why He threw the moneychangers out of the temple. Yet He wept over the people of Jerusalem because He knew what the consequences of their rejection of Him would be.

Now we're not talking about displays of uncontrolled temper, or dissolving into tears each time trouble comes. But unless you have the ability to show an appropriate level of empathy and transparency, you will have no credibility. The Bible says: *"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under Heaven... A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4)



Are You Being Criticized?

Former Boston Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs used to hate going to Yankee Stadium, not because of the Yankees, but because of a fan. The guy had a seat close to the field and when the Red Sox were in town he would torment Boggs by shouting obscenities and insults.

One day, Boggs decided he'd had enough. He walked directly over to the man and said, "Hey fella, are you the guy who's always yelling at me?" The man said, "Yeah, it's me. What are you going to do about it?"

Wade took a new baseball out of his pocket, autographed it, tossed it back to the man, and went back to the field to continue his pre-game routine. The man never yelled at Boggs again; in fact, he became one of Wade's biggest fans at Yankee Stadium.

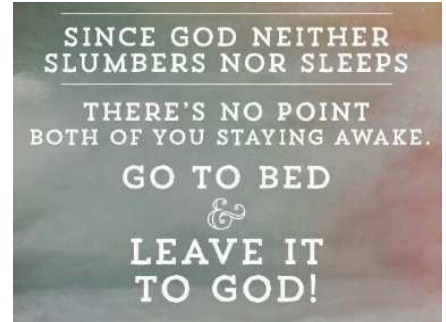
You may find yourself in Wade's shoes someday. For no discernible reason, someone may decide not to like you. Our natural inclination is to fight back. But there is a better way to eliminate enemies once and for all.

On this subject, the Apostle Paul said, *"Do not repay anyone evil for evil...if it possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone"* (Romans 12:17-18).

Peaceful Sleep

"Answer me when I call to you ... In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Psalm 4:1, 8



David lay in bed, unable to sleep. As events flooded his mind, he could find no rest. He prayed but did not sense any answers. He certainly had not experienced peace. He responded with a simple prayer, wanting to be sure that God heard when he called.

Many men and women have had similar experiences and have gone through many dark nights without rest. These are times to remember lessons learned by David. As David eventually realized, we always can be confident that God hears our prayers. Talking with Him, we can be completely honest. We need to persevere in our prayers and actions and always continue to do the right thing as we trust in Him.

David was reminded that “the Lord has set apart the faithful for Himself.” His circumstances didn’t change immediately, but he knew that “the Lord will hear when I call to Him” (v. 3).

During those dark nights when he was troubled, David was to reflect and be still. He could look back and realize the many ways God had blessed him: “You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their grain and new wine abound” (v. 7 NASB).

Trusting in God, he found peace – the peace God promises to all who call on Him. It might not seem that He hears us, but we can be confident in Him. He is with us. We can trust in Him.



Did You Hear The Story...

A Jewish businessman in America decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip. The son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," said the father. "What have I done?" He decided to go ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian.

So they went to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi said, "What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go talk to God and ask him what to do." The three of them prayed and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from Heaven.

“Funny you should ask, *I also sent my Son to Israel...*”



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