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Chaos All Around Us & Joy in God's Word by Chris Johnson

Recently I was privileged to preach at the Sunday morning service at Crosswalk Church in Daytona Beach, Florida. My text that day was Psalm 119:89-96. In this passage, David wrote about the faithfulness of God's word. Today we are facing fear and uncertainty from almost every angle. Our economy mirrors a rollercoaster ride. There is threat of terrorism abroad and at home; an increasing shift toward socialism in our government, the elections, and the growing hatred for Christ and His followers. All provide the catalyst for many in America to lose heart. We would be hard pressed to go to work or visit the grocery store and not overhear conversations about the many unknowns facing our nation. As Christians, we are ambassadors for Christ to a lost and dying world. Our message is one of hope, both for our eternal state and peace to endure whatever comes our way in this life. This hope, of course, is found only in the person of Jesus Christ. My question is this; how are we to respond to this sea of anxiety sweeping our nation? I believe Ps. 119:89-96 give us a clear answer.

In this passage we find many reasons why our joy should be fixed in God. Verse 89 – 91 speaks of the power of God's word as it relates to creation. Both the

heavens and the earth speak powerfully of the faithfulness of God's word. The sun rising and setting each day and the oceans refusing to overcome their predetermined boundaries speak volumes of the power that resides in God's word. The reality that God spoke into nothing and created all things and now sustains all things by the power of His Word should cause us to stand in awe of His majesty. All of creation obeys the commands of God because all things are His servants.

David continues in verses 92-95 by giving praise to God for the life giving power of God's word to save him, by His grace, to sustain him in times of affliction, and to comfort him in times of persecution. David showed that his joy was found not in the chaos that surrounded him but in the immutable Word of God that is the rock solid foundation upon which our lives must be built if we are to survive this life.

Finally, in verse 96 David opens his heart as he cries out to God about the hopelessness of his and all man's imperfections. Romans 3:10 agrees by saying, "there is none good, no not one." However, David doesn't leave us without hope. Again, as he did in the prior verses, he shouted with all his might that God is great! In the later half of verse

⁹⁶ David wrote of the awesome perfection of God's Word. David rooted his joy in the unchanging perfection of God's Word and so must we.

Our lives must demonstrate to the world around us that we don't find our satisfaction or peace in the ever shifting world around us. The world is engulfed with great sin and with great sin comes chaos and hopelessness. Only Jesus provides that lifeline of hope and joy that will sustain us and bring us joy everlasting. God is sovereign in all things and if we will truly live what we say we believe, the people should stand in amazement at the steadfast faith you display each day. While the world is running around groping in the darkness, searching for answers, will they see the light of hope shining from you, calling them to come and find their peace in Christ?



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Communication by Bill Powell

When I was in my early twenties, the Lord led me to understand the importance of communication. At that time it meant written communication, as in writing or typing on paper to get your point, story, or idea across. For a few, a book was published. The Bible was and still is, The Book. Communication also meant verbal communication like speaking over the phone one-on-one or to a group. For a small number communication may have entailed speaking on the radio or on TV. For the deaf, we had sign language and braille for the blind.

For the technical few when I was young, the teletype was the way to communicate in writing over a distance. Long distance phone calls, especially over seas were just too expensive. I actually remember my first job when they got a copy machine and we all made copies (high tech) to communicate information. Man! if you could work the copier, that was pretty special. I have always felt that the Lord gives man the inventions to communicate the gospel. Like most things the Lord blesses us with, they can be used for good and evil.

Things have really changed; haven't they? Now we have the internet so we can communicate to any where in the world instantly for little or no cost. We have instant messaging, texting, e-mail, websites, Twitter and Facebook. As much as things change, some things still stay the same. In fact, the Lord has given us these inventions not just for our pleasure but for the dissemination of the gospel. I have noticed over the years that Christians have always been on the cusp of technology but so is the devil. Here at The Cornerstone, we are dedicated to use every means possible and necessary to reach lost people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I can't forget the most important form of communication and that is prayer. The Lord, on one hand, is so spectacular and complex, beyond anything we could imagine. On the other hand He is simple and succinct. Communicating to the Lord is one-on-One, anytime and any place. There is no cost and no technology required. Let's all take advantage of the greatest form of communication and that is talking to God.

Tell Him everything. Pour your heart out. Ask for the things you need and desire. Show Him your love for one another by petitioning Him on their behalf. Take advantage of this awesome opportunity to communicate with our Maker. Oh, and while you're at it, how about putting in a good word for us here at The Cornerstone. We will certainly be thankful and do the same for you.




Special Dates

May 3

NEW Program!

Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson will begin airing May 3rd weekdays at 6:30 p.m. on our FM stations.

May 6

The 2010 National Day of Prayer (NDP) will take place on Thursday, May 6. Shirley Dobson continued as Chairman of the NDP Task Force; Dr. Franklin Graham is the Honorary Chairman for 2010. www.nationaldayofprayer.org

May 9

Mother's Day

May 31

Memorial Day



**The Cornerstone
Congratulates
Graduates!**

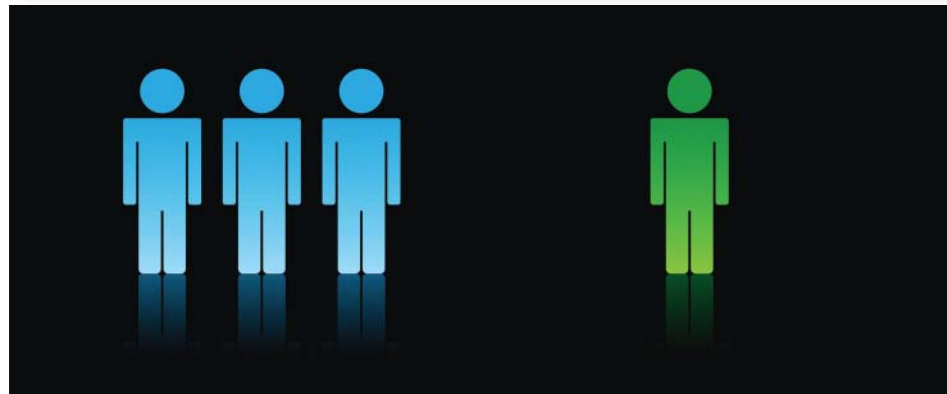


A monthly newsletter for the Cornerstone Community

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The Fear of Failure by Edie Schmidt



Do you remember the parable of the talents? The servants were given different amounts of “talents” and they were to increase what they had been given. They did this on varying degrees except for one unprofitable servant who had been given a single talent. He had so much fear of his Lord that he buried his talent. When his Lord returned, the others presented their original amount and the increase but this servant presented his Lord only that which he had originally been given. This was not well received.

Matthew ²⁵ (NKJV) ²⁶ “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given,

and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Whoa! That’s some pretty harsh consequences. Of course none of us would want to rank ourselves in the same category as an unprofitable servant. Still, I wonder how many times I do not fully use that which I have been given by God because I am fearful of failing Him. How many times do we let that fear make us unprofitable? 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) says, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” That is huge because it says to me that God is not the One who is giving me a spirit of fear. When we work and serve, let us do it with zeal, knowing that our Lord is properly equipping us and giving us all we need to grow and increase in service to Him.

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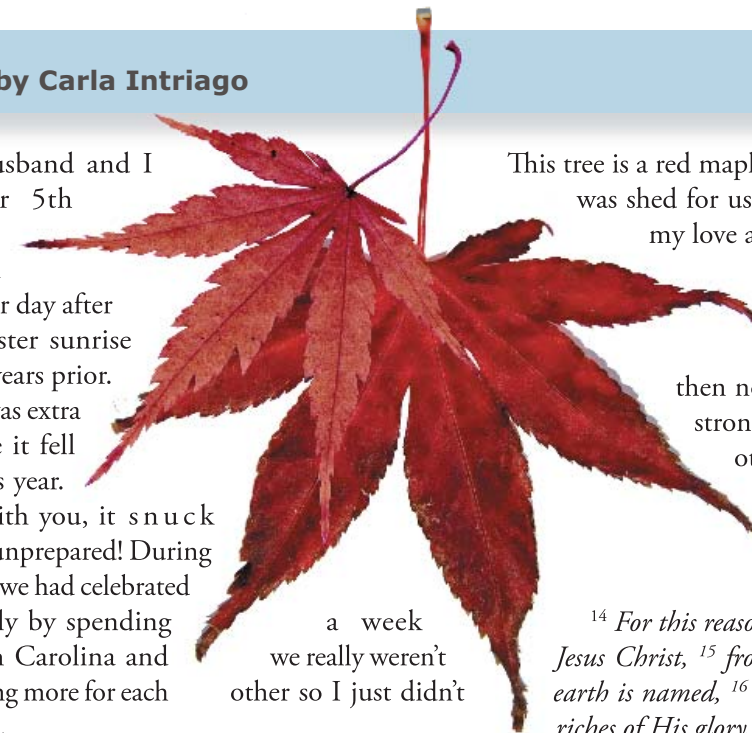
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My Gift by Carla Intriago

In April my husband and I celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary. He asked for my hand in marriage on Easter day after we attended an Easter sunrise service together six years prior. So this anniversary was extra meaningful because it fell on Good Friday this year. But to be honest with you, it snuck up on me and I was unprepared! During the Christmas break, we had celebrated our anniversary early by spending a week in a cabin in North Carolina and suppose to do anything more for each other so I just didn’t think much about it.

However, a few days before our anniversary, it hit me that I needed to get him a card at least. It was just bothering me that I needed to do more than just a card so I looked online to see what the traditional gift idea is for 5th anniversaries. It is wood. We both love God’s creation so this would be an easy one! You see, this past fall, my hubby commented often on how much he loved the red maple trees and how he wished he could gather them all up and plant them in our yard. So I went in search of a red maple tree. I did find one and my creative juices started flowing and this is part of the letter that I wrote to go along with my gift to him:

This tree is made of wood. Wood is the traditional gift given on 5th anniversaries. Wood was the material used to make the cross that was used to hang the very One who loves us most.



This tree is a red maple tree. The red symbolizes the blood that was shed for us on that wooden cross. It also represents my love and passion for you as my husband.

The roots of this tree symbolize the foundation of our love. This is Christ. If our feet remain firmly planted in Him then nothing can uproot us. Together we stand strong because of our love for Christ and each other.

As we plant this tree together may it be a reminder to us of the deep commitment we made to each other five years ago.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-25 (NKJV)

As you read the verses above, let it be a reminder of your own personal relationship with Christ and how much He truly loves you...it is beyond comprehension! Be rooted and grounded in that incredible love that only He can give.

Prayer Corner

As we give thanks to our great and mighty God once more, let us pause and reflect on our abundant blessings. We thank and praise God for the many freedoms we still enjoy and we pray they continue. We thank Him for this ministry and for you and the work we are able to accomplish together for the cause of Christ.

This month many people young and old will graduate and attempt to enter the workforce. They need our prayers. It’s hard to find a person who is not affected by

job loss. Many will graduate high school and enter college. Our young Christians need so much prayer, especially on secular college campuses. We know God is still on the His throne and still hearing the prayers of His people. Let these words comfort and encourage us as we pray.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.



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