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Music with a Message - Jesus Saves
by Chris Johnson

In Matthew 24: 6-7 Jesus told his disciples they would hear of “wars and rumors of wars. Nation would rise up against nation and there will be famines and earthquakes.” Today we are certainly seeing the words of Jesus come to life before our very eyes. It seems that the waves of chaos are threatening to become tsunamis of devastation and yet there is a message that shines even in the thick darkness. The message: Jesus Saves! That proclamation speaks peace to the storms of life; brings healing to broken hearts, and restoration to the wretched sinner.

While preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus called on His followers to be radiant lights to the world around them. As His followers today, we must answer that same call. As we trust wholly in the promises of God’s Salvation and preservation in Christ alone we must be faithful to cry out to the world around us that although there indeed is no hope in this world system, there is great Hope in Christ Jesus. I pray that the words of Travis Cottrell in the song “Jesus Saves” will encourage you to lean joyfully on Jesus in these dark hours and speak boldly the Gospel of Salvation in Christ.

Jesus Saves

*Hear the heart of heaven beating, “Jesus Saves. Jesus saves.”
And the hush of mercy breathing, “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.”
Hear the host of angels sing, “Glory to the Newborn King.”
And the sounding joy repeating, “Jesus saves.”*

*See the humblest hearts adore Him. “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.”
And the wisest bow before Him. “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.”
See the sky alive with praise, melting darkness in its place
There is life forevermore, “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.”*

*He will live our sorrow sharing, “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.”
He will die our burden bearing, “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.”
“It is done!” will shout the cross, Christ has paid redemption’s cost!
While the empty tomb’s declaring, “Jesus saves.”*



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Psalm 31:24 (NKJV)
24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.



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The Golden Parachute by Bill Powell

Have you heard the term golden parachute? The term usually refers to a contract between employee and employer that guarantees certain benefits for the employee if terminated. If you have this golden parachute contract, you can't lose. No matter what happens, you are protected. Unfortunately, often in these situations, a company folds or changes hands causing the loss of jobs for the average worker but the ones with the golden parachute wind up better off than if they hadn't lost their jobs. Very few in our society today have this golden parachute.



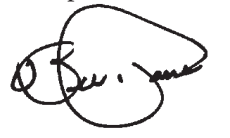
I think many times shallow phrases are given out when someone suffers a loss, like it is some kind of golden parachute. When you lose a job or a loved one, there is no phrase or one-liner that is a golden parachute. When you find out you have cancer or some other debilitating health issue, there is no clever or wise phrase that is somehow a golden parachute that makes it all better. *Everything is going to be all right! Just have faith!, Just pray about it or my favorite Just leave it in God's hands,* like believers don't run these things through their minds over and over again! We should give a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on or food to eat instead of pat answers.

James 2:15 *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be [ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works,*

is dead, being alone. (KJV)
Matthew 25:37 *“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed [You,] or thirsty and give [You] drink? 38 ‘When did we see You a stranger and take [You] in, or naked and clothe [You?] 39 ‘Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did [it] to one of the least of these My brethren, you did [it] to Me.’”* (NKJV)

Maybe we can't give a golden parachute but we can give a helping hand, be available, empathize, take food or slip someone some cash. With so many out of work, we the church are going to have to step up and show our faith by our works. Let us all be slow in what we say and quick to help.

As Christians, we do have a golden parachute. Not one of money and earthly benefits, even though our golden parachute usually includes many earthly benefits. Our golden parachute is a guarantee of eternal life. It is the ultimate benefit package with benefits that are out of this world. While we are here on earth, we may have troubles and difficulties but Jesus overcame the world. When we leave this life, we will be under our eternal golden parachute. Until then, Volusia and Flagler counties need this ministry now more than ever. If you see someone in need why not politely suggest they tune in to your favorite radio station. They may find help, hope, and most importantly Jesus Christ. Jesus offers this golden parachute to all who will come.





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Crowded Cabinets and Irresolute Hearts by Edie Jones

She didn't take all her things when she left. In the bathroom, on the shelf of a shared cabinet, there were about twenty items she had forgotten. Over the past year it would have been nice to have used that extra shelf space but somehow, seeing all those items sitting there, like they were waiting for their owner to return had somehow secured their position in the cabinet and nobody had moved one thing.

When my dear friend and sister-in-law, Sandy Leisner decided to retire, I was so sad. We had been cohorts and partners-in-desserts for nearly seven years. We had stood at gravesides together and we had rejoiced at new life together. We had shared prayers, worship, work and play. There had been easy days and days so busy we felt like frazzled messes. We had endured times of great sadness and times of laughter so extreme we could barely breathe. I could not imagine how lost I would be without her in my day to day life.

This morning I called her and told her I love her but I'm packing her items so we

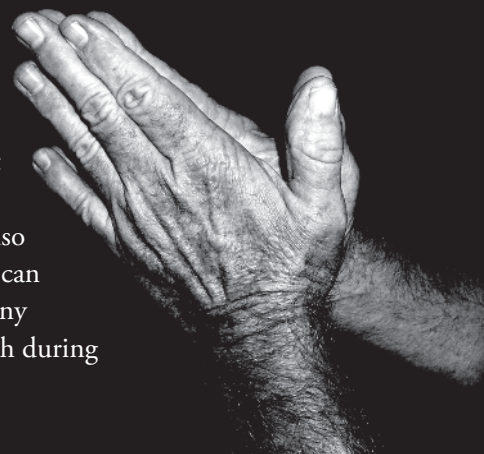


can use the shelf. She laughed and joked with me that it sounds like I'm working through grief. She said she had the same feelings when she had to make decisions about her late husband's things. I guess sometimes we try to hold on to people long after God has rearranged His servants on to different paths. Letting go of those things, whether on a shelf, in a closet or hidden within our hearts, is the first step in recognizing our positions in servitude to a sovereign God and embracing the new, unknown directions with our confidence securely in His will.

Prayer Corner

With the current unemployment rate, we need to continue to pray for those who are struggling due to job loss.

Nearly all of us have either been affected in some way or know someone who is being affected by the loss of a job. In a survey of 1,000 Pastors, 40% report having congregation members who have lost a job. Let us take care to also pray that God will show us how we can help those around us. There are many practical ways to add feet to our faith during these tough economic times.



Warm Summer Nights by Carla Intriago

I was alone in my bedroom, on my bed, and a book. It was warm night



sitting reading a typical summer in Florida. Outside it was pitch black. Thunder crashed. Lightening flashed. I was so engrossed in my book; I hardly noticed. That is, until the lights went out.

It was then that I reached over, opened my nightstand and pulled out a flashlight. I clicked it on. I was at such a good part of my book; I just had to continue reading. That's when I heard noise coming from the other part of the house. I put down my book and listened. I heard kitchen drawers

opening and closing, cabinets being slammed shut, doors opening and...voices. I jumped out of bed to go investigate. Suited with my flashlight in one hand and my not so brave dachshund in the other, I opened the bedroom door and shined my flashlight in the dark living room. Instantly I heard, "hey, where did you find that?"

The noise coming from the other part of the house was my family who was previously watching TV until the lights went out. They were scurrying around the house, trying to find candles, flashlights and matches...anything to bring light to a very dark house!

I had known instantly where my light could be found. I didn't skip a beat. I never want to be left in the dark so I keep it close to me at all times. Can we say that about our spiritual light? Do we shine before others so they can see our light of Christ? Hold Him close at all times and He will bring light to you...and to others!

.... shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. Philippians 2:14-16 (NKJV)

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