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FOUR BOYFRIENDS

Once upon a time there was this princess who had four boyfriends

She loved the 4th boyfriend the most and adorned him with rich robes and treated him to the finest of delicacies. She gave him nothing but the very best.

She also loved the 3rd boyfriend very much and was always showing him off to neighboring kingdoms. However, she feared that one day he would leave her for another.

She also loved her 2nd boyfriend. He was her confidant and was always kind, considerate and patient with her. Whenever this girl faced a problem, she could confide in him, and he would help her get through the difficult times.

The princess' 1st boyfriend was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining her wealth and kingdom. However, she did not love the first boyfriend. Although he loved her deeply, she hardly took notice of him.

One day, the princess fell ill and she knew her time was short. She thought of her luxuri-

ous life and wondered, I now have four boyfriends with me, but when I die, I'll be all alone.

Thus, she asked the 4th boyfriend, "I loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company."

"No way!", replied the 4th boyfriend, and he walked away without another word.

His answer cut like a sharp knife right into her heart.

The sad princess then asked the 3rd boyfriend, "I loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company."

"No!", replied the 3rd boyfriend. "Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to marry someone else. Her heart

sank and turned cold.

She then asked the 2nd boyfriend, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?"

"I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!", replied the 2nd boyfriend. "At the very most, I can only walk with you to your grave. His answer struck her like a bolt of lightning, and the girl was devastated.

Then a voice called out: "I'll go with you. I'll follow you no matter

where you go."

The princess looked up, and there was her first boyfriend. He was very skinny as he suffered from malnutrition and neglect..

Greatly grieved, the princess said, "I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance.

In truth, you have 4 boyfriend's in your life:

Your 4th boyfriend is your body. No matter how much time and effort you lavish in making it look good, it will leave you when you die.

Your 3rd boyfriend is your possessions, status and wealth. When you die, it will all go to others.

Your 2nd boyfriend is your family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for you, the furthest they can stay by you is up to the grave.

And your 1st boyfriend is your Soul. Often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world.

However, your Soul is the only thing that will follow you where ever you go. Cultivate, strengthen and cherish it now, for it is the only part of you that will follow you to the throne of God and continue with you throughout Eternity.

◆ Received from Ruth Bushnell



Mark 8:36-37 (NLT)

And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?

DON'T MAKE THEM MAD

(Below is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.)

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.



You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, unlike you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an

employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH

- #1. To make an appointment to see me**
- #2. To query a missing payment.**
- #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.**
- #4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping**
- #5. To transfer the call to my**

toilet in case I am attending to nature.

#6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home

#7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.

#8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 9.

#9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

#10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

(Remember: This was written by an 86 year old woman) "YA JUST GOTTA LOVE SENIORS" !!!!!

And remember: Don't make old ladies mad. They don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to set them off.

◆ Received from Jim Sparks



ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM

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EVENING SING & PRAISE
SERVICE
6:00 PM

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TUESDAYS

KID'S CLUB
3:30 — 4:30 PM

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WEDNESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FUND RAISER FOR OUR TEEN
GIRLS TO ATTEND
THE REVOLVE TOUR

SPAGHETTI FEED
5:00 — 8:00 PM

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

THE LADIES LUNCHEON
12:00 NOON

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

MEN'S BREAKFAST
7:00 AM
KIM RIFFE
SERVICE MANAGER
CAMPBELL CHRYSLER

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

THANKSGIVING DINNER
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
1:00 PM

If you are planning on attending,
please contact Pastor Lloyd

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT
6:30 PM

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

SENIORS ON THE GO

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 17
12:00 NOON

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AMERICAN LEGION

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 18
7:00 PM

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**THANKSGIVING EVE
SERVICE**

NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH
SALKUM

Wednesday, November 21

A FRIEND

Author Unknown

If I could catch a rainbow
I would do it just for you
And share with you its beauty
On the days you're feeling blue.

If I could build a mountain
You could call your very own;
A place to find serenity,
A place to be alone.

If I could take your troubles
I would toss them in the sea,
But all these things I'm finding
Are impossible for me.

I cannot build a mountain
Or catch a rainbow fair,
But let me be what I know best
A friend.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

On Sunday, November 11 during our 11:00 AM service, we will be honoring those who have served our country. This will be a very special service to express our thanks and gratitude to those who were willing to give so much in order that we and others might be able to live in freedom. I would like to encourage everyone who knows a Veteran, who does not attend another church, to invite them to this special service.



CHURCH LIGHTING

Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He made a good decision. He decided to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans or the inside of the church until it was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at the beauty of the new church. Everything had been thought of and included.

It was a masterpiece. But then someone said, "Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each family a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship. "Each time you are here", the nobleman said, "the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

That's a poignant story, isn't it? And it makes a very significant point about the importance of our commitment and loyalty to the church. The poet Edward Everett Hale put it like this:

***I am only one,
but still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do
everything
I will not refuse to do the***



something I can do.

What if every member of your church supported the church just as you do? What kind of church would you have? What if every single member served the church, attended the church, loved the church, shared the church, and gave to the church exactly as you do? What kind of church would you be?

◆ Received from Joe Downs

THE DEVIL'S AUCTION

I heard a very poignant story once about a public auction that the devil had. As the prospective buyers assembled they noticed an assortment of tools that the devil was selling.



sale."

Asked to explain why, the devil replied, "I can spare my other tools, but I cannot spare this one. It is the most useful implement that I have. With it I can work my way deep into hearts otherwise inaccessible. After I have plowed deeply with this tool, the way is open to plant anything there I desire. It is the

The tools of worry, fear, lust, greed, and selfishness were all carefully inspected before the sale. But off to one side, standing alone, there was one oddly shaped, well-worn tool which was labeled, "Not for

most effective tool I have. It is the tool of discouragement."

The devil knows us well, he has all the time in the world to study us humans, and he knows if he can get us discouraged he may well be able to get us to give up, but brethren do not grow weary of doing good. In **Galatians 6:9 (NAS)** Paul tells us: "and let us not loose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." What a promise! We shall reap if we do not grow weary. Yes, some days will be harder than others but let's keep on encouraging each other to go the final mile and we will reap the harvest! God bless you with His wonderful presence today and always.

◆ Received from Mary Warner

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

When in England at a fairly large conference, General Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of 'empire building' by George Bush.

He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."



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*Tell the name of our uncle and dad
And if your first you won't be sad
Tell us our name I know you can
And a candy bar will be place in
your hand.*

**NOAH
AND
THE WOODPECKER**

*Everything I need to know about
life, I learned from Noah's Ark...*

- One:** Don't miss the boat.
- Two:** Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Three:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Four:** Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Five:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Six:** Build your future on high ground.
- Seven:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Eight:** Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- Nine:** When you're stressed, float a while.
- Ten:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- Eleven:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

◆ Received from Jude Cooper



**THE STRENGTH
OF
BROKENNESS**

by Os Hillman

*The bows of the warriors are
broken, but those who stumbled
are armed with strength. ~*

1 Samuel 2:4

There is an oxymoron throughout the Bible. It says that brokenness is strength. How can this be? How can brokenness be strength? In order to use men and women to their fullest extent, the Lord has to break His servants so that they might have a new kind of strength that is not human in origin. It is strength in spirit that is born only through brokenness.

Paul was broken on the Damascus road. Peter was broken after Jesus was taken prisoner. Jacob was broken at Peniel. David was broken after his sin with Bathsheba. The list could go on of those the Lord had to break in different ways before they could be used in the Kingdom.

When we are broken, we see the frailty of human strength and come to grips with the reality that we can do nothing in our own strength. Then, new strength emerges that God uses mightily. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Do not fear brokenness, for it may be the missing ingredient to a life that emerges with a new kind of strength and experience not known before. Pray for a broken and contrite heart that God can bless.

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Last month Mildred Dunham was the first one to come up with the correct answer to the quiz. The answer was Naaman and his story is found in the 5th chapter of 2 Kings.

Here is this month's quiz.

*We ate and drank and with God
did meet.*

*Sapphire stones were under His
feet.*

*Others were with us, plus our
uncle and dad,
To be in God's presence makes
our hearts glad.*

*We're two brothers and you know
our names*

*What we did brought us great
shame.*

*It doesn't matter how important
you may be.*

*You must follow God's Word if
you wish to be free.*

*We did something wrong and for
that we did pay.*

*It cost us our life on the fateful
day.*

*What you do in obedience God
will bless*

*What you do on your own will not
pass the test.*

*Our father was a very important
man*

*Our uncle even more so I'm sure
you understand*

*We're telling the truth we are not
a liar*

*God answered our sin by sending
His fire.*