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TWO HORSES

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Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.

From a distance, each looks



like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him

astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

◆ *Received from Larry and Pam Schmidt*

LIFE IS A CAKE

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra,



her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

◆ *Received from Joe & Freda Downs*

FROGS

Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs.... who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower.

A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants....

The race began....

Honestly: No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. You heard statements such as:

'Oh, WAY too difficult!!'

'They will NEVER make it to the top.' or: 'Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!'

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one....

Except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher..

The crowd continued to yell, 'It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!'

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up....

But ONE continued higher and higher and higher....

This one wouldn't give up!

At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who, after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top!

THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it?

A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal?

It turned out.... That the winner was DEAF!!!!

The wisdom of this story is: Never listen to other people's tendencies to be negative or pessimistic... because they take



your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you -- the ones you have in your heart!

Always think of the power words have. (There's life and death in the power of the tongue - Proverbs 18:21.)

Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!

Therefore: ALWAYS be...POSITIVE!

And above all: Be DEAF when people tell YOU that you cannot fulfill your dreams!

Always think: God and I can do this!

◆ Received from Joe & Freda Downs

EMBRACING THE LEAN TIMES

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by Os Hillman
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"But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him." - Jeremiah 17:7

Have you ever considered at what point a test becomes so difficult that you decide you can no longer trust in God and you must take over to solve the problem? The prophet Jeremiah describes a situation in which the temptation to solve a financial problem can become so great that we trust in man's way to solve it.

This is what the Lord says: *"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose*

confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Jeremiah drew a sharp comparison between the man who trusts in his own effort to solve his problem and the man who trusts in God when he cannot see the outcome. The man who trusts in God bears fruit despite the circumstances in his life. He does not shrivel when the heat comes; in fact, his roots go deeper into God's grace. He continues to bear fruit in spite of his circumstances.

Recently, a friend from South Africa explained to me that whenever a plant lives in an arid climate, the roots drive deeper and deeper into the soil to get the water they need.

This forces the plant to develop a root system that is far beyond the normal plant because it is forced to go deeper to gain the water it needs.

Sometimes God forces us to go deeper into the grace of His love in order to build a greater foundation in our own lives. These lean times are designed to accomplish this in us. If you find yourself in this condition, ask the Lord who provides the water for our soul for the grace you need today to continue to bear fruit in the desert.

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ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

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TUESDAYS

KID'S CLUB HAS BEEN
 SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAYS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
 MEET AT THE MASSEY'S
 10:00 AM
JUNE 10 & JUNE 24

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 BIBLE STUDY
 7:00 PM

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
JUNE 5 & 6

KID'S CAMP IN @
 SCIENCE CENTER

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 8:00 AM

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7 & JUNE 21

YOUTH MEET AT THE MASSEY'S
 FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
JUNE 12 & 13

WCG'S RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
 AND

YOUTH BAR-B-QUE
 FRI. 9 - 2 & SAT. 9 - 2

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 9:00 AM

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 LADIES LUNCHEON
 12:00 NOON

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

FATHER'S DAY
 DON'T FORGET TO BRING
 YOUR BABY BOTTLES

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26

ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT
 BIBLE SMUGGLE
 AT LLOYD & KATIE
 NEDERLANDER'S
 8:00 PM

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

BACCALAURATE AT THE
 COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH
 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

CLASS OF 2009
 GRADUATION
 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18

AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

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MONDAY - FRIDAY
JUNE 22 - 26

VBS AT THE
 COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
 CHURCH
 9:00 - 12:00

Psalm 122:1 (KJV)

*I was glad when they said unto
 me, Let us go into the house of the
 Lord.*

PNA ACTIVITIES

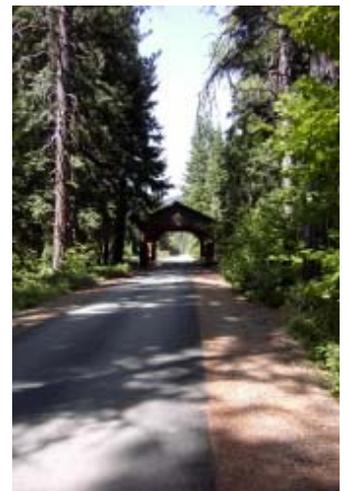
SENIOR ADULT CAMP July 19-21st
 (Sunday 3:00 pm to Tuesday noon).
 Speaker: Jerry Phillips. Grandchildren
 and other guests welcome!

The annual PNA Camp and Confer-
 ence will be held this year, July 21-26
 (Tuesday evening to Sunday noon), at
 Double K Christian Retreat Center.

CLIMB '09 is an event for the entire
 family, one that provides our churches a
 unique opportunity for renewal, fellow-
 ship and recreation. Special attention will
 be given to the equipping and strength-
 ening of church leaders.

Main Speaker: Jeff Frymire, Pasa-
 dena, CA Worship Leader: Jason Strick-
 ling, Pasco, WA.

PNA ANNUAL MEETING, will be held on Saturday, July 25th at
 10:00 am



WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD

This was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God." I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers."



"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off."

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking

on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach, but sometimes fishing is acceptable cause fishermen pray a lot.

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just al-

ways think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God."

THANKS KIDS

A very special thanks goes out to all the kids from Kid's Club. They came and helped Stan & Ruth put in fresh flowers around the church.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you suffered a loss in your life that is causing you grief? You are welcome to come and share so that you may be encouraged



and receive hope from a Christian perspective. The June meetings will be

on Wednesdays, June 10th and 24th at 10 a.m. in the home of Pastor Esther & Dale Massey's, 747 Deggler Road, Onalaska (just a ¼ mile from the elementary school). For more information please call First Church of God at (360) 978-4161.

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*Now be the first to tell me his name
And my name if you can.
The name of our five children
And a candy bar will be in your
hand.*

**THE BLESSINGS
OF FATHERHOOD**

We have had several people who were able to come up with the correct answer to last month's quiz. Mildred Dunham was the first but also Gabby & Kevin Massey, Jeannie Hossler, Norma Gift and Mary Yoder-Church were able to answer the quiz.

Here is this month's quiz.

*"He is my husband so what can I
say,
I love him even though he turned
the wrong way.
He made me queen when he be-
came king,
Chosen of God yet he did the
wrong things.*

*I gave him five children only two
you know quite well,
Three names are obscure,
Two names you could tell.*

*My husband had a temper
In fact he got mad.
Tried to kill one of our sons
And it made my heart sad.*

*He was tall and handsome
And loved by all.
Yet it was his foolish pride
That caused his great fall.*

*You have read his story often
And I know it made your heart
sad.*

*To think of his great potential
And the opportunities that he had.*

*He could have been great
And many victories he could have
won.*

*But he died in battle,
Along with his sons.*

Four expectant fathers were in a Minneapolis hospital waiting room while their wives were in labor. The nurse arrived and announced to the first man, "Congratulations sir, you're the father of twins."

"What a coincidence" the man said with some obvious pride. "I work for the Minnesota Twins baseball team."

The nurse returned in a little while and turned to the second man, "You sir, are the father of triplets."

"Wow, that's really an incredible coincidence," he answered. "I work for the 3M Corporation. My buddies at work will never let me live this one down."

An hour later, while the other two men were passing cigars around, the nurse came back, this time she turned to the 3rd man who had been quiet in the corner. She announced that his wife had just given birth to quadruplets.

Stunned, he barely could reply, "Don't tell me another coincidence?" asked the nurse.

After finally regaining his composure, he said, "I don't believe it. I work for the Four Seasons Hotel."

After hearing this, everybody's attention turned to the 4th guy, who had just fainted, flat out on the floor. The nurse rushed to his side and after some time, he slowly gained back his con-



sciousness. When he was finally able to speak, you could hear him whispering repeatedly the same phrase over and over again.

"I never should have taken that job at Super 8! I never should have taken that job at Super 8!! I never should have taken that job at Super 8!!!"

Sunday School Teacher: Harold what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A preacher

**BUILDING A TREE
HOUSE**

The other day, my four year old son, Titus was watching Curious George build a tree house on T. V. Shortly, thereafter, Titus went outside and gathered some sticks. He took those sticks and stuck them into a large flower bush and then climbed into the



f l o w e r bush. Titus then sits in the large bush surrounded by sticks saying, "See my tree house". My little son sure

was happy sitting in his "tree house".

◆ Received from Esther Massey

To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did.

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

Love is never afraid of giving too much.