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A SERMON WALKING

James 1:22 "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

In 1953 reporters gathered at a Chicago railway station waiting to meet the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

He was a big man, six-feet-four tall with bushy hair and a large mustache.

Reporters were excited to see him and expressed what an honor



it was meet him. Cameras were flashing, compliments were being

expressed—but seeing beyond the adulation the visitor noticed an elderly Afro-American woman struggling to carry her two large suitcases.

"Excuse me," he said as he went to the aid of this woman. Picking up her cases, he escorted her to a bus and then apologized to the reporters for keeping them waiting.

The man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the famous missionary-doctor who had invested his life helping poor and sick people in Africa.

A member of the reception committee remarked to one of

the reporters, "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

The measure of any man or woman is not their name, their fame, nor what they say—but what they do.

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, please help me to be a doer of your Word and not just a hearer. Grant that my life will also be a sermon walking. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

◇ Received from James Sparks

NO LONGER EMBARRASSED

"God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." John 4:9-10 (NLT)

A young boy asked his mother if she would go with him to his elementary school's first teacher-parent conference. To his surprise



she said she would go. This embarrassed the boy because,

though his mother was beautiful, she had a terrible scar right across one side of her face.

This was the first time his teacher and classmates saw his mother and because of his embarrassment, he withdrew from them and tried to hide himself. However, he overheard his teacher ask how his mother's face was scarred.

"When my son was a baby," the mother replied, "he was in a room that caught on fire. Everyone was afraid to go in because the fire was out of control, so I went in. As I was running toward his crib, I saw a beam coming down and I placed myself over him to shield him. I was knocked unconscious but fortunately, a fireman came in and saved both of us...the scar is permanent but to this day, I have never regretted doing what I did."

Hearing what his mother did for him, the boy ran towards her with tears in his eyes. He hugged her and felt an overwhelming sense of thanks for the sacrifice she made to save his life.

May we, too, feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us in giving his life to save us from our sins and a lost eternity.

Suggested prayer: "Dear Jesus God, once again I thank you for all that you did for me in giving your life to save me from a lost eternity. I offer my life as a living sacrifice to live for and serve you. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

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TRUE REPENTANCE IN A NATION

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"When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes."

2 Chronicles 34:19

Josiah was a godly king in Israel. However, before he came to power, the nation had fallen into all kinds of evil. One man, Manasseh, had brought the nation to a condition of inexorable evil. God finally had enough.

"Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down"

2 Kings 21:12-13

Josiah came into power just before this judgment. He began to clean up the evil by burning all the idolatrous temples, ridding prostitution and homosexuality from the streets, and destroying occult shrines. He did this without the benefit of even reading God's Word, but through the Holy Spirit working in his heart. Then one day the ancient Scriptures were discovered in the temple that had lain dormant for years. They had a profound impact on King Josiah.

When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. He gave these orders to Hilkiyah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger

that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book"

2 Chronicles 34:19-21

Josiah was broken. He tore his robes in repentance. He fell to his knees and repented for the wickedness of his nation. He stood in the gap, and God honored Josiah; however, it wasn't enough. God still had to judge the nation for its previous wickedness under the reign of Manasseh.

"Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what He spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before Me and tore your robes and wept in My presence, I have heard you, declares the Lord. Now I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place and on those who live here." ...

2 Chronicles 34:27-28

God spared Josiah during his reign, but after he died judgment came upon the nation.

No nation is immune from God's judgment. Pray for our nation today. Pray that our nation will have a repentant heart among the leaders and the people.

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A LESSON ON STRESS

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask

the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'... She fooled them all "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile.

Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. To 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight



doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have

an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up tomorrow.

◇ Received from Joe & Freda Downs

Matthew 11:28-30 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

FALSE TEETH

**MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 AM
& 11:00 AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

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WEDNESDAYS

SOUP & SANDWICHES
6:00 PM

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BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PM

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th

LADIES LUNCHEON
12:00 NOON

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th

MEN'S BREAKFAST
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
8:00 AM

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
9:30 AM

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
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BORST PARK SHELTER # 2
FOLLOWING 11:00 AM WORSHIP

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RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
6:00 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th

AMERICAN LEGION
6:00 PM

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Pastor will be taking a few days of vacation so he and Kathleen can attend the Willow Creek Leadership Summit in Belingham on Thursday, August 8th and Friday August 9th. They will be gone from Saturday, August 3th until Monday August 12th. Please remember them in prayer that God may strength and encourage them during this time.

PAYING ATTENTION



Frankie Roland writes, "The youth in my church had been studying the Book of Esther. I knew my son had been paying attention when we had Brussels sprouts for supper. Spearing one and looking at it distastefully, he placed it in his mouth, saying, 'If I perish, I perish.'"

A pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his teeth, he talks for only eight minutes. The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes. The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The congregation has to mob him to get him down from the pulpit, and they ask him what happened. The pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes. The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes. But, the third Sunday, by mistake he put his wife's teeth in and couldn't stop talking.



◇ *Received from James Sparks*

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Our Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 13th following the 11:00 am Worship Service.** We will be electing a Sunday School Superintendent, an Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Head Usher, PNA Representative and Alternate Representative as well as three positions on the Church Council. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions, please contact Wally True.

On **Sunday, September 8** we will be having a Budget Planning Meeting following the 11:00 am Worship Service. This meeting will give you a chance to share your thoughts on planning our budget for 2014.

THE CANDLE

A husband and wife were unable to have children. After consulting everyone who would listen to their problem, they consulted their family priest. "My children," the priest began, "the Lord will listen to your prayers, and I am sure you will be blessed with children shortly. In fact, I am planning a stay in Rome, and while I am visiting the Vatican, I will light a candle for you."



"Thank you, Father, thank you!" said the couple. Before leaving, the priest turned and said, "My stay in Rome will be for quite some time—15 years. When I return, I will be sure to pay you a visit."

So, 15 years came and went, and the priest returned to the United States. While resting on his porch one mid-summer morning, he remembered the promise of paying a visit that he had made 15 years ago. So he made his way to the couple's home, and upon arriving at the residence of the couple who'd sought his counsel years earlier, he rang the doorbell. Sounds of crying and screaming children filled the air! Overjoyed by the thought that their prayers had been answered, he entered the house. More than a dozen children filled the house from top to bottom! In the midst of all the chaos, stood the wife.

"My dear," the priest said, "your prayers have been answered!

Where is your husband? I wish to congratulate him on your miracle!"

"He just left for Rome," she said.

"Rome? Why did he go to Rome?" asked the priest.

"To blow that candle out" came the harried reply.

◇ Received from T W Douglass

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

Luke 17:17-18 (KJV) *And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.*

"You probably heard about Paddy who was driving down the street in a sweat because he



had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place.

"Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up me Irish whiskey.'

"Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

"Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'"

While we make jokes about such things, I wonder how often I pray, God answers, and I forget to say thank you ... or fail to even see that God has answered my prayer because it wasn't in the way that I expected it to be.

The fact is, when my prayer is sincere from the heart, God always hears and answers it. Sometimes the answer is "Yes," sometimes it is "No," and sometimes it is "Wait a while." And sometimes it is in a way that is totally different from what I expected.

The important thing is that we always thank God for hearing and answering our prayers regardless of the way in which they are answered, because God always knows what is best for us. Let's not be like the ten lepers whom Jesus healed and only one came back to acknowledge and thank Jesus for healing him.

◇ Received from James Sparks

HOW HOT IS IT?

The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.



You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.

The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.

You discover that in August it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.

You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

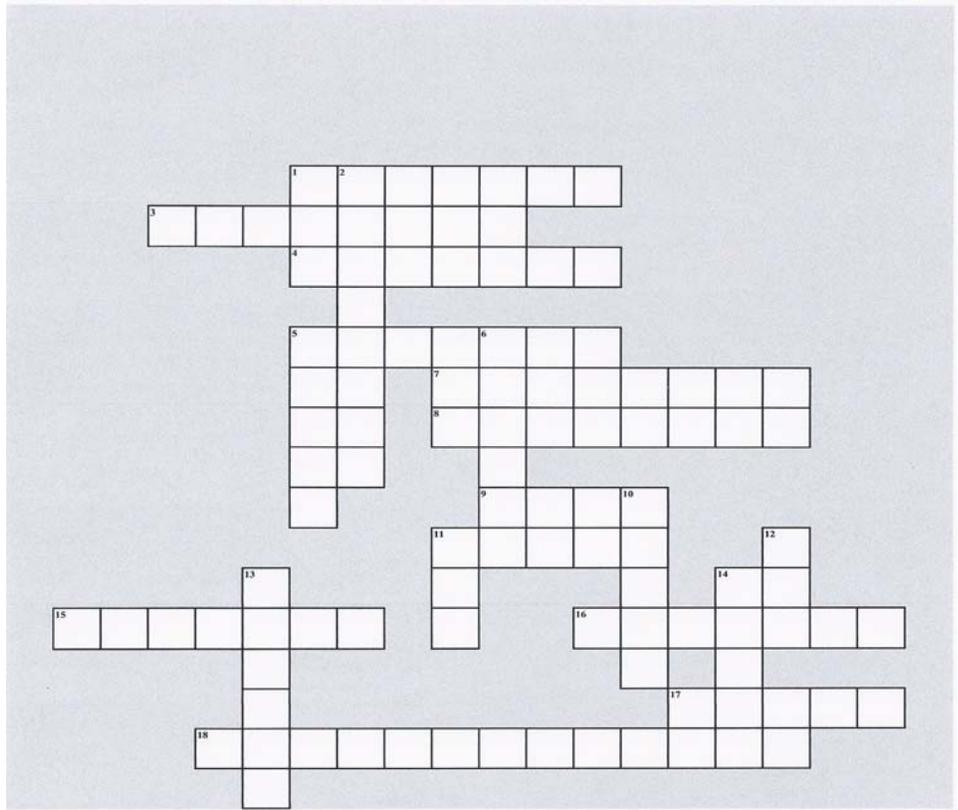
Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

The cows are giving evaporated milk.

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NAMES IN THE BIBLE



The only one who came up with the answer to last's month quiz was Kathleen. The answer is found in the third chapter of 2 Kings. The king of Israel, Jehoram asked the king of Judah, Jehoshaphat to go with him to fight Me-sha, the king of Moab. The prophet was Elisha, who told them to fill the valley with ditches.

Instead of a quiz this month I was asked to put in a Crossword Puzzle, I hope you will enjoy filling it out.

DRINKING AND DRIVING

As you well know, some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities on our way home from an occasional social session over the years. A couple of nights ago, I was out for an evening with friends and had a couple of cocktails and some rather nice red wine.

Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before: I took a cab home. Sure enough, I passed a police road block, but since it was a cab, they waved it passed.

I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise, as I have never driven a cab before. I'm not sure where I got it or what to do with it now that's in my garage.



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Across

- 1 The disciple who was a tax collector
- 3 The best friend of David
- 4 The man who used an ox goad
- 5 The chief servant of Abraham
- 7 The fourth king of the United Kingdom of Israel
- 8 The weeping prophet
- 9 The judge who was left-handed
- 11 The father of David
- 15 The prophet who saw a boneyard
- 16 The man who lived twice
- 17 The woman whose life was saved by a thread
- 18 The first to see the resurrected Jesus (2 words)

Down

- 2 The mother who became queen
- 5 The man who live 300 years but never died
- 6 The father of Zebedee's children
- 10 The one who loved the world too much
- 11 The man who needed better friends
- 12 The man who help hold up the hands of Moses
- 13 The sister of Moses and Aaron
- 14 The man who hated the Jews