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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

by Judge Roy Moore

*America the Beautiful, or so you
used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride, I'm
glad they'll never see
Babies piled in dumpsters, Abor-
tion on demand,
Oh, sweet land of liberty, your
house is built on sand.*



*Our children wander aimlessly,
poisoned by cocaine,
Choosing to indulge their lusts,
when God has said abstain.
From sea to shining sea, our
Nation turns away
From the teaching of God's love
and a need to always pray.*

*So many worldly pastors tell lies
about our Rock,
Saying God is going broke so
they can fleece the flock.
We've kept God in our temples,
how callous we have grown,
When earth is but His footstool
and Heaven is His throne.*

*We've voted in a government
that's rotting at the core,
Appointing Godless Judges who
throw reason out the door,*

*Too soft to place a killer in a well
deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill a baby
before he leaves the womb.*

*You think that God's not angry
that our land's a moral slum?
How much longer will He wait
before His judgment comes?
How are we to face our God
from Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do, but
stem this evil tide?*

*If we who are His children will
humbly turn and pray,
Seek His holy face and mend our
evil way,
Then God will hear from Heaven
and forgive us of our sins,
He'll heal our sickly land and
those who live within.*

*But America the Beautiful if you
don't, then you will see,
A sad but Holy God withdraw His
hand from thee.
AMEN!*

This poem was written by Judge Roy Moore. Judge Moore was recently sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom. After a lengthy appeal process the case has been dismissed and the Ten Commandments remain on display.

⇒ Received from Joe Downs

JUSTICE ~ When you get what you deserve.

MERCY ~ When you don't get what you deserve.

GRACE ~ When you get what you don't deserve.

LOOK FOUR WAYS

A great Italian who was renowned for his cheerful endurance of trial, when asked how he had learned such patience replied: "First, I look within me, then without me, afterwards beneath me, and last of all, above me."

He looked within and saw such guilt and unworthiness that whatever blessings balanced his afflictions, they were more than he deserved.

He looked without and saw those who had far many more problems than himself, and this made every complaint a piece of sore ingratitude to him.

He looked beneath and saw the earth, into which his body



would soon be lowered, and when all of life's trials would be over once and for all.

He looked above and saw by faith his home in Heaven, and this made the light affliction but for a moment, not worthy to be compared with the glory waiting to be revealed.

The fourfold look silenced all murmuring, and produced calm submission to God's will.

SPIRIT LED PRAYER

Kathleen Mulkins

My parents were gardeners. We always had lush yards and vegetable gardens. And not always in a neat space out back. We lived in the city and the neighbors sometimes joked about how our



front lawn needed "mowing" because of the corn and artichokes growing there. Dad in particular enjoyed involving his four children in the gardening. He could do whatever was needed faster and better... hoe faster, straighter rows, or plant seed more evenly and at proper depths but he so enjoyed us kids that he mostly loved having us help.

I can remember him patiently showing us how to prepare the soil and the different kinds of seeds we would be planting. He was patient, a natural teacher. Our rows were so crooked and uneven in depth but he would patiently show us how to do it right and even how to check the depths. He did not teach us as a group, but usually one on one as we made ourselves available to him.

Our Heavenly Father is much the same way – He can do everything faster and better than us. But He so delights in His children that He chooses to partner with us to accomplish His plans instead of do-

ing it all Himself. And when we partner with Him, we learn the right way to do things and the best way. He's patient with us and doesn't criticize our beginning efforts. The Bible says the we don't know how to pray and His Holy Spirit interprets our prayers with groans too deep to understand (**Romans 8:26**)

That verse encouraged me for years. Then one day, I wondered – suppose I let the Holy Spirit direct my thoughts and prayers instead of me telling God what I wanted. Someone put it as "being available for the Holy Spirit to pray through you". Being available involves committing time to pray and waiting for the Holy Spirit to move.

How often have I dashed into prayer or even quiet time with God with my agenda and when I've finished my agenda, dashed away without ever waiting to hear what God wanted to say to me, much less allow his Holy Spirit to pray through me. Committing the time to Him, means, I don't set the agenda, He does and that means I have to wait for Him to direct me.

One woman waited nearly an hour and said the 5 min she actually spent in prayer was so amazing she began to spend the first hour of each day committing it to Jesus and waiting for direction and it changed her life. I tried it and ended up going to

Brazil on a two month summer project and it changed my life and relationship with Jesus. In Argentina, a group went up on a hill outside their city

at night and sometimes waited for hours for the Holy Spirit to begin directing their prayers – and revival broke out with amazing stories of peo-

ple surrendering their lives to Jesus.

What would happen if we, in America, especially now, just committed one hour a day or even a week and decided to ask God to direct our prayers?



God wants so much to partner with His children, but it will take a willingness of us to commit ourselves to being available for His Holy Spirit to pray His agenda and a willingness to wait for Him to direct our prayers. If you haven't done this, a good way to start is to ask the Holy Spirit to direct your prayers and to direct your mind to the scriptures (individual verses or stories) from His Word that expresses His desires. Then pray them back to Him as they come to mind. As your relationship and knowledge of His Word deepens, you'll learn to recognize His voice verses the Impostor. Committing the time to Him and waiting for the Holy Spirit's direction will change your life. It can change our country.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.



ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 AM
& 11:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

MONDAY'S

BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION
1:00 PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAYS

SALAD AND SANDWICHES
5:45 PM
BIBLE STUDY
6:15 PM
HAS BEEN CANCELED THROUGH THE
SUMMER

SATURDAY, JULY 16th

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
9:30 AM

LADIES LUNCHEON
11:00 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 17th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th

SENIORS ON THE GO: 12:00 NOON

THURSDAY, JULY 21st

AMERICAN LEGION: 6:00 PM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
288 CARLISLE

PNA EVENTS

JULY 17th - 21st
DOUBLE K FAMILY CAMP

JULY 22nd
PNA PASTOR'S RETREAT

PNA ANNUAL MEETING:
1:45 pm

JULY 28th - 31st
DOUBLE K JUNIOR CAMP

ALL EVENT HELD AT DOUBLE K RE-
TREAT AND ADVENTURE CENTER
EASTON, WASHINGTON

ONE MINUTE CAN CHANGE A LIFE.

From Sherman Rogers' old book
"Foreman: Leader or Drivers?"

During his college years, Rog-
ers spent a summer in an Idaho
logging camp. When the super-
intendent had to leave for a few
days, he put Rogers in charge.

"What if the men refuse to fol-
low my orders?" Rogers asked.
He thought of Tony, an immi-

grant worker who grumbled and
growled all day, giving the other
men a hard time.

"Fire them," the superintendent
said. Then, as if reading Rogers'
mind, he added, "I suppose you
think you are going to fire Tony if
you get the chance. I'd feel badly
about that. I have been logging for
40 years. Tony is the most reliable
worker I've ever had. I know he is a
grouch and that he hates every-
body and everything. But he comes
in first and leaves last. There has
not been an accident for eight
years on the hill where he works."

Rogers took over the next day. He
went to Tony and spoke to him.
"Tony, do you know I'm in charge
here today?" Tony grunted. "I was
going to fire you the first time we
tangled, but I want you to know I'm
not," he told Tony, adding what the
superintendent had said.



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ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE JULY 8th & 9th



Christmas.

If you have items you would like to donate,
please call one of the following ladies and let
them know. Bev Reed (978-5935), Elizabeth
Sullivan (985) 7891.

Once again the ladies of our church will be
hosting our Annual Church Rummage Sale.
They will be gathering all sorts of things and
selling them at a very good price. The mon-
ey raised will be used to provide food and
gifts for those we help
at Thanksgiving and



BAKE SALE

YOU ARE NOT A NOBODY!

by Chuck Swindoll

1. Who taught Martin Luther his theology and inspired his translation of the New Testament?
2. Who visited Dwight L. Moody at a shoe store and spoke to him about Christ?
3. Who was the wife of Charles Haddon Spurgeon?
4. Who was the elderly woman who prayed faithfully for Billy Graham for over twenty years?
5. Who financed William Carey's ministry in India?
6. Who refreshed the apostle Paul in a Roman dungeon as he wrote his last letter to Timothy?
7. Who helped Charles Wesley get underway as a composer of hymns?
8. Who found the Dead Sea Scrolls?
9. Who followed Hudson Taylor and gave the China Inland Mission its remarkable direction?
10. Who were the parents of the godly and gifted prophet Daniel?

Okay, how did you do? Over fifty percent? Maybe twenty-five percent? Not quite that good? Before you excuse your inability to answer the questions by calling the quiz "trivia," better stop and think. Had it not been for those unknown people – those "nobodies" – a huge chunk of church history would be missing, and a lot of lives would have been untouched.

What a necessary band of men and women...servants of the King...yet nameless in the kingdom! Men and women who, with silent heroism, yet faithful diligence, relinquish the limelight and live in the shade of public figures. What was it Jim Elliot, the martyred messenger of the gospel to the Aucas, once called missionar-

ies? "Something like a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody."

ARE YOU A REASON, A SEASON, OR A LIFETIME?

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person.

When someone is in your life for a **REASON**... It is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrongdoing on your part, or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand.

What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered. And now it is time to move on.

When people come into your life for a **SEASON**, it's because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They bring you an experience of peace, or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real, but only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have

a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

Thank you for being a part of my life.

ONE MINUTE
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When he finished, Tony dropped the shovel full of sand he had held and tears streamed down his face. "Why he no tell me dat eight years ago?"

That day Tony worked harder than ever before -- and he smiled! He later said to Rogers, "I told Maria you first foreman in dense country who ever say, 'Good work, Tony,' and it make Maria feel like Christmas."

Rogers went back to school after that summer. Twelve years later he met Tony again. He was superintendent for railroad construction for one of the largest logging companies in the West. Rogers asked him how he came to California and happened to have such success.

Tony replied, "If it not be for the one minute you talk to me back in Idaho, I keel somebody someday. One minute, she change my whole life."

Effective managers know the importance of taking a moment to point out what a worker is doing well. But what a difference a minute of affirmation can make in any relationship!

One minute. Have you got one minute to thank someone? A minute to tell someone what you sincerely like or appreciate about them? A minute to elaborate on something they did well? One minute. It can make a difference for a lifetime.

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ARE YOU A COFFEE BEAN?

The answer to last month's quiz is found in chapter 11 of 2 Kings. Athaliah who killed all the royal seed except for Joash.

I think my sister, Katie was able to find the answer, I'm not sure if anyone else did.

Here is this month's quiz.

*There were many who mourned
him that day,
But I was not one I'm glad to say.
He covered his face in shame that
day
I saw and laughed at him as he
passed my way*

*It made me glad to see his shame
I spat and cursed and called him
names
I watched him stumbling down
the lane
It made me glad to see his shame*

*It wasn't long and the tables
turned
For he came back, he has
retuned
No judgment did he give me that
day
But judgment came when I went
away*

*Now my name is there for you to
see
And the name of the one who
came by me
Tell my their names, yes I want
each one
And if you're first the quiz you
have won.*

A daughter complained to her father about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In one he placed carrots, in the second he placed eggs, and the last he placed ground coffee beans. He let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

The daughter sucked her teeth and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. In about twenty minutes he came back and turned off the burners. He fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl.

He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her he asked, "Darling, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. He brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee.

She smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma. She humbly asked, "What does it mean Father?"

He explained that each of them had faced the same adversity, boiling water, but each reacted differently.

The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. But after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer

shell had protected its liquid interior. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" How about you? Are you the carrot that seems hard, but with pain and adversity do you wilt and become soft and lose your strength?

Are you the egg, which starts off with a malleable heart? Were you a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a divorce, or a layoff have you become hardened and stiff. Your shell looks the same, but are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and heart?

Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean changes the hot water; the thing that is bringing the pain, to its peak flavor reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit. When the water gets the hottest, it just tastes better. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and make things better around you. When people talk about you, do your praises to the Lord increase? When the hour is the darkest and trials are their



greatest, does your worship elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? Do you plan a "get even" scheme? Whose life have you affected to change today?

Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

II Corinthians 4:8-9 *We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.*

⇒ Received from Katie Jackson