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SLOW DANCE

*Written by
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Have you ever watched kids on
a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping
on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic
flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading
night?

*You better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.*



Do you run through each day on
the fly?
When you ask, "How are you?"
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie
in your bed,
With the next hundred chores
running through your head?

*You'd better slow down
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short
The music won't last.*

Ever told your child, We'll do it to-
morrow?

And in your haste, Not see his sor-
row?
Ever lost touch, let a good friend-
ship die
Cause you never had time To
call and say, 'Hi'



*You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.*

When you run so fast to get
somewhere,
You miss half the fun of getting
there.

When you worry and hurry
through your day,
It is like an unopened gift...
Thrown away.

Life is not a race.
Do take it slower
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

⇒ *Received from Tim Timmreck*

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives
much.

It enriches those who receive,
without making poorer those
who give.

It takes a moment, but the
memory of it sometimes lasts for-

ever.

None is so rich or mighty that
he can get along without it, and
none is so poor, but that he can
be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in
the home, fosters good will in
business, and is the countersign
of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary,
cheer to the discouraged, sun-
shine to the sad, and it is nature's
best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought,
begged, borrowed, or stolen, for
it is something that is of no value
to anyone, until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to
give you a smile;

Give them one of yours, as
none needs a smile so much as
he who has no more to give.

**USE YOUR SMILE TO
CHANGE THIS WORLD,
BUT DON'T LET
THIS WORLD
CHANGE
YOUR SMILE.**



ISAIAH 40:28-29

*Hast thou not known? hast thou
not heard, that the everlasting
God, the LORD, the Creator of the
ends of the earth, fainteth not,
neither is weary? there is no
searching of his understanding.
He giveth power to the faint; and
to them that have no might he
increaseth strength.*

THE ELEPHANT ROPE

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.



He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?

Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

NEVER QUILTS



Abraham Lincoln never quit.

Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with defeat throughout his life. He lost eight elections, twice failed in business and suffered a nervous breakdown.

He could have quit many times – but he didn't and because he didn't quit, he became one of the greatest presidents in the United States history.

Here is a sketch of Lincoln's road to the White House:

1. 1816 His family was forced out of their home. He had to work to support them.
2. 1818 His mother died.
3. 1831 Failed in business.
4. 1832 Ran for state legislature – lost.
5. 1832 Also lost his job – wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.
6. 1833 Borrowed some money from a friend to begin a business and by the end of the year he was bankrupt. He spent the next 17 years of his life paying off this debt.
7. 1834 Ran for state legislature again – won.
8. 1835 Was engaged to be married, sweetheart died and his heart was broken.
9. 1836 Had a total nervous

breakdown and was in bed for six months.

10. 1838 Sought to become speaker of the state legislature – defeated.

11. 1840 Sought to become elector – defeated.

12. 1843 Ran for Congress – lost.

13. 1846 Ran for Congress again – this time he won – went to Washington and did a good job.

14. 1848 Ran for re-election to Congress – lost.

15. 1849 Sought the job of land officer in his home state – rejected.

16. 1854 Ran for Senate of the United States – lost.

17. 1856 Sought the Vice-Presidential nomination at his party's national convention – get less than 100 votes.

18. 1858 Ran for U.S. Senate again he lost.

19. 1860 Elected president of the United States.

INSPIRATION

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: "It's impossible."
God says: *All things are possible.*
(Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired."
God says: *I will give you rest.*
(Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me."
God says: *I love you.* **(John 3:16 & John 13:34)**

You say: "I can't go on."
God says: *My grace is sufficient.*
(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't forgive myself."
God says: *I FORGIVE YOU.* **(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)**

⇒ Received from David Hamilton

ALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAY'S

BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION
1:00 PM

SATURDAY JULY 8th

MEN'S BREAKFAST @ LISA'S:
8:00 AM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:
9:30 AM

LADIES LUNCHEON:
11:00 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 16th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP & JUNIOR CAMP JULY 27th - 30th

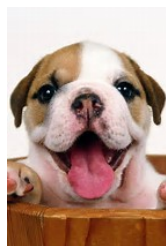
All PNA camping programs
are held at

DOUBLE K
Easton, Wash

THE HOUSE OF 1000 MIRRORS

*Author Unknown
A Japanese folktale*

Long ago in a small, far away village, there was place known as the House of 1000 Mirrors. A small, happy little dog learned of this place and decided to visit.



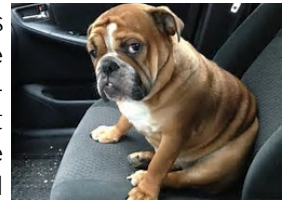
When he arrived, he bounced happily up the stairs to the doorway of the house. He looked through the doorway with his ears

lifted high and his tail wagging as fast as it could. To his great surprise, he found himself staring at 1000 other happy little dogs with their tails wagging just as fast as his. He smiled a great smile, and was answered with 1000 great smiles just as warm and friendly. As he left the House, he thought to himself, "This is a wonderful place. I will come back and visit it often."

In this same village, another little dog, who was not quite as happy as the first one, decided to visit the house. He slowly climbed the stairs and hung his head low as he looked into the door. When he saw the 1000 unfriendly looking dogs staring back at him, he growled at them and was horrified to see 1000 little dogs growling back at him. As he left, he thought to himself, "That is a horrible place, and I will never go back there again."

All the faces in the world are mirrors. What kind of reflections do you see in the faces of the people you meet?

Received from C. Joe McKnight



COMMUNITY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th

SENIORS ON THE GO: 12:00 PM

PNA EVENTS

Family Camp



July 16-20, 2017
Speaker- DAVID L. SEBASTIAN
Worship- Brandon Wilson

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



LOTS OF GOOD ITEMS
LOTS OF TASTY GOODIES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

JULY 14th & 15th

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



WHO IS RICH?



One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden



and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they

grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

⇒ *Received from Kathleen Mulkins*

Our riches do not depend on what we can achieve, but rather on the blessings God has given us.

THE BREATH OF GOD?

A friend and I enjoyed a lunch in Denver one hot afternoon. As we sat outside, the sun beat down on us, and it became increasingly hot. There wasn't a hint of a breeze, and heat radiated up from the tabletop. Nothing moved, except the waiters, of course. And they didn't move very fast, either.

After lunch Scott and I started to walk back up the mall. We both noticed a mother and her young daughter walking out of a card shop toward the street. She was holding her daughter by the hand while reading a greeting card. It was immediately apparent to us that she was so engrossed in the card



that she did not notice a shuttle bus moving toward her at a good clip. She and her daughter were one step away from disaster when Scott started to yell. He hadn't even gotten a word out when a breeze blew the card out of her hand and over her shoulder.



She spun around and grabbed at the card, nearly knocking her daughter over. By the time she picked up the card from the ground and turned back around to cross the street, the shuttle bus had whizzed by her. She never even knew what almost happened.

To this day two things continue to perplex me about this event. Where did that one spurt of wind come from to blow the card out of that young mother's hand? There had not been a whisper of wind at lunch or during our long walk back up the mall.

Secondly, if Scott had been able to get his words out, the young mother might have looked up at us as they continued to walk into the bus. It was the wind that made her turn back to the card - in the one direction that saved her life and that of her daughter. The passing bus did not create the wind. On the contrary, the wind came from the opposite direction. I have no doubt it was a breath from God protecting them both. But the awesomeness of this miracle is that she never knew. As we continued back to work, I wondered how God often acts in our lives without our being aware. The difference between life and death can very well be a little thing.

Comment: Miracles often blow unseen through our lives.

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The only ones who were able to come up with the answer to last month's quiz was Mert Horrocks and my sister, Katie Jackson. The answer is Joshua the High Priest, whose story is found in the third chapter of Zachariah.

Here is the quiz for this month, I hope you have better luck this time.

Why didn't she listen
Why didn't she hear
Why did she look
Was it because of fear.

All she had to do
Was follow one simple rule
But she disobeyed
And played the part of a fool

Many are remember with joy
The great deeds they have done
But I am very sorry to say
She is not one

You can't tell me her name
Cause it not there
But her story is found
For you to share

**GET A GRIP ON THE
WORD – READING**

KATHLEEN A. MULKINS

Recently I heard a comedian on TV make the comment that one can read a book on how to do anything – except how to read a book. Hopefully, by now, someone has told him that there is such a book. It was a book I was required to read in Seminary. It was-

n't a book on how to read the Bible. It was a book on how to read *anything* and I highly recommend it, especially because the Bible is made up of so many different kinds of writings.

The main point of the book was that a writer, any writer, writes with a specific reader, or group of readers in mind. The readers goal, then, should be to try to understand what the original writer intended the readers to understand. This applies to any kind of writing whether it is a love letter, a play, a novel, a scientific paper or the Bible.

If getting a grip on the Word is to help us know God and know what He wants us to know, then that is the approach we should take with the Bible. And any Christian has the advantage of being able to ask the original writer (God, who superintended all the writing, no matter the physical writer) to help us understand what is written.

One of the first steps in understanding what you're reading in the Bible is to understand the genre, or "type" of writing. Is it history like Genesis, Esther, Matthew or Mark? A Play such as Song of Solomon or Job? Or a letter like Romans or Philippians or Titus? Is it poetry, such as Psalms? Just as you wouldn't read a letter from a loved one the same way as you would read a grocery list, there are guidelines to understanding the different types of writings.

Then, there is the culture of the original reader. It's always important to know who the material was written for. The culture and background of the writer impacts what is written. And how the culture and background of the original



intended readers influences the writer. What assumptions did the writer have about his/her reader? Or is it a combination of them? Is it written to be understood literally

(i.e. do not lie) or is it a metaphor?

A lot of wrong doctrinal thinking comes when the reader (or worse a teacher) tries to make a literal meaning from

something that is "like" (a huge metaphor clue) something.

Reading the Bible is not the same as reading for relaxation. Active reading means you will be asking questions as you go a long, to help you grasp what the original writer wanted the original readers to understand. This may seem like a daunting task, but don't get discouraged. Always keep in mind that this is God's love letter to **you** as much as it was to original readers. He *wants* you to understand it. Just don't expect to understand it all the first time you read it (or even the 50th time). Learn to live with unanswered questions. God will reveal the answers to you at the appropriate time... if you keep reading.

Psalms 119:11 (KJV) *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

Psalms 119:105 (KJV) *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV) *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the*