



Life Lines

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Spirit of Fear?

Paul's last letter was to Timothy, Paul's son in the faith and a younger preacher who had been the apostle's companion. Read the following words carefully, and discover a problem many Christians face.

"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Tim. 1:7-8). Timothy knew the truth, but circumstances in his life had caused him to withdraw because of his fear.

Think of the many examples found throughout the Bible where God's messengers boldly stood for their God and were not at all timid to openly stand for heaven's saving message. We may not know what caused Timothy's timidity, but we know so much about others who boldly spoke for the Lord.

Elijah was not afraid to stand for truth. Who has not stood in amazement at the confrontation he had with the 450 prophets of Baal? How can anyone forget his mockery of them when Baal would not send fire to consume their sacrifice? Paul's words to Timothy describe him so well—he was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Nathan was not afraid to stand for truth. His friend, King David, had done wrong and had successfully hidden his sins from an entire nation. The king was a lying, adulterous murderer. God's messenger, Nathan, went into the presence of the king who had already shown he would kill others just to cover his sin. What difference would it make if he murdered the only man on earth who knew all the details of his evil actions? Yet, Nathan courageously said, *"Thou art*

the man." These four words could have cost the prophet his life, yet was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

John the Baptist was not afraid to stand for truth. The Jewish world knew how Herod had taken the wife of his brother, Philip, to be his own wife. John confronted the king. John told him that he had violated the law of God in his actions. The Greek indicates that this was not something he said just once, but over and over again he reminded the king of his sin. It cost John his life, but he was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Are we afraid to stand for truth? Our nation has decided that it will openly redefine marriage and kill the innocent souls in the womb. Led by ungodly men in Washington, values which once were sacred, as we sought to be one nation under God, are now cast aside. It is not that His laws are just being ignored. Laws are being passed which unashamedly permit men to mock God. How do many Christians react? With a spirit of fear, they truly are ashamed of the testimony of the Lord. We ask, *"How long, O Lord, how long?"* Are you ashamed?

-Dan Jenkins
(<http://www.churchofchristarticles.com>)

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SPIRIT
of fear

Lines for Ladies by Patty McAlister

"People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church."

Source unknown

Why do so many of us want to put the church in the back part of our lives? Is it selfishness, ignorance of His Word, or just not caring? Jesus has told us that He must be first. He must be first before our families, our friends, our jobs and all things. Putting Him first makes us all winners. He knew this when He told us to put Him first, before all things. *"And we know that all things work together for the good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"* (Rom. 8:28).

A godly life makes us more generous, more loving, and more at peace with our self and with others. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning"* (Jas. 1:17).

The Holy Spirit inspires us through the Scripture when we read and study. We must use what the word says, and not put it in the back. Our commitment should be to put the Lord's work before everything in our lives.

Putting God first will bring us a crown of righteousness at the end of this life. *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Rom. 8:38-39). What a promise for those who believe and put Him first.

This should make us want to put God first in our lives, not in the back! If we do, nothing can separate us from the love of God and His blessings!

Remember Our Sick in Your Prayers

Jan Loveless – is out of the hospital after surgery on her leg – will need lots of time and prayers to recuperate

Johnny Estes – able to be at church last Sunday on a walker!

Kathryn Lee – newborn baby of Abbey & Kyler Lee – all tubes have been removed and mom and dad have taken her home!

Melinda Robbins – suffering with a lot of pain from her cancer – needs our prayers

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson – Room #34

Juanita Whitted – Room #62

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller –Room #317

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Nubbin Boley, Jesse/Jennie Branch, Donna Chambers, Chris Chance, Jamie Churchill, Charli Collins, Rachel Curtis, Eugene Davis, Randy Ellis, Charles Ensey, Mary Grice, Leota Hickey, Joan Hudson, Rose Lee, Letson family, Daniel Loper, Jan Loveless, Anna Moore, Jeff/Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Shirley Miller, Julie Moss, Glen/Paulette Oakes, Aris Ortiz, Jr, Jackson Pierce, Cathy Pittman, Jerry Pruitt, Mike Rinke, Pat Robertson, KaLee Robbins, Bob Sims, Greg Standridge, Michael Tindall, Joan/Jon Vance, Joey Vaughn, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, Jay Winters & Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women:

Eric Richardson

D J Bandy

Expecting Mothers:

Emma Walters

Contentment

By Allen Webster

How can a man who believes "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28) not be content? Paul's trust in God's providence was a key to his contentment: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (2 Timothy 4:18). Isaiah said it long ago: "Thou does keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

Imagine being on a beach, and God asking you to make an elaborate sand castle. Imagine that this sand castle is your life; your job, your accomplishments, your achievements, your bank account, your home. So you build it. As you finally finish, you stand back to look at your beautiful sand castle, the life you've built for yourself. But just as you do, the waves begin to touch the base of the castle.

Soon the waves are destroying your castle, as you see all you've worked for, all you've poured your life into, turn back into sand. You cry out, "Stop. It's my castle," and you try to stop the waves, but the ocean is far too powerful. But then you remember, you only built the castle because God asked you to. Which is more important? The castle you've built or God, the One whom you were trying to please by building the castle? That's the question we need to ask ourselves every day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Devo for the month of February will be on Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 pm at the home of Joyce Helton.

Announcement!

Registration is now open for all of Camp Caudle summer camp sessions. If you already know that you will be signing up your children/grandchildren for one or more sessions, now is the time to do that. If you sign up during the month of February you can get an Early Bird Discount. And if registering 3 or more children, you qualify for another discount. Please check out the website for more information or email them at info@campcaudle.org.

Please bring pudding, Pop Tarts and Little Debbie's for the Russ Bus ministry.

AREA EVENTS

CHRISTeens will be February 24 – 26.

This year's program will be held at The Center for the Arts at the Russellville High School. All teens are encouraged to attend. See Brent Hottinger or Chris Moss

Invitation

You are invited to come and help celebrate Patty McAlister's 80th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 26th at the fellowship hall. Come and go from 2–4 pm. It will be hosted by her three daughters, Cyndie, Julie, and Amie. No gifts please, but she does love cards.

Bro. Phil Sanders will be holding a gospel meeting at the Downtown congregation in Morrilton from March 5-8. Services will be each evening at 7 pm.

February Birthdays

- 04 Lewis Lambert
- 08 Mary McAlister
- 09 Juanita Whitted
- 11 Keri Letson
Kristen Nordin
- 15 Zachary Shelton
- 16 Rachel Curtis
- 17 Larry Mahan
- 19 Carolyn Bennett
- 20 Kaci Rood
- 21 Julie Moss
Ethan Collins
- 22 Eugene Davis
Lealah Robinson
- 23 Pat McAlister
- 24 Earl Kennedy
- 25 Bobbi Robbins
Angela Widner
- 27 Caleb Chance
- 28 Theresa Motley

Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

*Convention Dates:
April 14-16, 2017*

Theme:

*"All that you say to me I will
do" Ruth 3:5*

*Bible Bowl Books:
Ruth, Esther, Job*

*If you have any questions
contact Chris Moss.*

THOSE TO SERVE

February 19th, 2017

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

William Boley
Rick Hollis

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Dan Cloud
Donny Forehand
Earl Stamps
Gary Williams

Scripture Reading

Sid Womack

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Alan Boatright
Brent Hottinger

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger

Greeters

The Elders

Next Business Meeting

March 13th, 2017

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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