



Life Lines

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If God Be With Us...

"What shall we say then to these things? If God be with us, who can be against us?-- Romans 8:31

As I think on these words spoken by Paul, my thoughts go back to Joshua chapter 14. Caleb is 85 years old and is facing the tremendous task of defeating the sons of Anak. Hear him as he says, "If the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able...". Hear the Psalmist as he tells us, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear" (Ps. 118:6). Listen as the Psalmist says, "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid: (Ps. 56:11). What a soul stirring thought for you and I to entertain today. Sometimes in this life we

find ourselves in situations that cause our hearts to be greatly troubled, times in which we are challenged with problems large and small. So long as we remain in the love of God we can depend on him to grant to us the measure of courage and strength to keep us safe whatever the trial or burden that is troubling us. How beautiful are the words spoken by our Lord to his disciples in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Turning to John 14:1, we hear Jesus as he tells us; "Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe in me also."

We are weak, frail human beings and because of this there will be those moments when we will become discouraged; but so long as we have the touch of the Master's hand

on our hearts we will not be defeated (Rom. 8:37-39). In His hands we are safe. He is the fountain from whence all blessings flow and with our confidence in Him, we will not fail.

Being safe in the arms of Jesus, we can believe and embrace Romans 8:28 with all our being, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose". No matter what trial besets us we have a mighty arm on which to lean, one that will strengthen and guide us safely on our way (Ps. 46:1, Phil. 4:13, Heb. 4:14-16). The Lord is our hiding place and in him there is safety and security (Ps. 27:5, Ps. 23). I pray that God's tender love and care will always surround you as you make your way down the pathway of life.

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Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

It doesn't always happen, but we expect our good friends and close neighbors to support us in our endeavors. Often, when a home team or an individual wins an award, the hometown has a parade or at least a celebration for them when they return. They are proud of their team and want them to know. Most everyone comes out to participate and show support and appreciation.

There was no celebration in Nazareth. Although Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He was raised in Nazareth. However, He didn't begin His ministry there. It seems He began in Capernaum. He had been teaching and healing there. If we wonder why He didn't start in His hometown, we find out later. Presumably, about a year later, we hear of Him telling His hometown folks... "no prophet is welcome in his hometown" (Luke 4:24).

After entering Nazareth, He begins reading from Isaiah in their synagogue. They seem to like what they hear at first. As some mention His being Joseph's son, their demeanor seems to change. They thought as Nathanael said "Nothing great can come out of Nazareth" (John 1:46). Especially not from a humble household!

Jesus starts quoting from Old Testament scriptures. He tells them that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time when there was a severe famine in the land. Yet God did not send Elijah to any of them. He sent him to a widow in Zarephath in Sidon. Also He told them there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet none were cleansed – only an officer of Syria, Naaman (Luke 4:25-30).

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Remember Our Sick

Leonard Medlin friend of Liliya and Rex – has started chemo treatments

Meredith Whitted – surgery scheduled for December

Greg Widner – recovering from recent hip surgery

Liliya McDaniel – improving every day

Yolanda Greenway- back at UAMS, trying new stem cell treatment

Myra Ballinger undergoing chemo treatment.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: Billie Nichols

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson

Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Juanita Bird, Donna Chambers, Jamie Coffman, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, Sarah Ensey, Johnny Estes, Mary Grice, Joyce Helton, Leota Hickey, Melba Horton, Braden Lambert, Rhonda Lambert, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Chip Porter, Mary Stamps, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Eric Richardson

Expectant Mothers:

Beckie Clark

Special prayers for Jonathan and Sheila Holland in Nicaragua in the loss of their adoptive daughter.

The Life of Christ, 1
A Supplement by David Roper
Truth for Today commentary
(p. 407)

Luke 4:16-31

Jesus was rejected in His own hometown. How did Jesus deal with this? What enabled Him to meet and conquer rejection? How can we handle rejection when it comes our way? Here are seven suggestions related to this text. He was able to deal with rejection because:

1) *He anticipated it (Mk 8:31; Lk 17:25)*

2) *He had a special relationship with God. (Lk. 4:18)*

3) *He attended synagogue services regularly. (Lk. 4:16)*

4) *He knew the Scriptures. (Lk. 4:17)*

5) *He knew who He was and understood His place in God's plan. (Lk. 4:21)*

6) *He was committed to doing right even though He might be rejected. (Lk. 4:16)*

7) *He never allowed rejection to discourage him to the point of quitting. (Lk. 4:31)*

In our text, Jesus was not rejected by the world, but by men and women who claimed to be God's people. He was not rejected in the marketplace, but in a building dedicated to the worship of God. Let us determine that no one will ever keep us from being what we should be and doing what we should do. With that kind of commitment to the Lord, we can handle whatever rejection life may bring.

(continued from column 1)

After hearing this, the people in the synagogue were enraged! How dare He mention Gentiles in their midst! They planned to kill Him, but He slipped away. Just as He told them... "no prophet is welcome in his hometown."

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

October 15th, 2015

@ 6:30 pm

Hostesses:

Julie Moss and

Karen Womack

@ home of Julie Moss

Thank You!

A big Thank You to all those who cooked and all those who helped serve and clean up at the CCSC potluck last week. It was greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION:

Our Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 25th. We will have services at 5 pm with a meal and trunk or treat to follow. For more info please see Chris or Amanda Besterfeldt. Make plans to be there!

Area News

There will be a Gospel Meeting at Oppelo on October 18-21 with David Riley of Mars Hill doing the speaking. Services on Sunday will be at 9:30/10:30/1:00. Services on Mon-Wed will be @ 7pm.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ

Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8

Bible Stories and

Activities

Ages 1 thru 3

Nursery Class

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...
James 1:17*



Lawn Care

October 17th

Rick Hollis, Michael and William Robbins

October 24th

Chris Besterfeldt and Gary Williams

October Birthdays

13	<i>Kelley Chance</i>
	<i>Cyndie Loper</i>
15	<i>Heath Forehand</i>
16	<i>Bonnie Vinson</i>
22	<i>Kelsi Hottinger</i>
	<i>Emma Letson</i>
23	<i>Blake Walters</i>
24	<i>Ticia Rainwater</i>
27	<i>Carin Vaughn</i>
31	<i>Kevin Nordin</i>

Sorry! We missed birthdays for Erica Widner and Piney Meadows on October 1st.

We have 4 adult classes on Sunday Mornings. Please choose one and join us in learning more about God's Word!

In the Auditorium

Chris Loper - teacher

Study of Genesis

In the Basement

Merrell Shoptaw - teacher

Study of I Corinthians

In the Kitchen

Donny Forehand-teacher

Commonly asked questions about the church

In the Ladies Class

Diane Walters #1 - teacher

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

THOSE TO SERVE

October 18th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Marion Helton
Michael Robbins

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Rick Hollis
Shawn Price
Sid Womack
Walt Davis

Scripture Reading

Gary Williams

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Sid Womack
William Boley

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

November 9th, 2015

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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Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt

Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

Rex McDaniel

Chris Moss

Michael Robbins

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