

ARTICLES BY OTHERS

CATALOG

WORKPLACE FAITH

Sunday meetings are not always the best index to your faith. Your workplace is. That's where your faith is tested daily.

THE TRUTH IN BROKEN GLASS

The piercing truth of my own guilt sliced into me. Like many who came before, I too am a burglar. In the broken window, I see my reflection. So many times I am the one robbing God.

KEEP STRIKING THE STONE

Ever feel like throwing in the towel?

Most folks feel that way at times. Maybe you've worked, fretted, and given yourself to a relationship, a job, or a cause that doesn't go your way. You are caught between conflicting desires; you feel like giving up on the good things, the right things, even as you hold onto the wrong things. Feeling like giving up is a universal human experience, even for Christians!

GOD IN A BOX

We build elaborate and expensive boxes — calling them auditoriums, sanctuaries, cathedrals, worship centers and a host of pious and important sounding names — and focus incredible amounts of attention on what happens in them. We develop a mindset that suggests that if we can get our weekend worship event done correctly, we're set for the week and have punched our ticket for heaven.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN, IN EVERY NATION, CAN DO DURING THIS TIME OF WAR

In light of the present war between the United States and Iraq, along with the accompanying world unrest and concern, what can we as individual Christians do?

TALKING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT WAR, TERRORISM, AND THE NEWS

Guidelines for talking with children of all ages.

FORGIVEN!

Has someone tried to interfere with a promotion or advancement in your company that you deserved? Has someone spread unkind rumors about you? Have you been wronged by someone in a business deal? What kind of person are you when these kinds of things happen to you?

HOPELESS?

Have you been betrayed by your spouse? When the unthinkable becomes a reality... When the greatest source of security becomes a place of insecurity and fear... When a heart once full of dreams and hope is crushed and battered... Where do you turn? Where can you go to recover from the devastating pain of an affair?

NEW BODIES AND CLOSE CALLS

When the universe was created, God brought order out of chaos. I remember one writer saying that God is going to hold us "spellbound" when he culminates his work in the full transformation of all of his people into the same dimension as his Son. We will have "ring-side" seats so we won't miss any of the action.

GAME OVER

Let's stop playing the game that costs so much and leads only to death. The Comparison Game ended on the cross, the moment the spoken words left our savior's mouth

FINDING THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

We cry out to God, "LORD, just show me you're there ... show me that you are real, something more than just a lot of talk from a bunch of religious phonies!"

WHAT A RELIEF! I DON'T NEED TO BE GOOD ENOUGH

We will choose God's power to give us strength to fight temptation, not our will power. We will be depressed by our sins but like a boxer, we will only be temporally knocked down but never knocked out. We will be disappointed in our unchristian attitudes, but never in despair about them, knowing our Lord forgives us our sins. We will suffer spiritual setbacks, but bounce back because Christ is all-sufficient and ever present. Our emotions may be a roller coaster but our certainty will be the fact that God is for us.

DEALING WITH ANXIETY WITH THANKSGIVING

Years ago my husband and I were going through financial problems, and I was distraught with worry. Then I read Philippians 4:6-7, which told me not to be anxious about anything, but to bring everything to the Lord in prayer with thanksgiving.

SLOW DOWN AND LIVE

Our life is fast. Too fast most of the time. When was the last time you slowed down? Slowed down for the purpose of understanding God a bit better?

THIS PRAYER'S FOR YOU!

This is for the single mom who struggles to repair a light fixture, and gives up because the toilet bowl is overflowing.

This is for the guy who gets the pink slip after years with the company and wonders when and how to tell his family.

DARED TO HOPE

Do you sometimes feel like a common plant where only hardy plants can grow? God has a word for you. He says that He chose the foolish ones of us in this world, the most common of us, to shame those who are worldly-wise.