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MELVA'S CORNER



TIME TO STOP RELIVING THE PAST

There are things about the past worth remembering. What is it we say about the people who don't study history? They are destined to repeat it?

The Bible frequently counsels us to remember the faithfulness of God in the lives of faith's heroes — and in our own. "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your works of old" (Psalm 77:11). A prodigal son's memory of home saved him from death in a pigsty. And what did Jesus say about the bread and the wine? "Do this in remembrance of me."

But learning from the past and holding to certain memories with appropriate gratitude is quite different from crippling remorse over the past. Or paralysis by fears rooted in the past. Or even sentimental longing for a past that never was.

A 100-year-old time capsule from a high school in the State of Washington was opened on July 21 with high expectations. State dignitaries assembled with school officials to open "a window to the past" when the capsule was removed from the cornerstone laid in 1909 at the Weatherwax High School Aberdeen.

Here was the headline given the group's disappointment when the story was posted online by CNN.com: "Opened time capsule turns up crud." All the photos, newspapers, and other items had turned to a gooey mess.

I'm often amazed at people who waste time longing for the "good old days." Which ones? The pre-indoor plumbing days of a hundred years ago? The racism of the 1950s? The days before recent medical advances that saved your life?

Could they mean the pristine days of Jesus and the early church? But there were those that hated, lied about and murdered Jesus! And the first-generation church was plagued by heresy, immorality, and division. Mmmm. Maybe we have been inclined to long for the good old days that just never were.

Living in the 'past' creates a distorted view of reality. The idea that people were happier, work more virtuous, Christians more spiritual, or families safer are simply a myth. For people whose lives are centered in God, the best days are always now. Living in the past, on the other hand, forfeits today's opportunities and tomorrow's blessings.

So resist the temptation this week to long for what once was. Pray instead to live in hope, walk by faith, and rejoice in God's promises for today. 📖

GAS PRICES ARE STARTING TO GO
UP AGAIN

You can make a difference if you care enough.

LET'S STAY VIGILANT



Have you contacted your representative yet?

<https://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for the month of **October 2009**. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

Home Bible Workshop Schedule

Come and Join Us!



October 17th and 31st
Home Bible Workshop
5:00 P.M. CST

The Message....
"God's Plan for You Is Perfect"

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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



HOPE

LOVE

FAITH

STRENGTH

COURAGE

Promote awareness among family and friends. Be aware and show you care. If you are a woman over age 40 have a mammogram every year. Encourage the women you love to do the same.

Be aware and show you care.

THE GOD EFFECT OF PRAYER

6:00 P.M. Hour of Prayer



SPEND TIME PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Use this wonderful supernatural tool the Lord has blessed us **with the 6 o'clock hour of power**. This is the time to intercede for the needs of others, the concerns of the ministry, and to pray for the leadership within our community, our nation, and our world.

Hearts throbbing as one, prayers ascending to heaven multiplied by those praying in **one accord**. Sharing burdens, joys, and petitions to bear. Lay all your cares at the foot of the cross and encourage others to do the same. Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening.



PARTNERSHIP COMMITMENT

THANK YOU partners for doing your part. You are truly a blessing to McClain Ministries. Your faithful commitment and support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet made a commitment to partner with us for **2009**, please ask the Holy Spirit to speak to and guide your heart about it. If you will do your part God will do His part.

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WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Just a thought regarding these now-infamous town hall meetings on health care. We have gone from an August of madness in many of our towns and cities into September where we have brought the same incivility into the Halls of Congress.

Honest conviction is a good thing. Whether on health care, terrorism, or the education of our children, my concern is that what 'some' are passing off as "my strong conviction", on a given subject, seems nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction and partisanship. Blatant Racism. Bumper sticker mentality and uncontrolled shouting. Where is the serious testing of ideas?

Let me illustrate: Someone speaks in favor of national health care and an angry soul rises to shout "Commie!" Another speaks against government-run options in health care and is heckled as a "right-wing nut job."

It has gone on in religion far longer than in the current debate about health care. How many Protestant and Catholic neighbors have disliked each other or kept their children from playing with each other because of their church allegiance? How many Baptists are called "dunkers" or Methodists "liberals" for nothing more than their denominational membership? And how many times has an atheist been called "godless" and "immoral" or a believer dismissed from a conversation as a "religious fanatic" or "anti-intellectual"?

There is a wonderful gift God has given human beings that sets us apart from the rest of creation. It is rationality – the

ability to synthesize information. It isn't synonymous with having a "brain," for worms and squirrels and dolphins have brain mass. It is the ability to sort through ideas and weigh arguments. It is the skill of testing and fact-checking, speaking and listening, analyzing and learning. Yes, actually **learning** something.

In your office or home, with people from your church or neighborhood, show the respect to others that allows you to hear them out. Listen to understand and weigh, not to find a weak spot to attack. Go beyond slogans and code words to make a reasonable case for your point of view and to be sure you grasp the real core of the contrary or contradictory side.

Learning is a good thing. Admitting someone else has a legitimate point of view doesn't require you to yield yours. Finding out you were mistaken and then changing your mind on something isn't weakness. With a reputation for fairness and listening, you may even win someone to your point of view.

"Put things to the test, and hold to what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

DOWN – BUT NOT OUT!

The words tenacity and persistence kept coming up in my spirit today and it reminded me of a story I once heard.

Seven horses were entered in the Feast of St. Raymond Novices' Chase at Southwell, England. I don't know anything about "St. Raymond," but what happened that day may just qualify him as the Patron of Unlikely Victories. The favorite in the race was a horse named Family Business. Jockey Tony McCoy was in the saddle and set to ride Family Business over the course to victory.

Things went reasonably well until a mistake on the tenth of seventeen fences sent Tony

McCoy flying. He landed on the muddy ground, threw off his helmet in disgust and started walking his horse off the course. Glancing up occasionally at the other horses and riders, he saw first one and then another slip on the wet turf. To make a long story short, not a single one of the original seven covered the course without tumbling. It looked more like bowling than a steeplechase!

"I started walking back toward the weighing room," said McCoy, "and there was one less standing every time I looked. I thought maybe I should get back up and see what happens." So, four minutes after being thrown, he got back on Family Business, rejumped Fence 10 and completed the 3 1/16-mile course. Tony McCoy wound up the winning rider — although with an incredibly slow time. He was more than four minutes slower than the average time for races run on the same track, but tenacity and persistence proved to be more important than speed that day.

Discouraged over the economy? Frustrated with a job search? Having problems in your family? Has a relationship broken down? Suffering from a major spiritual setback? Has an old addiction resurfaced to throw you?

Being thrown doesn't mean the race is over or that you're through. You have the thrilling option of getting up again and finishing your course.

Here is what the Bible says: "Though a righteous person falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought low by calamity" (Proverbs 24:16).

Life can be nasty at times. We bring a lot of it on ourselves. Some of it seems to come from nowhere. All of it is dangerous to our spiritual well-being. Then we find out that God has come among us. He has

been tested by the very same things we are facing. He overcame it all — even death. And today He encourages you to hang in there and promises to stand with you in your most difficult moments.

"We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality . . . So let's walk right up to [Jesus] and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help" (Hebrews 4:16, The Message).

The most successful person you know probably isn't the smartest, best looking, or most talented in the world. But he kept showing up. She believed in her dream. He stayed with it. She wanted it badly enough to keep trying.

A winner is one who meets the challenge of the day, every day.

WATER WALKERS

In my quiet time yesterday, I read about Peter walking on water. The disciples had gotten into a boat and were going to the other side of the lake. It was night and Jesus appeared as they were going over, walking on the water. Matthew 14:28-31 says, "And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!' And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'" Many of us would focus on the part where Peter sunk because of his doubt. The part that amazes me is that he did walk on water. Too many of us like to stay in the comfort of the boat. The other thing we like to do is point out the failure of the ones who tried to step out of the boat and failed. I think God is looking for some water walkers today.

What are you stepping out into that seems impossible? Peter had a desire and Jesus told him to 'come'. I believe that God has put some incredible dreams in our hearts, but we are afraid to step out. All of this made me think of how we should approach our leap of faith.

First of all, be sure it is God who is speaking. This may be challenging because we don't always hear His voice as clearly as we would like. Also be careful of looking for confirmation from others the impossible may not look possible to them. So pray about it and do your best to follow His will.

Second, we can rest in the fact that we have a God who will show us mercy and rescue us if we don't succeed.

Third, I believe that Peter actually showed the others in the boat that walking on the water could be done. We need men and women of faith that are willing to lead others in believing God for the impossible.

Stepping out of the boat to walk on water may seem scary, but it is also exciting. I love to see it when someone steps out and achieve the impossible. "To God be the Glory for the great things He has done." 📖



Higher Mountains...Higher Praises

FULL OF PRAISE
Melva McClain

I am so full of praise these days. And what I am finding is that there is tremendous power in praise. A constant state of gratitude produces praise. And praise produces abundance. When we maintain our joy in an attitude of gratitude - we will be victorious in everything we lay our hands to. Some wonderful – literally

impossible things have happened to me in the past six (6) months. I attribute these wonderful blessings to maintaining a continuous state of gratitude. I will share some of these wonderful blessings with you soon.

GRACE & MORE GRACE
Eddie Mae Hooker

I am sure you recall that we were praying for Eddie Mae's "Insurance Lady", Grace, a couple of months ago. Grace was concerned about losing her job. There are two insurance ladies (Grace & Dale) and only one job. Eddie Mae gave them both a 'Prayer Book'. The two ladies join forces and prayed together from the book. And praise God, the company has decided to realign the territories they cover and keep them both. Hallelujah!

Our sister Eddie Mae also reports she had a Colonoscopy done Thursday, September 24th and all went well. She wants to give God praise for the outcome of the procedure.

Click here for the online Prayer Book:
[For Adults - Prayer Book](#)

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES
Jackie Tyler

Jackie's six (6) year old granddaughter, Kiersten, was diagnosed with "Swine Flu" the first week in September. When taking her to the doctor Kiersten sang praise songs the entire way. She was given a prescription for Tamiflu.

When they arrived home, Kiersten asked her grandmother if she had to lie down. Jackie responded, "Why do you ask?" Six (6) year old Kiersten's response was perfect, "because I'm healed."



PRAY FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA



Continue To Pray

Bringing our President and our nation before Almighty God is the very best thing we can do to support our nation and its leaders. Seeking to uphold our leaders and those they lead, patriotic Americans have found prayer to be the surest way to bring positive change to our world. Together we are fighting the spiritual battle that threatens our religious freedoms and our personal well-being. Politics, events and popular culture can change and even alter the very fabric of our nation. But God does not change. When we appeal to Him in prayer, He hears us and answers our prayers in accordance with His perfect will. He hears and answers the prayers of His people for our country.

- Pray for the protection of Israel amidst the increasing threats of Iran and destabilization of the Middle East. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has raised the stakes against Israel by describing the Holocaust as a lie, just as world powers are trying to decide how to deal with the nuclear ambitions of an Iran in political turmoil.
- Pray for the continued freedom of our educational system to teach a curriculum that honors our Christian heritage as a nation. Last month the House voted in favor of the biggest overhaul of college aid programs since their creation in the 1960s -- a bill to oust private lenders from the student loan business and put the government in charge. The vote was 253-171 in favor of a bill that fulfills nearly all of President Obama's campaign promises for higher education: The measure ends subsidies for private lenders, boosts Pell Grants for needy students and creates grant programs designed to improve college graduation rates, among other things. Ending loan subsidies and turning control over to the government is designed to save taxpayers an estimated \$87 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

- Pray for the safety of American troops as more are deployed into combat in Afghanistan. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Thursday that he has ordered the deployment of as many as 3,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to meet what the top commander there has described as pressing security needs. The additional troops, who Gates said were requested by Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, are not part of units designated to be deployed under President Obama's original orders to send 21,000 more service members to Afghanistan this year. 📖



INSPIRATIONAL REFERENCE FOR THE MONTH



Who is it that is victorious over [that conquers] the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact]. I John 5:5 (Amplified Bible)

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HOW TO OPERATE IN "REAL FAITH"



I have wanted to publish this message for sometime. It has been in my spirit for over a year. Recently I finally begun to wrap words around this very fundamental principle that, I believe, will lead to a very lengthy discourse. So let's get started shall we.

"Faith" translated from the Ancient Greek word "pistis" has several meanings including "conviction", "assurance" and "to wax confident".

The opposite of Faith is "doubt" and it is with doubt, at some level of consciousness that people perform the Law of Attraction exercise and wonder why they are not successful.

Doubt is very powerful, it drives negative emotions that effectively blocks or retards the creative process - opposing Faith.

Real Faith is the Divine Force of Expressing into our Experience anything that we can imagine.

Jesus made this point time and again:

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." (Luke 17:5-6)

And:

“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” (Matthew 17:20)

Throughout the Bible you will find similar references to Faith and Belief.

Before you can operate in real “Faith” you must accept that you are a divine aspect and channel of God - with all of the same creative powers. You must “Know” that God will provide absolutely anything, without limitation by virtue of your own freewill. You must “Believe” beyond all doubt and with complete conviction, confidence and assurance that you already have that which you desire.

The more we realize God ‘within’ and thereby our own unlimited powers of creation - the more powerful we become co-creators with Him.

Keep in mind that what may seem large to you, like the new home of your dreams, is nominal to the Creator of the glorious Universe with its trillions of diverse stars and planets, all of which were "imagined and spoken" into being by Him.

But at the same time always remember - our true abundance is not in our material things without, but our magnificent treasure within:

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. --Luke 12:32-34

By "bags which wax not old" Jesus is stating the powerful truth that the true treasure, the treasure that is eternal, is within. So we should not initially seek ephemeral material possessions without, but rather the Kingdom of Heaven within. In essence, you must create it from within before it is manifested without. Seek first the Kingdom of God.

So what more then can we say about the real nature of Faith? This is what Dr. Robert Russell has to say about it, which I believe represents an excellent overview:

"Did you ever contemplate the things that happen through Faith—not the things that could happen or the things that might happen, but the things that do happen, the things that are happening NOW?"

Where Did Faith Come From?

You were born with the characteristic of Faith, for it is inherent in us.

Protected from the moment of your conception, you emerged into the world with the expectation of continued security.

You accepted the loving care of your parents—food, shelter, guidance—without question.

You not only accepted but demanded in a loud imperious voice the things that gave you emotional and physical comfort.

You took your first steps in confidence in the loving hand that held you and you were not too discouraged by a few bumps and tumbles.

You smiled and expected a smile in return.

Today you walk, drive or take a bus to work, expecting to arrive at your destination all in one piece.

You accept a job, expressing Faith in your potential.

You marry with Faith in the one you have chosen.

In other words, you have Faith in yourself and that is actually Faith in the Spirit of God within you.

You eat food prepared by countless hands that you never see and wear clothing made by persons you will never know.

You trust the taxi driver to take you to your destination, the barber to shave your face and the cook to prepare your meals.

How do you know that the taxi driver won't take you to some out-of-the-way place and hold you up?

Or that the barber will not cut your throat?

Or that the cook will not poison your food?

Because of your Faith in your fellow-man and that too is Faith in the one God, who according to Paul, is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Three Gifts Are Yours.

When man walked out from God's finished thought, he bore three gifts:

Life: Energy, Animation - by which to live.

Mind: The power to reason, select, understand, and know, by which to become aware of God and his environment.

Faith: Trust, confidence, assurance by which to penetrate the invisible and to hold God's promises until they are realized.

What Is Faith? The King James Version of the Bible says:

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Moffatt translates the words in this way:

“Now Faith means that we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see. What powerful words: evidence, assurance, conviction, substance”!

Faith is a magnetic power that attracts the answer to your prayer. Results do not come by chance, accident, or fate. They are moulded by your Faith in your power through God.

Faith is the glass under the faucet; it is the water wheel under the fall; it is the windmill adjusted to the wind; it is the sunflower facing the sun; it is the ear at the telephone.

Success reduced to its lowest and simplest terms is Faith expressed in action.

Faith is a mental attitude against which there is no possibility of contradiction. If that attitude is directed toward God, it becomes your ability to do anything.

When you pray, you have a right to expect an answer to that prayer, providing your conviction is in line with the nature of God.

Your Mind, however, must be so convinced of this concept, it must so completely accept it, that contradiction or denial is impossible.

When you have absolute Faith, there is nothing left in you to contradict your prayer.

Faith is the bridge between the physical and Spiritual world. You have the privilege of crossing on at will.

Faith not only makes old things new, but it is the point of contact between God and man.

Faith is the means by which we identify ourselves with the Allness of God.

Through our Faith, God fulfils His promises.

Through our Faith, His Good becomes visible and usable.

Faith holds the idea of desire in Substance until it takes form.

Faith is the most dynamic and transforming force known to mankind.

To become mighty in the individual, Faith needs only a chance to exercise itself.

As students of Truth, we must work for the highest and most complete state of Faith, for Faith is the wire along which Omnipotence moves. In that state, there is no longer anything in us to deny, doubt, or divide the Truth that we affirm.

We shall never perfect our Faith by merely talking about it, reading about it, waiting for it or

wishing for it; we perfect it by applying it to every phase of our living, to the little as well as to the big problems in our lives.

Faith is not just a stirring-up of the imagination.

Faith is an actual power which acts upon our words.

Faith enables us to see things as God sees them, without blur or distortion.

Faith not only leads man into a definite course of action but opens the way for the Power to flow along the uncongested circuits of his thought. No longer hampered by doubts, fears, and worries, man becomes, as Emerson says:

“The inlet and the outlet for all that there is in God.”

The highest Faith is whole, continuous, triumphant, and victorious. It admits no contrary evidence, no fear, no opposition, no separation, and no limitation.

Hope says that it could happen or it might happen.

Faith says that it will happen.

Faith is the moving force in all creative processes.

Faith is the agent of healing, of prayer, and of demonstration.

Faith is the power to accomplish all things through Christ. All things are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

The man of Faith experiences Wholeness. “Thy Faith hath made thee whole”, said Jesus to the woman who touched His garment in search of healing, to the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, and to the leper who returned to give glory to God.

Faith is an Individual Power.

Why did Jesus pinpoint thy Faith?

Why not the Faith of someone better trained or better equipped spiritually than you recognize yourself to be?

He was showing us that the whole process takes place within the individual Consciousness first, within my Consciousness if I am seeking the rewards of Faith, within yours if you wish to experience Wholeness.

Why do we ask for another's help?

Why do we have practitioners?

When the evidence of the senses seems to overpower us, when we cannot see reality through the cloud of false evidence, we are often compelled to seek the help of one whose vision is not obscured by our problem.

But unless we meet the Faith of the helper with one-hundred percent agreement, we are no better off than we were initially. Our Faith is still essential.

The Answer Precedes the Problem.

Do you remember the place in which Jesus could do no mighty works because of their unbelief?

Could healing not have taken place in Nazareth?

The Truth is that “the works” were already done spiritually in that place as they are in all other places, but they had to await the recognition of the people involved before they became visible on the material plane.

Do you see now why it is your Faith that makes you whole?

Faith makes you whole because in reality you are whole already.

Your Faith simply acts to reveal that which already is. The works come automatically to the heart that believes.

We do not see the Law of Faith, but we know its power by what it does."

It should be clear therefore that Real Faith is one of the most important of all Universal Principles, especially in the context of Expression of our Individual Experience. Taking time to meditate on and understand the real meaning of Faith will be profoundly valuable, especially in conjunction with other Fundamentals of the Principle of Expression which we will continue to discuss in forthcoming messages.

The introduction of the Principle of Expression is already available in the first chapter of the manual below and is a prerequisite to understanding subsequent messages:

[FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS - DOUBT CREATES THEM](#)



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