



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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Scriptures that Changed the World

Wednesday evenings at FH various individuals are encouraging us by sharing how a particular Bible verse has changed their world. First to share was Tim Costello, who reported how two verses in tandem have been deeply significant for his life. The Scriptures are:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
Lean not on your own understanding,
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will direct your paths. (Prov 3:5)

For God did not give us a spirit of fear
But of power,
and of love,
and of self-control (2 Timothy 1:7)

Tim disclosed a number of ways the two Scriptures have shaped his walk, moving him from fear based living to more and more trust which the Lord answers by truly directing his paths. Tim mentioned how walking more in the Lord's power made for the need to balance power with love and self-control. As could be expected, Tim's verses led to a good discussion as others added examples of how the verses had also impacted their lives.

PROVIDENCE (Not Just a City in Rhode Island)

"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45)

A God without dominion, providence, and final causes, is nothing else but fate and nature. Alexander Pope

The longer I live, the more faith I have in Providence, and the less faith in my interpretation of Providence. Jeremiah Day

Providence is the unceasing activity of the Creator whereby, in overflowing bounty and goodwill, He upholds His creatures in ordered existence, guides and governs all events, circumstances, and free acts of angels and men, and directs everything to its appointed goal, for His own glory. J.I. Packer

The lazy and rather cowardly idea—cowardly because it lacks the courage of radical thought—that God would concern himself only with the broad outline of the course of events and not with the details, is striking by its absence. As far as Scripture is concerned, God is expressly interested in faithfulness in little things as well as in great undertakings. -Henri Blocher

God knows our sin beforehand, but He does not will it; nor does He commit it; and yet it does not happen apart from His will. Emil Brunner

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD. Proverbs 16:33

"God is to be trusted when His providences seem to run contrary to His promise. God promised David to give him the crown, to make him king; but providence turns contrary to His promise; David was pursued by Saul, was in danger of his life; but all this while it was David's duty to trust God. The Lord doth oftentimes, by cross providence, bring to pass His promise. God promised Paul the lives of all that were with him in the ship; but now the providence of God seems to run quite contrary to His promise; the winds blow, the ship splits and breaks in pieces; and thus God fulfilled His promise; upon the broken pieces of the ship, they all come safe to shore. Trust God when providences seem to run quite contrary to promises." - Thomas Watson

"Sometimes providences, like Hebrew letters, must be read backwards." - John Flavel

I once asked a hermit in Italy how he could venture to live alone, in a single cottage, on the top of a mountain, a mile from any habitation? He replied, that Providence was his next door neighbor. Lawrence Sterne

Providence has at all times been my only dependence, for all other resources seemed to have failed us. George Washington

The God who knows you best knows the best for you. Woodrow Kroll

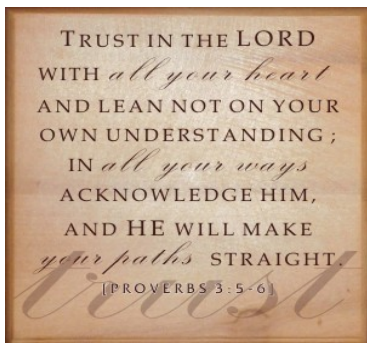
Providence is the Creator's graciously Upholding-Preserving-Pursuing-Molding His creation such that the Striving-Growing-Bending-Folding of His creatures work together for His glory in fulfillment of the aims of Christ Jesus His Son. Lance H

"Destroy all creatures for thy sport or gust, Yet cry, if man's unhappy, God's unjust." —Alexander Pope

Providence is wonderfully intricate. Ah! You want always to see through Providence, do you not? You never will, I assure you. You have not eyes good enough. You want to see what good that affliction was to you; you must believe it. You want to see how it can bring good to the soul; you may be enabled in a little time; but you cannot see it now; you must believe it. Honor God by trusting Him. Spurgeon

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 NASB)





PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Requesting travel mercies for many on the road
- Lord's healing hand on Jule Meddars; Shannon & Liz' fathers
- Refresh us with Your Spirit as the rains refreshed this week
- Lord we desperately need wisdom
- Colby and Tanner both soon off to college
- Thanks to the Lord for return of many from their trips
- Let us cast our cares on You knowing You care for us
- Bless Lord the ministry of every member here
- Lord thank you for showing your love to Muslims
- Insight for those who teach, help & counsel
- Thank You for Your Mercies new every morning
- More power, more love, more gratitude in our hearts
- Please continue prayer for Luke G, diagnosed with VSD (a small hole in the heart.)
- Lord help us reach out & reach up & be reached by You

A CONTENTMENT SQUARE FROM JEREMIAH BURROUGHS (1651)

THE EXCUSES OF A DISCONTENTED HEART

1. 'I am simply in touch with my pain'
2. 'I am troubled by my sin'
3. 'God withdraws himself from me'
4. 'It is people's bad treatment that troubles me'
5. 'I never expected this affliction'
6. 'My affliction is so great'
7. 'My affliction is greater than others'
8. 'If affliction were any other, I could be content'
9. 'My afflictions make me unserviceable to God'
10. 'My condition is unsettled'
11. 'I have been in a better condition'
12. 'I have already been through great pains'
13. 'At least I do not talk about my discontent'

THE EXCELLENCE OF CONTENTMENT

1. By it we give God his due worship
2. In it is much exercise of grace
3. The soul is fitted to receive mercy
4. It is fitted to do service
5. It delivers from temptations
6. It brings abundant comforts
7. It gets the comfort of things not possessed
8. It is a great blessing on the soul
9. A contented soul may expect reward
10. By it the soul comes nearest God's excellence

THE EVILS OF A MURMURING SPIRIT

1. It argues much corruption in the soul
2. It is the mark of an ungodly man
3. Murmuring is accounted rebellion
4. It is contrary to grace, especially in conversion
5. It is below a Christian
6. By murmuring we undo our prayers
7. The evil effects of murmuring
8. Discontent is a foolish sin
9. It provokes the wrath of God
10. There is a curse on it
11. There is much of the spirit of Satan in it
12. It brings an absolute necessity of disquiet
13. God may withdraw his protection

DIRECTIONS FOR ATTAINING CONTENTMENT

1. There must be grace to make the soul steady
2. Do not grasp too much of the world
3. Have a call to every business
4. Walk by rule
5. Exercise much faith
6. Labour to be spiritually-minded
7. Do not promise yourselves great things
8. Get hearts mortified to the world
9. Do not pore too much on afflictions
10. Make a good interpretation of God's ways to you
11. Do not regard the fancies of other men
12. Do not be inordinately taken up with the comforts of the world



2011 Calendar					
EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church Intercessory prayer for anyone					
EACH WED 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study					
DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION		WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
July 10	Ronna King	July	Dawn	July 13	Ocie/Shannon
July 17	Cecile Allen	August	Costello	July 20	Pat/Karen
July 24	Kathy Grimenstein	Sept	Garner	July 27	Pizza
July 31	Jane Ann Myers			Aug 3	Sarah/Kathleen
Aug 7	Lois McAlister			Aug 10	Liz/Dawn
Aug 14	Mari Ann Farmer	(Sub-Grimensteins)		Aug 17	Linda/Lois
Aug 21	Pat Gil	See Jim Grim with questions.		Aug 24	Ocie/Shannon
Aug 28	Sam Lamborn			Aug 31	Pat/Karen