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**Sunday:**  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service

**Wednesday:**  
6:00 Hula Practice  
7:00 Worship Practice

**Thursday:**  
6:30 Bible Study

**Friday:**  
5:30 Feed the Homeless  
(1st Friday / monthly)

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***We are a growing church in a growing community.  
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## ***WALKING BY FAITH***

The scriptures frequently speak about the "Christian walk" as a description of believers' behavior. For example, we are told to walk as children of light, walk in the truth, walk according to the Spirit, and walk in love. Colossians 2:6 uses this expression to give us an important command: "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." The question we must ask is, What does it mean to "walk in Christ"?

Here, the word "in" does not have a literal usage, like "the hammer is in the toolbox." Rather, it refers to a vital relationship—a union between the believer and the Lord. Just as a wedding marks the beginning of a new relationship for a man and a woman, receiving Christ as Savior commences an intimate fellowship between the Lord and His follower. What God desires is not simply to forgive sins, but to develop a close and ever-deepening personal relationship with each of His children. He wants us to realize that the Son of God is the source of everything—Jesus Christ is to the believer what blood is to the human body: indispensable to life.

Therefore, "walking in Christ" refers to a dynamic relationship with the Lord. Just as it is impossible to walk while standing still, believers are either moving forward in their Christian life or falling backward. The key for how to make progress is found in that same Colossians verse: "As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." How did you and I receive Christ? By faith. In order to be born again, we trusted the testimony of the Word of God. The Christian life is to be "walked"—or lived out—in the same way.

Most people are guided by their natural senses, but that is not effective because from our human viewpoint, we are unable to see the big picture. Instead, our heavenly Father wants us to trust Him daily for whatever need we may have. That is why followers of Jesus Christ are to "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). We must take the first step by faith, and then another, not knowing exactly where it will lead us, but trusting that our omniscient, loving God has our best interest in mind. To walk in faith means having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that results in trusting Him for every circumstance of life. When we consistently live with that kind of confidence in the Lord, we will believe He will do what is right and what is for our benefit every time, without exception.

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## ***GOOD NEWS MESSENGER***

***"Go into all the world, and give the Good News to everyone." (Mark 16:15)***

### May

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| 2  | Feed the Homeless | 5:30  |
| 4  | Communion         | 10:00 |
|    | Council Meeting   | 11:00 |
| 11 | Worship           | 10:00 |
|    | MOTHER'S DAY      |       |
| 18 | Worship           | 10:00 |
|    | Potluck           | 11:00 |
| 25 | Worship           | 10:00 |
| 26 | MEMORIAL DAY      |       |

### Happy Birthday!!

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|------|-----------------|
| 5-06 | Rusty Summers   |
| 5-17 | Jenica Chartier |
| 5-21 | Helen Theobald  |
| 5-24 | Doris Mock      |
| 5-26 | Christie Yamada |
| 5-28 | Jim Likes       |
| 5-29 | Christian Parr  |

### Happy Anniversary!!

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| 5-17 | Pete & Catrina Yaksic |
| 5-17 | Earl & Cleofe Bicar   |
| 5-19 | Bob & Karen Flabetich |

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## ***THE MOTHER JESUS IGNORED***

Rev. Glenn Armstrong, D.D.  
April 23, 2008

### **MATTHEW 15:21-28**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Some are taught to pray to Mary the mother of Jesus by being instructed that Jesus would find it hard to ignore a mother; certainly not His own mother. However, Jesus did ignore a mother and did so for a purpose. It is true that in the end He granted the desire of the ignored mother, but still He did ignore her. Actually, He also ignored His own mother at times.

There is a lot to learn from a very short passage recorded by Matthew in chapter 15:21-28. As I write, 100 women are being held in state custody along with 400 children. One-fourth of the world still considers women of little more valuable than animals; spousal abuse is as serious as it is scary to the police who have to go to the homes where it is taking place; ladies in Moslem worlds are often publicly beaten for appearing in public or not wearing their imposed coverings; kids of every kind and every age are disrespectful to those who gave them life—and the future looks worse.

No one with common conscience can treat women with anything but total respect! Woman is the very highest work of God in this created universe—she can give birth to human life! Yet, the disciples and seemingly Jesus ignored the Syrophenician plea

for help and did not care about the healing of her daughter.

Why? Why did the disciples try to chase the woman away, and why did Jesus ignore her? Why?

***"I am not sent but to the house of Israel," Matthew 15:24***

#### **I. THE LOCATION, 21**

The location of the event in this part of the life of our Lord took place in the coast lands of Phoenicia, on the northern coast line of the Mediterranean Sea. The word "Syrophenician" implies a person from Syria living in the coastal area of Phoenicia. This is the first time Jesus ministered in a Gentile country, a fact that is significant to the conversation between the lady, disciples, and Jesus. The location accounts for the conversation. The location is very close to where Jesus had fed five thousand and openly displayed His eternal creative power.

In addition to the location of this passage, Jesus had just been confronted by the Pharisees and Scribes who complained about His refusal to keep all their social/religious laws (1-11). Jesus in the same manner complained to the disciples about their dullness and lack of faith and understanding of spiritual matters (12-16).

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## THE MOTHER JESUS IGNORED...continued

### II. THE LADY, 22

The lady in this text is not Jewish but Syrian. Because of this, she addressed Jesus the first time as the Son of David, more in acknowledgement of His lineage rather than His royal Messianic title. The title would have little or no meaning to this Gentile woman.

Doubtless, she had heard about the many miracles of healing, walking on water, feeding thousands, etc., done by Jesus. Many of the miracles of Jesus took place on the northwest corner of the Sea of Galilee within about ten miles of the Phoenician border. The lady's daughter was suffering terribly, and she was in despair when she came to a Jewish leader for help and healing of her Gentile daughter. The woman is to be commended for her unusual faith. Her faith crossed the lines of religions and gods.

The lady understood her daughter to be demon possessed. Demons are defined in the scriptures as fallen angels who now work under the leadership of their chief—Satan. Being inhabited and dominated by demons is fuel for the critics of Christianity. At the same time, it is a subject that Christian leaders often neglect or about which some major as if they are more powerful than Satan. Both are wrong, resulting in the seriousness of demonic activities not being taken seriously. Jesus did not take this subject lightly, nor should anyone else.

The lady had spiritual perception both in knowing the cause of her daughter's terrible problem and by bringing the problem to Jesus.

### III. THE LORD, 23, 24, 26

Our Lord came to earth for a specific purpose. As much as we would like to think He was here to help everyone with every care, He nonetheless came to fulfill Old Testament prophecies regarding the Messiah and to ultimately pay for sin. It is not that He didn't care about everyone and their immediate earthly needs; it is more that He cared about their eternal heavenly needs.

In spite of much misinformation from powerful preachers, Jesus did not heal everyone on every occasion and

at times healed only one among many as at Pool of Bethesda for example, John 5:9; Mark 8:25.

In this text Jesus seemed reluctant to help the lady. He, in fact, did not answer her. When He finally did, He said His mission was limited to none but the "house of Israel." His disciples wanted her sent away without aid.

There seems to be a change in the disposition of Jesus when it is said that she "worshipped" Him by saying, "Lord, Help me!" Both the title and the prayer touched the Lord. When she called Him Lord the second time it was not because He was the Son of David, but because He was her Lord. Her prayer is very vital—"Help me!" Every believer who has lived very long for the Lord has learned that this short prayer is always given attention by our Lord, God.

I have been preaching, teaching, lecturing, broadcasting and speaking full time as a minister for fifty-two years. During that time I have spoken nearly once a day or somewhere about 18,000 times. What is significant about this for me is that I am afraid of people and do not like being in front of anything for any reason.

One of my first memories of attempting to preach as a teenager was at a rescue mission in downtown Detroit, Michigan. It was a hot August evening with about 250 alcoholics present. Clearly, they had not come to hear me preach, but rather to get a meal and for ten cents, a place to sleep in the flop house—the second floor of an old warehouse. I remember walking to the pulpit as scared as a young man can be and praying, "Lord Help Me!" "Please! Help me!" I have never preached since without praying the same words. For about 18,000 times I have prayed this panic pray and still do as an old man. I pray this prayer every time from my seat to the pulpit, "Please help me one more time!"

A side memory of that night at the rescue mission was that a lot happened. In the middle of my message a rather large lady in the balcony picked up a man, body slammed him in the center aisle and began to beat the tar out of him. I got more interested in the fight than in my message myself. It took two bounders to pull her off and save the victim from a humiliating defeat. It was hard to preach when the crowd was cheering the lady and booing the

## THE TRUTH EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW

I know a woman whose mother taught her to pray Psalm 23. As a child, she would often giggle as she thought about the safety and security of King David's words. It was a serious psalm, but her mom always made the message of truth so real and fun.

When she was older, she found herself praying this same psalm but with different emotion—her recited words were now filled with a sense of desperation. She had drifted in her love for God, and her life was in turmoil. One question haunted her every step: Would God lead her through the valley of regret and back home to His heart? She believed He would because of her mother's faith.

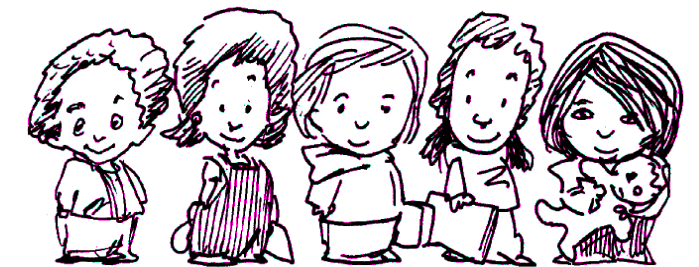
How do we pass our faith on to our children? Many parents insist on giving their sons and daughters the latest of everything—video games, clothes, and cars. Sadly, however, when it comes to the things of God, they often hesitate for fear of appearing outdated or too serious. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

While a child may seem to ignore the godly lessons you are teaching, he is not missing a word. Later, when the bottom of life drops out, as it does at some point for all of us, he will remember what his mother taught him and cling to it.

If you have children, I want to remind you that no material thing can compare with your love and involvement in their lives. Whether you are a single mom or a mother who is struggling under the pressure of a very demanding schedule, God wants you to know He will give you the strength and wisdom to raise your children. He will use your godly influence to shape and mold their character.

No matter how appealing the trappings of this life may seem, the greatest gift you can give your children is the truth concerning God's love for them. This is foundational to everything else. If they know that God loves them and that He is faithful, then they will learn to trust Him at every turn in life.

Dr. Charles F. Stanley  
In Touch—May 2007



## GUIDE WITH LOVE

My mom was just staying with us for four weeks. Usually she comes just before Christmas for two weeks. This year, my siblings and their families decided to visit for the first time, and she planned her trip around that. My mom is a planner, to "guide things along". She wanted to make sure all had a great time and activities were planned. She worried about it and planned right until the last family left. All that because she loves us, and she wants the best for us. Now at times, we teased mom because she had to have her hand in it all; but as we all know, mom knows best. We also know that God knows the ultimate best!

**Psalms 48:14: For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide, even to the death.**

God is much the same way. He guides us each day, and we want to be sure that what we are accomplishing is glorifying Him. We also want to be sure that what we are teaching our children is what is right. He loves us so much! We should pass on that love and guidance. When we go to share our own wisdom with another, we need to remember to do that with loving kindness. We hope that the receiver is willing to receive our instruction with the same love and kindness. Whatever end we are on, receive with gratitude and give with love.

**Proverbs 9:9: Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man and he will increase in learning.**

Mom's ways are usually right. Well, as a youngster we did not quite think that way. Now, you think back and say to yourself, she was right! Just as God is the ultimate guider, Mom was there along the way guiding us and showing us her unconditional love. She showed us what was right from wrong, what worked best; we went to her for counsel, she told us what to do, we asked how to and she said this is how. We do the same with God. We ask for His love, His counsel, His guidance. We trust that He will pave the way for us.

**Isaiah 28:29: This also comes from the Lord of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.**

We find ourselves guiding people each day in our lives. Work, school, church, our family. Each day there is an opportunity to guide others in their lives. Others ask us for our guidance. Though at times we would rather not, we may feel we are not qualified to do so or just don't want to bother. We should remember that no matter what, just as God does, guide with love, patience and kindness. Most importantly we need to tell those we guide that whatever we do, it will glorify God; it will make him proud, and the more we know about Him the more our heart wants to do His will.

**Colossians 1:10: That you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

Being responsible for guiding others, in no matter what capacity, is not easy. Just remember to teach with love, guide with patience, and know God will be with you all the way.

### A POEM FOR MOMS

**Thank you mom for loving me and guiding me each day,  
Although sometimes I made it hard, you lovingly showed me the way.  
You taught me God could guide my ways and gave me a good start.  
I love you mom; I thank God for you from the bottom of my heart.**

To all Mothers, thank you for all you do each day. You are so appreciated and loved. May God bless you and your families.

~ Beth Wright

## THE MOTHER JESUS IGNORED...continued

bounders. I still remember the name of one of the several men who came forward to receive Christ that night, and I have prayed for him often during the years.

Learn to pray, "Lord help me" and pray if often. The Lord wants to help you, and a short panic prayer will always be heard by Him.

### IV. THE LOGIC, 27

I may sound wrong, but I do think that God encourages believers to present logical requests. Even stranger, it does seem that many of the great leaders of the scriptures often argued with God in their thoughts in their prayers.

This lady picked up on the Lord's parable that defended His coming to Israel and not to Gentiles by counter arguing that Gentiles also needed His help and could be believers. She was a Gentile, a believer; and because of this came to Him as her Lord. Her logic was in agreement with the Lord's and took His truth to an additional conclusion that included her and her daughter. The Lord listens to logic, especially when it is accompanied by an action of faith.

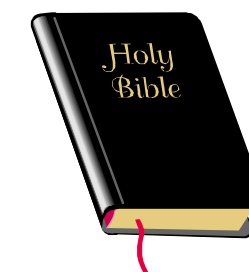
### V. THE LESSON 28

Faith and prayer are inseparable parallel actions. One will be built out of the other, and each will produce more of the other. The more we have faith (trusting the total trustworthiness of God), the more we will pray. The more

we pray and see God come to our aid, the more faith we will have.

The woman's faith was great, and the Lord honored her request by delivering her daughter from demonic control. Everyone can have faith, but great faith trusts God for help when there is no supportive evidence that He will answer our prayers and aid our efforts.

- Don't give in to overcoming and overwhelming obstacles.
- Count on God's surpassing generosity and desire to help you.
- Faith functions in a real spiritual world by functioning in the current material world.
- Become a person of "grit" combined with grace. Grit is courage and the capacity to endure.
- Jesus helped the lady, but tested her faith. Helping her was the very thing He came to do. Delay is not denial.
- Her suffering was vicarious (for another) and so was Jesus' at Calvary.
- The lady did not stop even when the disciples discouraged her.
- Make intelligent presentations of your petitions.



## FAITH FOR THE FUTURE

Major progress is being made in the construction of our new worship center building. After months and months of delay in getting approvals from the county, state, and even federal agencies, we are not actually constructing a building. Additional delays have appeared by waiting on inspectors, getting additional drawings and engineering revisions, etc., and have made construction slower than we want. However, the footings, floors and walls are now being put in place.

The outside block walls are now ready for the second pour. We can lay block up six courses with both vertical and horizontal rods and then pour the walls with solid cement. We are now ready to pour the second six courses today and begin our third section. This will be only three courses, and the full 10' walls will be finished. We will lay the end gables that go another 17' high. The electrical rough-in is progressing at the same rate we are laying block.

The steel trusses are being manufactured, and the wood trusses are being assembled locally. We should be starting the roof by the middle of May. The windows are on

the island and other special items; such as colored glass windows, lighting fixtures, carpeting, tiles, 400 auditorium seats, and 150 matching chairs are being ordered.

We praise the Lord for the two million dollars that have been graciously given to the Faith for the Future Building Fund. We ask you to please continue to pray for the additional five hundred thousand dollars that will be needed to complete and equip the building; provide two parking lots; install required water, sprinkling systems, fire hydrants, and landscaping; and finish the thirty-five items required by the county before an occupancy permit can be granted.

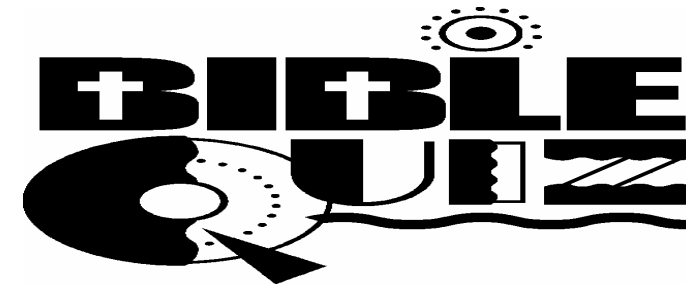
I am often asked when the entire building program will be finished. The answer is that our goal is to be finished in late fall. Hopefully, we want to be ready for final inspections in October or early November. This depends on sufficient funds, unexpected delays and inspections, etc.

Please keep praying.

~ Glenn



## QUIZZES FOR YOUNG & OLD



### *A Mother of Noble Character*

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

Mother's Day and Father's Day are at hand, so the calendar reminds that even the secular world pays its respects to the divine commandment, "Honor your father and your mother." The Bible gives us examples of wise and compassionate parents, as well as much useful advice.

1. What mother-to-be was told that she had "found favor with God"?
2. Who gave this bit of advice: "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged"?
3. In Mark 5, what loving father begged Jesus to come and heal his daughter?
4. What saintly man regularly offered sacrifices on behalf of his seven sons and three daughters?
5. Which of the four Gospels contains Jesus' parable of the prodigal son—which might also be called the parable of the forgiving father?
6. Who praised the mother of Rufus, "who has been a mother to me, too"?
7. Which book's final chapter is a description of the perfect wife and mother?
8. The apostle Paul had high praise for Eunice, the faithful mother of which of Paul's followers?

- 1** "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2** "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3** "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4** "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5** "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6** "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7** "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

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| ___ Caring      | ___ Godly  | ___ Prepared  |
| ___ Hardworking | ___ Hearty | ___ Priceless |
|                 | ___ Kind   |               |

ANSWERS: 1. Mary, mother of Jesus (Luke 1:30). 2. Paul (Colossians 3:21). 3. Jairus (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43). 4. Job (1:5). 5. Luke (15:11-31). 6. Paul (Romans 16:13). 7. Proverbs (chapter 31). 8. Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5).

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly