



The Believer's life has up and down moments...

If you are not going through anything, you are spiritually dead.

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THE WORD IN REVIEW

"Seasons of Storms"

Sunday August 13, 2023

Jonah 1-4
Hebrews 13:5
Matthew 8
James 1:3-4
Psalms 83:15

H - Holding
O - On
with
P - Patient
E - Expectations

Have you ever ran from God, thinking that you could never do what He has required? We are in "Hurricane Season" now. We must go through seasons of storms.

A **STORM** is a **violent disturbance of the atmosphere** with strong winds usually accompanied by rain, thunder and lightning.

Spiritually, there are three types of storms that a believer will face in his life. The first is **A Correcting Storm**. Correcting storms are as a result of our disobedience. Jonah was sent by God to preach to the people of Nineveh but instead he rebelled.

When we run out of the will of God, He places us in the centre of a correcting storm. This storm clears away the destruction that we were about to end up in, and correct our disobedience.

As the storm came up around Jonah, he was thrown overboard then picked up by his very own sea taxi and vomited out on dry land. The correcting storm puts things back into perspective. **"Take the correction", "learn the lesson, because the storms are not nice"**.

The second type of storm is the **Protecting Storm**. This kind of storm is designed to protect us from ourselves and from the enemy.

Matthew 8 tell us of some of the great miracles that Jesus performed. After that He removed himself and his disciples from the space. This storm shifts us from where we are to where God wants us. There will be times when we will be used mightily by God, however, lest we should begin to boast when we are praised, the Lord may engage us with a storm of this sort to refocus our minds. It washes, refreshes and replenishes us. The enemy also cannot abide this kind of storm. ***So pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your storm.*** (Ps 83:15)

The **Perfecting Storm** is one of the hardest storms we go through. Designed to perfect us. ***"because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*** (James 1:3-4). There are things in our lives that are built on the wrong foundations. This storm will redo the foundations and re-establish us upon the truth of God through submission. Job went through this type of storm. ***...surely I spoke of things I did not understand...*** (Job 42:3).

Regardless of the category of storm that we are facing, Jesus is with us. **He will take us through and the storms will do what they were designed to do.**

Presented By:
Pastor Charles Chin Fah En

For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. Isaiah 51:3

I decree and declare that the steadfast love of the Lord will comfort us according to his promise in Jesus name. Psalm 119: 76

I decree and declare blessed be the God even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort will comfort us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble. By this comfort, we ourselves are comforted of God in Jesus name. 2 Corinthians 1: 3,4

I decree and declare that blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted in Jesus name. Matthew 5:4

I decree and declare that as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil, for thou art with us, thy rod and staff will comfort us in Jesus name. Psalm 23:4

I decree and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace , shall comfort our hearts and stablish us in every good word and work in Jesus name. Amen.

2 Thessalonians 2: 16, 17.



Financial Management and The Church

Finances in the church have been a sore point for decades and thus require proper management. To be fair, finances in general require proper management irrespective of the sector. However, I believe the difference is that we (saints/church) should be different from the world and therefore set examples of purity, honesty, and fiscal responsibility so as not to deter individuals from the Kingdom of God. Everyone will indeed give account for their sins and actions but the bible also tells us to go into the nations and make disciples of men. We cannot do this by exemplifying the world, being unethical in our practices, and not showing the difference between being joint Heirs with Jesus and being a part of this world.

It is to be noted that financial management in the church transcends offerings and tithes and involves everything involving receivables and payables of cash or kind. It is critical everyone who handles these affairs is vetted and proven to be trustworthy. With everyone, we need God's wisdom to guide us. We should not be fooled as to think the devil and its ways cannot walk among us in church. In John 17 Jesus prayed to God for protection in the area of unity as he knows that division and segregation in the church causes the devil to dance.

By MIT. Donrossi Simpson

WEALTH



Zephaniah 3:17 [KJV]

The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Life can be stressful at times. I have found that taking a walk in the garden, around the park or just enjoying the beauty of nature gives us a sense of wellbeing. The peace of God settles on us and we can enjoy and thank God for His beautiful creation. Just as we find pleasure in God's garden of life so too, He finds pleasure in us, His Children.

Zephaniah 3:17 tells us that our LORD the Great and Mighty God is with us. He Saves us and Rejoices over us with Gladness. Then He Calms us with His Love. But He goes a step further and Rejoices over us with Singing. What a Mighty God we serve.

So as we go into this coming week, we will encounter stressful situations but remember this. God is with You. He is there for You and You give Him PLEASURE.



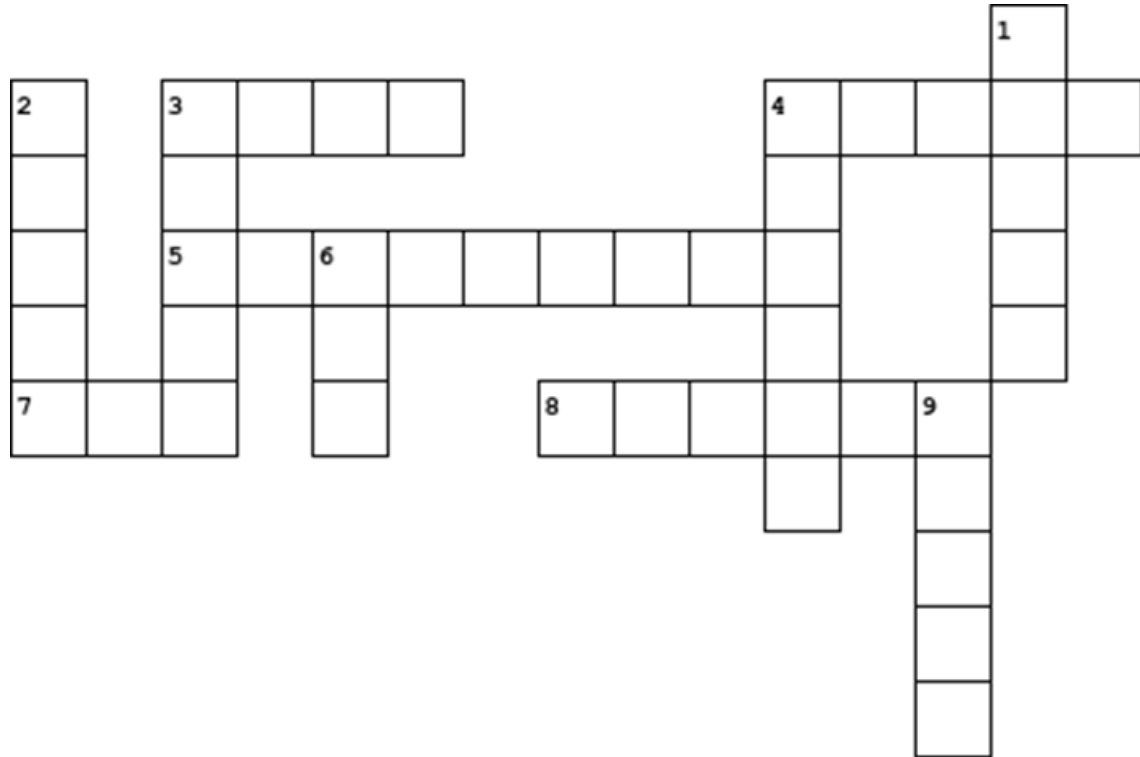
HALLELUJAH!!! What a SAVIOUR.

SHALOM

By Grace Beckett



Crossword Bible Puzzle



Children's Page

Across

- 3. Who was Jacob's first wife?
- 4. Give the name of Abraham's wife.
- 5. Where was Jesus born?
- 7. How many lepers did Jesus heal?
- 8. What was the name of Jacob's favourite son?

Down

- 1. Who was Solomon's father?
- 2. Where did the angel tell Joseph to go in order to save baby Jesus?
- 3. Give the name of Jacob's uncle.
- 4. He was a prophet and a Judge in Israel
- 6. How many daughters did Laban have?
- 9. Who was king when Jesus was born?

By Min Norine Johnson



Trusting God Part 2

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Do we trust God enough to keep our eyes closed while we strictly relying on him?

Perhaps we say that we trust God but it is only lip service or while we peep through one eye wondering or thinking how something will play out. If only God was like man, in Isaiah 55:8 the Lord declared that His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither His ways ours.

To this end, if we have things all figured out or all planned out, there is no need for God in our lives. Do we want to live a life full of uncertainties? We can choose to trust God while we wait on things to happen.

He is an 'On Time God' who works out things for our good. Let us refrain from quarrelling with God because things did not turn out in the way we wanted it to.

As we enter into a new season of our lives, we are reminded to trust God more and not lean on our own understanding (thoughts) in any given situation.

By MIT. Charmaine Thomas



Greetings

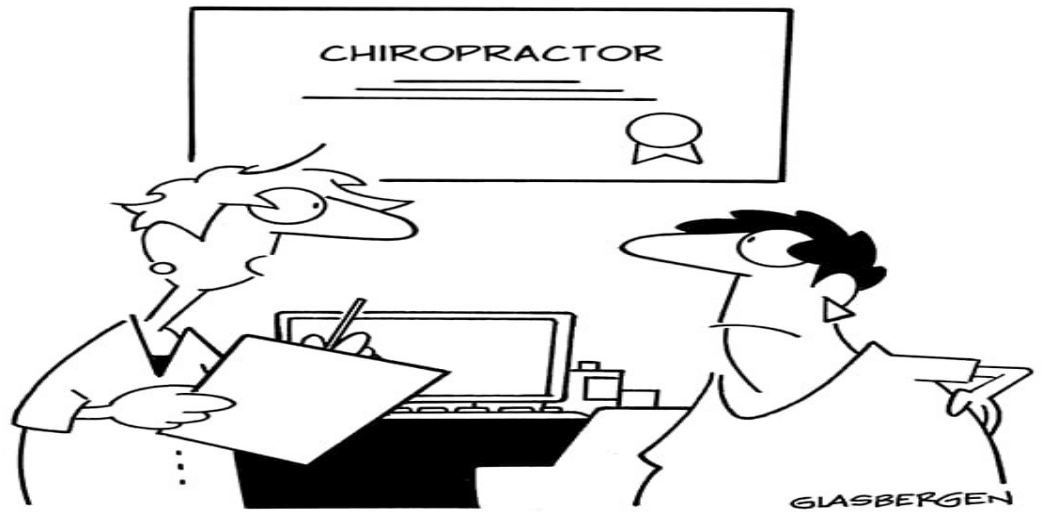


Beauty for Ashes

Our ideas have absolutely nothing to do with God's reality and His plan for us. God won't change His truth to fit our ideas. But, God knows what's true. He isn't swaying the truth on our account. It really doesn't matter what anybody thinks God ought to be like. It doesn't matter what we think He ought to do or say. God is who He is. He said what He said.

He made a plan for our salvation, deliverance, abundance and healing through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It isn't up for negotiation. You either take it or leave it. Have a blessed week!

By Min. Loveta Knight



“Any number of things can cause a backache. Did any of your children step on a crack recently?”

Health & Fitness

Greetings brethren. I trust you're all well. Here with more fitness tips and bits. I want to continue last week's discussion on lower pain.

Now, with the exception of you experiencing trauma to you lower back meaning you got hit, you fell or met in some kind of accident which hurt your spine, hip or lower back region, also excluding you having some sort of medical condition such as scoliosis, sciatica or bone degeneration, Muscle fatigue and tightness are the main cause of lower back pain. If you have been in an accident or have a medical, anatomical or physiological issue you **NEED** to see a licensed doctor for help.

Outside of trauma or medical conditions lower back pain is caused by lower body muscles tightening up and/or becoming fatigue.

The issue stems from the hamstrings (back of thigh) or calf muscles tightening until the tightness and fatigue spreads upwards to the glutes (Butt muscles) and finally begin tugging on the lower back. When it gets to the lower back the pain you experience is literally your body saying something is wrong and it has been for too long. This is because your back muscles aren't supposed to be supporting your lower body muscles like that. Hence the pain. At this point you need to fix said problem.

As I stated previously, the remedies are exercise, stretching and resting.

In the meantime Remember, diet and exercise doesn't have to be hard, it just needs to be done.

By MIT. Dario Dowie



Abraham

Originally Abram, the first great Patriarch of ancient Israel and primary model of faithfulness for Christianity. The accounts about Abraham are found in Genesis 11:26-25:11.

Abraham's story begins with his migration with the rest of his family from Ur of the Chaldeans in ancient northern Babylonia (Gen. 11:31). He and his family moved north along the trade routes of the ancient world and settled in the flourishing trade centre of Haran, several hundred miles to the north-west.

While living in Haran, at the age of 75 Abraham received a call from God to go to a strange, unknown land that God would show him. The Lord promised Abraham that he would make him and his descendants a great nation (Gen. 12:1-3). The promise could seem unbelievable to Abraham because his wife Sarah (called Sarai in the early part of the story) was childless (Gen. 11:30-31; 17:15).

But Abraham obeyed God with no hint of doubt or disbelief. He took his wife and nephew Lot and went to the land that God would show him.

He moved through Shechem and Bethel in the land of Canaan. Canaan was a populated area at the time, inhabited by warlike Canaanites; so Abraham's belief that God would ultimately give this land to him and his descendants was an act of faith.

Because of a severe famine in Canaan, Abraham moved to Egypt for a short time (Gen. 12:10-20). During this trip, Abraham introduced his wife Sarah to the Egyptians as his sister to avoid trouble. Pharaoh took Sarai. The Lord plagued him and his house because of her (Gen. 12:17), so she was returned to Abraham.

Upon his return from Egypt, Abraham and his nephew, Lot quarreled over pasturelands and went separate ways (Gen. 13:8-9).



Lot settled in the Jordan River valley, while Abraham moved to Canaan.

After the split, God reaffirmed His promise to Abraham (Gen. 13:16).

Apparently Abraham headed a strong military force by this time as he was called "Abram the Hebrew" (Gen. 14:13). He succeeded in rescuing his nephew from the kings who had captured him during their raid of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

In Genesis 15 the Lord reaffirms His promise to Abraham. The relationship between God and Abraham should be understood as a covenant relationship. The most solemn sort of arrangement in the ancient world.

By Min. Stephanie Ellis

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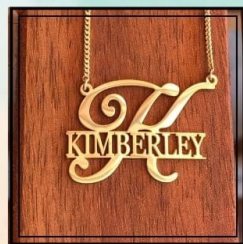
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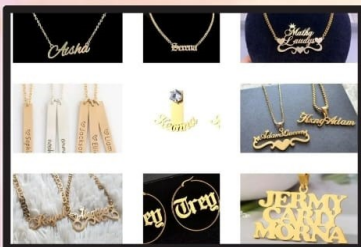
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