DEARLY BELOVED

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord DEARLY BELOVED

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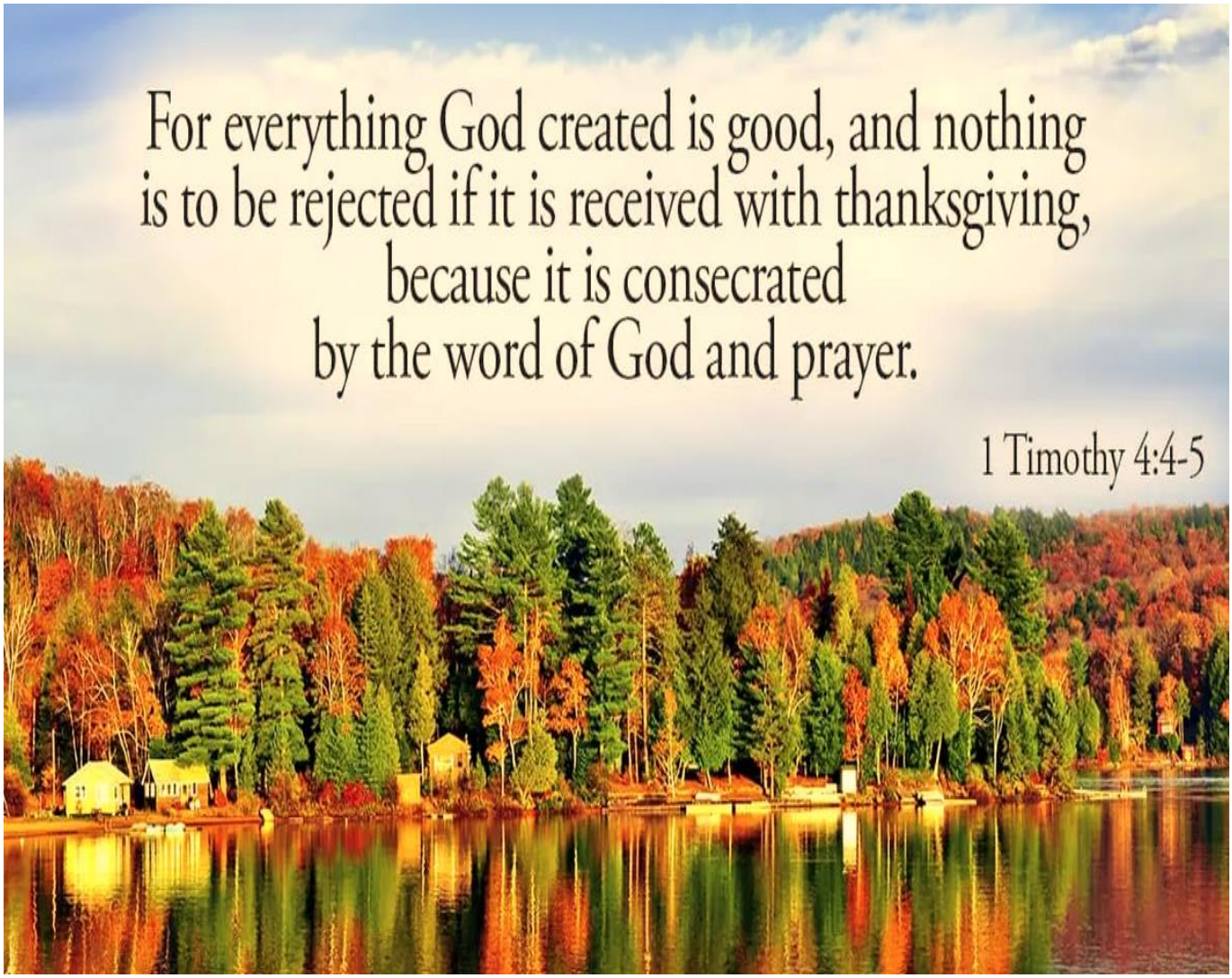

1 Chronicles 16:35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, *and* glory in thy praise.

Tenacity

As you sit outside on your favorite chair just underneath your porch. You sit there in what you call a serene and tranquil state, admiring all the beauty and splendor of the landscape that lays before you. You hear sounds of different birds chirping, and the breeze that brushes against your skin reminds you that life is good. You take a sip in what you consider the best beverage qualified to enhance your experience outdoors. As you allow the flavors to linger, a sense of accomplishment settles over you. "How did I ever survive this past week?" you ask yourself.

Yes, it was a rough week. Nothing seemed to align itself to your expectations. And on top of that, you were feeling a little under the weather, not to mention while caring for someone else. Then the overwhelming responsibility in meeting deadlines, and making it to your appointments continued to press against your best judgements. You found yourself fumbling through your days hoping and reaching to grasp onto what you could control. The sense of being inside a pressure cooker only sends your thoughts into a spiral, spinning and spinning without a stopping point. Constantly asking yourself "How can this be living, and where is my strength?"

In 2 corinthians 4:8,9, We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

An unknown author once wrote: It has been told that the Chicago Bears were losing a football game at halftime. Their coach Mike Dikta wanted to graphically illustrate his concern for them that they learn to be tough and tenacious. Mike Dikta reached his hand into a bucket. He removed his hand with a snapping turtle clamped securely to it. It was not a pretty sight. With the snapping turtle hanging onto his wounded hand, Dikta continued to lecture his astounded team. He assured his team that any one of them could do the same thing if they were really committed and determined.

He then asked for the next volunteer. After an extended time of silence, one of players named "Refrigerator" stepped forward and volunteered to go next. Dikta thanked him for his courage and told him he could proceed as soon as the turtle was pried loose off his hand. The "Refrigerator" politely suggested to his coach that there was no reason to remove the turtle. "Just stick out your other hand, and I'll bite that one instead."

Don't wait for life to be made simple or easier. Even the rich have their difficulties and struggles, because not every thing can be solved with money. That's what is so encouraging, is that when we're suffering someone within the family of God is having victory. Connect with them and examine the way they bulldoze through circumstances.

We're also taught in the book of Galatians 6:1-2

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, less thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Threaten the enemy, by asking God for the strength, courage and wisdom to be victorious. May you the reader be blessed.

Pastor Jake Ruiz

'FROM THINKING I WAS FREE; TO BEING REALLY FREE'

John 8:32, 36 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 36 If the Son therefore shall make ye free, ye shall be free indeed.

Growing up my parents mostly let me do what I wanted, unless it was illegal. I could go where I wanted hang out with who I wanted, stay out as late as I wanted and so on.

As I grew older, I saw myself as a free spirit, no one telling me what to do! Along the way, I made some bad choices about who my friends were, started drinking heavily in my early teens and graduated to marijuana, LSD, and other hallucinogenic substances. And finally, cocaine!

I eventually graduated from college, but instead of using my degree to get a good job, began selling marijuana and was arrested twice, jailed once. Still, I thought I was my own free person, not realizing that I was in chains to my sinful and destructive desires, choices and actions.

I traveled extensively in the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, and Canada; I thought, part of my freedom, but I was always looking for a place that I belonged! I put on a good front but really, I was depressed and lonely!

My brother Nick and others had witnessed to me about Jesus, the One who could set me free from my desolate life! However, I looked at religion as a set of rules and regulations that would keep me from my freedom. I did not realize I was not free at all!

Finally, after many years of lying to myself and a continuing downward spiral, I got to a place of utter hopelessness and despair! I swallowed my pride and flew to Louisiana to visit my parents and brother Nick who lived there also. It was humiliating to admit I had failed and had no life, and I was in total bondage to my drug habit. While in Louisiana I attended a Holy Spirit filled church with my brother Nick an was introduced to Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit! I witnessed people that had real freedom in their life to live as God had intended, with Jesus as their Lord!

Weeks later I returned and humbled myself before God and repented of my sins and old life, was Baptized in Jesus Name for remission of those sins and was filled with the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues! I now had the freedom to worship God and live a free life in Jesus! I found be surrendering my life to Jesus, in repentance I gained one of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost! Jesus said, "John 10:9-10 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly." I went from thinking I was free to real freedom! "2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is,* there *is* liberty." I had been set free by the Blood of Jesus Christ!

It was 41+ years ago that Jesus set me free and by His Love, Mercy, Grace, and I am still living in that freedom today! Do you want to be delivered and set free from what has you in chains? Call on Jesus, turn to Him and find ETERNAL FREEDOM!!! May the Lord bless You! Brother Ed

Jachin and Boaz

Psalms 100:4-5 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is,* there *is* liberty. 5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

There are a lot of opportunities to serve at Calgary.

Paul instructed the church at Colosse to "work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you a inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ."

Our master is Christ! You don't have to be in charge to serve. Just enter His gates with thanksgiving.

Solomon was, along with all the wisdom God gave him, a visionary that could see what so many of us do not see. For instance, he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple and gave them names. That's right! He called the pillar on the right Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name Boaz. These were made of bronze, each one eighteen cubits (27 feet) high, and having a circumference of twelve cubits (18 feet).

One could say that the house of God itself was Jachin and Boaz. That temple was established by God, for this was the meaning of the name Jachin; and built by the strength of God, the meaning of Boaz. Every they looked at that temple that knew that it was God's pleasure to establish and strengthen things.

The house of God was a place where people experienced what the pillars were all about. At God's house people were established in their relationship with God. At that house, people were given strength from the LORD. From the house of God this message should go out to the whole community: "Come here and et established. Come here and receive the strength of God."

When you enter, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name."

Pastor FW Mason

Acts Chapter 10

The tenth chapter of Acts is an exciting chapter. The first Gentiles to be converted, baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues! It was an amazing time in history. This is when the door for us opened up and it was possible for us to receive salvation.

Cornelius was a gentile in Caesarea. He was a centurion of the Italian band. He was over one of ten divisions of the Roman Legion. He must have been a proselyte to some degree as he had been praying to God and he gave alms generously to the people. The Bible called him a devout man. He had been teaching his whole household about the God of Israel, for they all feared God. The Greek word used here for fear seems to imply that Cornelius worshipped God and had reverence to God. Obviously, everything he was doing got the attention of God. God notices when we turn to Him with everything we know. But He doesn't leave us there, He sends someone to bring us into all of the truth. He was a good man, a worshipping and praying man, a generous man, but the attributes didn't take place of obedience to the gospel. He still needed to be baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

It is something to note here, Cornelius prayed always. The way this is written, it seems that he was like the woman with the unjust judge. She got what she needed because of her importunity she got what she needed. Was it because Cornelius continued to pray, that he got God's attention? Was this why he ended up being chosen to be the first Gentile to be converted? Just something to think about.

At the ninth hour of the day, which is 3:00 pm, Cornelius had a vision. In the vision, an angel of the Lord came to him and said, "Cornelius!", Cornelius' response was, "What is it, Lord?" And the angel said to him that his prayers and alms had come up as a memorial before the Lord. His prayers and alms had been like a sacrificial offering to God. There are only two other times this word is used in the New Testament and it's in reference to Mary and the alabaster box.

The angel to Cornelius to send men to Joppa and summon Peter to tell him what he needed to do. The angel left and Cornelius got two of his household servants, relatives, and a devout soldier, told them what had happened and sent them to Joppa. They left the next day to go get Peter. The journey was about 30 miles from where they were in Caesarea to Joppa.

Peter, while the others were preparing food, he went up to the roof to pray at the sixth hour, which is noon. He was hungry and wanted to eat, but as he prayed he fell into a trance. In the trance, he saw a great sheet bound at the four corners descend down before him. As it opened up, he saw all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things and birds of the air. All kinds of animals were there without a distinction between clean and unclean and a voice said to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." Peter, being raised a Jew, had never eating these animals and he said, "not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." It was like he was saying, I've never done anything like this before. Because of the rule of the law, this had to be kind of a shock to Peter. It had

to make him recoil a bit. This law had been one of the strictly enforced laws since the Israelites left Egypt. But the voice spoke to Peter and said, “What God has cleansed, that call not thou common”, in other words, if God says it’s ok to eat, don’t argue. God had to repeat this to Peter three times for him to be convinced it was ok. This goes to show you how hard it is for even God to convince us that sometimes our traditions aren’t what God wants for us. God wants more for us.

As Peter was getting this revelation on the roof, the three men from Caesarea showed up at the house asking for him. I’m sure Peter was still shook up from the trance, the Holy Ghost spoke to him and said “look! Three men are looking for you, get up and go with them for God had sent them. So, Peter went down and asked them why they were there. The men this told Peter about what had happened to Cornelius.

The next day, they left to go to Caesarea to see Cornelius. Peter brought others to go with him, hind sight being what it is, I’m sure he was glad to have witnesses with him of the events what were getting ready to take place!

As Cornelius waited, he called all his relatives and close friends to join him. His excitement to have someone come to him that was sent by God to tell him what he must do had to have been interesting at the least. It was able to pique the interest of family and friends!

As Peter entered the house of Cornelius, Cornelius fell at his feet and began to worship Peter. Cornelius was expecting something from God, it just goes to show how hungry Cornelius was for God. But Peter stopped him and told him that he was just a man like Cornelius. Peter asked Cornelius why he sent for him. Cornelius began to relay the story to Peter, that he had been fasting and praying and an angel came to him and told him that his prayers and alms and gone up before the Lord.

After Cornelius had finished, Peter opened his mouth and said that he understood that God is no respecter of persons, that any one of any nation that fears God and working righteousness is acceptable to God. It put salvation within reach of anyone that truly seeks God. Then Peter began to preach Jesus unto them. He told them of the death burial and resurrection and as he did, the Holy Ghost fell upon them. How did they know the Holy Ghost had fallen on them? Because if fell on them the same way it did on the day of Pentecost, they spoke with tongues as the Spirit of God gave the utterance. Peter and the people that went with him, who had been Jews before their own experience with Jesus, were astonished that God had done the same miracle for these people that He had for them.

Then Peter said, “Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?” They were then all baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins. They asked Peter and the people that came with him to stay a few days.

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THE BIBLE TEACHES

The Bible Teaches – We must be "Born Again" to enter the Kingdom of God.

John 3:1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Act 2:38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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God made food. Man made food. Is God's food better? After God made food, he made man and designed man to metabolize the food he made for him. Man has made other food for us, sometimes referred to as the Standard American Diet (SAD). Even God's people eat it.

What is the outcome? The U. S. spends far more capita on health care than any other country, and yet the longevity of Americans usually ranks around 50th in the world. Further, we have a very high disease rate.

There are a few people out there who have recognized that there is something about natural food that is healthier and have chosen to eat it. Even Jesus once noted that the children of this world are wiser than the children of light.

Luke 16:18 I believe that if God's people had chosen God's food exclusively, that researchers would have come into our meetings with clipboards in hand to take notes and find out why God's people were healthier that the general population.

That's my opinion. So, is God's food healthier? *WAYNE*

SHALL WE TRY TO UNSCRAMBLE WHAT IS GOD'S AND MAN'S?
LOOK IN NEXT MONTHS DEARLY BELOVED TO SEE WHERE THE EDITOR HIDES THE "MINUTE".

NOTE: (SAD) also stands for Seasonal Affective Disorder.

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Christian Education 11:00 am

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Wednesdays
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