


The Reminder

The weekly newsletter of the church of Christ in Bellaire, TX

“But What If.....”



“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10,11).

The very essence of faith is to “Trust and Obey”. If a certain course of action seems wise to us and looks like it might lead to satisfactory results, it doesn’t take much faith to follow that course. But when we can’t see how a particular thing is going to turn out, or if we have a hunch that it might turn out disastrously, it takes faith to trust the person who formulated the plan and simply carry out the instructions that have been given to us.

We can only imagine what faith it took for Abraham to “trust and obey” when God said to leave his home in Ur (not to mention the things that God later commanded him to do). But faith was indeed the key. “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, *not knowing where he was going*” (Hebrews 11:8).

Today, many of us try to be people of faith, but our faith often fails us. What God says can seem so contrary to common sense that we balk at obeying Him. So when someone points out to us, “This is what God says,” we tend to respond, “But what if . . . ?”

Even in worldly affairs, however, we shouldn’t always decide our course of action pragmatically, based on what we think will work. Our definition of what will “work” is often flawed, and in any case, we can’t see far enough ahead to know what the outcome of any decision will be. So we need to base our decisions *on proven principles rather than predictions of particular outcomes!* In spiritual matters, we can take it for granted that God’s way will always work, that is, it will always accomplish the purpose that He had in mind, whether that purpose is clear to us or not: “[My word] shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” So the question is not what will happen, but what our principles should be. And that’s just what God has given us in the Scriptures: a treasure chest of valid, time-tested, true-north *principles*.

“If one can be certain that his principles are right, he need not worry about the consequences” (Robert Elliott Speer).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY:

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Bible Study

5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM Bible Study



“Workers”

Morning Lesson

“Five Pillars of Parenting”
Jack Smith

Evening Lesson

Singing

News and Notes:

Continue praying for those of our number who have on-going health issues. Deb Haley, Janice Kimbrough, Jan Cooper, Curby Stech, Laura Claburn and Don Hurd.

Some good news about those in the hospital. Curby is in a regular room now. No idea how much longer he will be there, but he seems to be making progress. Hope his overall health will be greatly improved from the last several years

Harold should be moved today to a more "visitable" room. He's doing fairly well. At least well enough to want a real shower and shave. Seems like a good outlook.

So many gone this weekend. Anita is in Alabama with family. Steve, Muffy and Kaitlin are at the Dry Creek camp for the week. So is Tempest, serving as counselors. Many of our adults will be gone taking kids to camp. David and Josie, Alex and Shannon are in England on work/vacation. Pray for all these in their travels. It will leave a big hole in our local family. But should lead to a grand reunion soon.

New classes off to a good start. Michael and Zach have I & 2 Cor. in the auditorium. Chris has "Identifying and Removing Idols from Hearts" in 204.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

The world is full of people searching for answers, and if given the good news of Christ and the opportunity to obey Him, they would. If we are Christians ourselves, then we know at least what it takes to begin walking with Jesus. Being a worker in the harvest of the Lord doesn't mean I need to be able to give an on-the-fly exegesis of Ezekiel's visions, or expound every doctrine regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Most unbelievers we come into contact with don't need to go there first anyway. In all likelihood they're not going to ask those kinds of questions, and even they do ask us something we're not really sure about, then of course it's ok to say, "I don't know." That could be an opportunity to set up another study. We can't be afraid and allow fear to cripple us. The workers are few, so we can't afford to make excuses. Pray for more workers, and pray for boldness (**Eph. 6:19-20**).

Jason Garcia - Firestarter

ASSIGNMENTS

MORNING SERVICE

Announcements - M. Miles
Hymn Director - R. McDonald
Opening Prayer - J. Carithers
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVENING SERVICE

Hymn Director - M. Robinson
Opening Prayer - T. Walker
Closing Prayer - M. Miles

EVANGELIST

Jack Smith
Steve Garrett

ELDERS

Brian Haley
Mark Mann
Matt Miles
Mike Pharris
Jack Smith

DEACONS

Scott Clanton
David Davila
Dan Kimbrough
Jesse Knapp
Alex Morolez
Gregory Williams

BIBLE CLASSES

- I & II Corinthians
- Identifying, Tearing Down and Removing Idols from Our Hearts.