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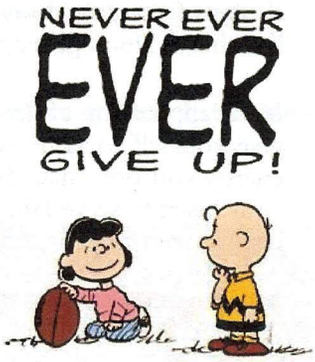
Advancing Age & Weary Saints



It is so difficult for us to imagine the following events happening. Think about a boxer who had thrashed his opponent in every round and is far ahead on the scoring cards of all the judges, then he refuses to fight the last round. Think about a marathon runner who has spent years in training for the Olympics and is far ahead of all other competitors in the final race, then she simply stops one hundred feet short of the finish line, refusing to finish the race.

Your response would be, "Such could never happen," but almost all of us have seen people doing this spiritually. Far too many Christians draw back in their devotion to the Master in their latter years. They were faithful to the Lord for many years, but for unexplained reasons they quit. Look at the following words from heaven encouraging us to never quit.

Jesus spoke to the church at Smyrna and told them, "Be faithful until death" (Rev. 2:10), and then gave the motivation for faithfulness—"... and I will give you the crown of life." We must run the entire race and never think about stopping short of the finish.

Jesus said, "He who endures to the end shall be saved" (Matt.24:11). These words are surrounded by descriptions of adversity—famine, earthquakes, lawlessness, wars and false prophets. They describes the worst tribulation of all times which His disciples would soon face. His message? Do not give up! Endure! Endure to the end! Regardless of what it costs, finish the race! *Continued on the next page*

Paul repeatedly urged Christians to endure whatever may come for the reward awaiting them is so great. "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Pay special notice to the contrast he makes between the labor and the reward. "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

The writer of Hebrews described the end of those who give up. "We are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of our souls" (Heb. 10:39). The reason we cannot give up? Because Jesus, our forerunner, waits in heaven to give us eternal rest (Heb. 4:11; 6:19-20). Keep your focus on all that awaits you. The events of the past do not really matter! What matters is that which lies ahead! Don't give up!

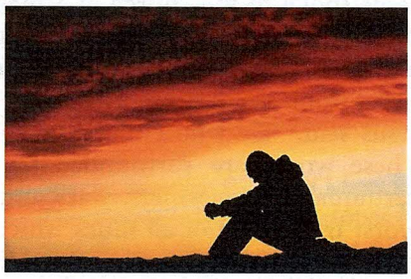
Make application of this to your life. As long as God gives you breath, give yourself to Him even, though advancing years rob you of the energy you once had. Be determined that the zeal which burned in your heart to serve Him when you were baptized will be the zeal you have at your final breath. *Dan Jenkins*

REMEMBER THESE IN PRAYER

Please keep Pat and Jess Hart, Jan Russom, Clyde Thatcher, Stephen Guy, Helen Darnell, and Neal and Barbara's daughter Tiffanie in your prayers.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ ***Jesus.***



Thankfulness and Trust

Beginning in Numbers chapter 11 and reading through chapter 15 we notice how the Israelites complained, cried, wept, were ungrateful, murmured, were disbelieving and disobedient. The same could probably be said of the people of our society, especially in the past couple of weeks. There are many great lessons we can learn about the one true and living God and from the history of the children of Israel. Indeed, Paul's inspired pen was correct when he wrote, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and com-fort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

Here are just a few things for us to consider as we approach this new week:

1) Be content. Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" Contentment doesn't necessarily mean satisfied. But carries with it the idea of thankfulness and a focus on how God has blessed us. So…

2) Count your blessings, look for the good in every situation, and be thankful. The Psalmist said, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name" (Psalm 100:4). Colossians 3:15 instructs us to "let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." And lastly…

3) Trust in the Lord. While in the history of God's people God recognizes both sins of ignorance and sins of presumption He still calls both of them sin. And there are consequences for both. Ignorance of the law was/is no excuse. And the only hope we have is to trust in Him and obey His commands (Psalm 37:3). Have a blessed week and be faithful! *Tim Dooley*

THOSE TO SERVE

Coordinato: Gary Smith / Bob Trefethen
Ushers: Bud Porter / Danney Watson
Sound System: Paul Puckett

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements: Rodger Cobia
Scripture: James Powell
Lead Singing: Ron Kochik
1st Prayer: Bill Knighten

Communion

Mike Howard Bob Trefethen
David Sims Gary Hart
Doug Williamson Gary McDaniel

Sermon

Marshall McDaniel

Closing Prayer: David Turner

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: Rodger Cobia
Ushers: Stephen Guy / Daniel Jones
Scripture: George Smith
Lead Singing: Craig Sims
1st Prayer: John Burch
Sermon: Marshall McDaniel
Lord's Supper: John Dumas
Closing Prayer: Craig Sims
Sound System: Jim Keith

LORD'S Supper Preparation

03/12 Pam Howard 03/19 Karen Ingram
03/26 Meagan Jones 04/02 Tiara Kent

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers: Chris Lloyd / Gary McDaniel
Announcements: Rodger Cobia
Lead Singing: Todd Thayer
Opening Prayer: Gary McDaniel
Invitation: Paul Puckett
Closing Prayer: Kenny Roberts
Sound System: Stephen Guy

Count Contribution: Keith Hollis, Doug Williamson, Ragan Ingram

CAREGROUPS

Care Group 3 meets after Sunday evening services.....

Wifi

Password auditorium is john316yes and classroom annex john3162

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of

March 05, 2017

Sunday Bible Class	109
Sunday A.M Worship	155
Sunday P.M Worship	90
Wednesday Bible Study	87
Contribution	$ 5,209

WHAT'S NEXT?

Special Series with Joe Greer of Asheville, North Carolina - April 2-5 - Sunday at 9:00 and 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Special Series with David Maxson of Tuscaloosa, Alabama - October 8-11 - Sunday at 9:00 and 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 pm