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Speaker-AM: Patrick Hite

Title: Love and Faith of Philemon

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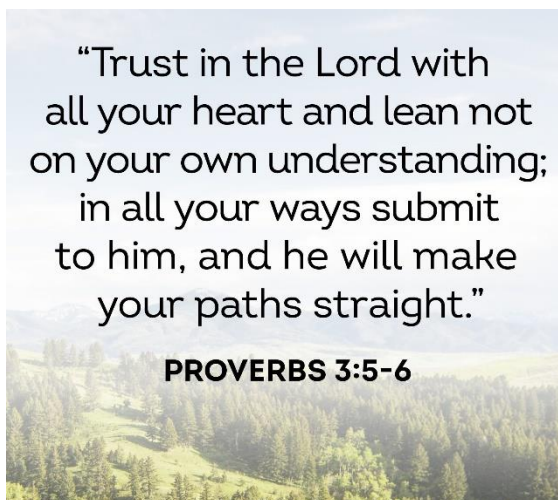
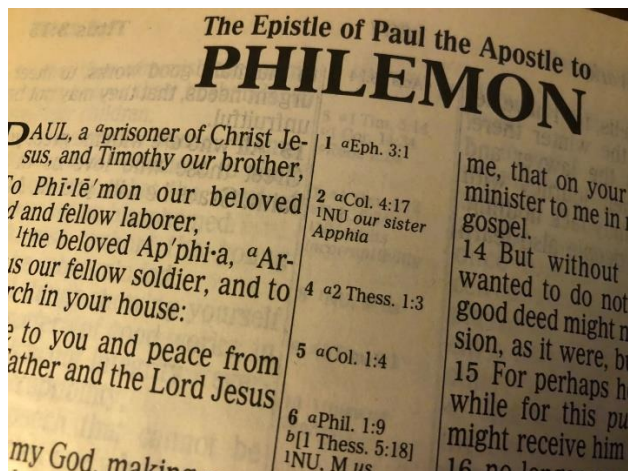
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Speaker-PM: Brad Bunyard

Title: Trust In God

Recording:

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News and Prayer Requests

- Nancy S wasn't feeling well.
- Josh V was traveling for work.
- Jamie R and family were traveling.
- Kraig and Danielle B had their daughter Everlee on Wed 6/5.
- Jennie C's mom and grandmother in need of prayer.
- Stacy N grandparents in need of prayer.
- LJ V traveling this week.
- John C traveling this week.
- Gospel Meeting Reminder!

Gospel Meeting

With The Oak Grove Church Of Christ

Lessons on
Family
Presented by
Warren King
of Rogers, AR



Meeting Times & Topics:

Sunday, June 23 - 10:00AM	Respect for Marriage
Sunday, June 23 - 11:00AM	Family as God Planned It
Sunday, June 23 - 5:30PM	The Religious Purpose of Family
Monday, June 24 - 7:00PM	Mountain Marriage Manual
Tuesday, June 25 - 7:00PM	Building Families on the Rock
Wednesday, June 26 - 7:00PM	What Do You Give Your Children?
Thursday, June 27 - 7:00PM	When Family Hurts
Friday, June 28 - 7:00PM	Happy Ever After

This Will Turn Out, 06/07/2024 by Terry Wane Benton

"For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:19).

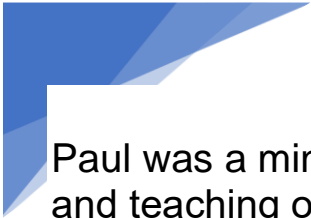
He had a mob of angry Jews trying to kill him in Jerusalem and in route to Caesarea, was kept in prison at Caesarea for two years, suffered a storm, shipwreck, and snake bite on his way to Rome, was confined in Roman custody for several years, and yet, despite all this drama and negativity, Paul was thinking of how all this would "turn out." In the midst of his hardships, he had the "supply of the Spirit." It was this supply that kept him positive and singing in prison at Philippi and would be his recourse for joy in prison at Rome.

I think we learn from Paul to have a "this will turn out" attitude in our circumstances and keep that attitude supported and sustained by constantly dipping into the supply of the Spirit, His powerful, spirit-building word when we feel the spiritual energy leaving our hearts. Things turn out a lot better when we do and think like our beloved brother Paul. This will turn out to be salvation!

Are Preachers Ministers? 06/03/2024 by Terry Wane Benton

Yes! They are not the only ministers in the church, but they minister in a certain way; they serve in teaching and edifying the church's role. They minister the gospel to the lost and the saved. That is a certain way of ministering, but the average church member is a minister in other ways. So, while preachers are ministers, they are not the only ministers in the church. All minister or serve the Lord and His church in various ways. So, don't think of preachers as the only ministers, but think of them as ministers in a certain capacity. They feed the souls they teach, and that serves or ministers to people in a certain way, but there are other ways to minister (Romans 12:6-7). You can cut an elderly member's grass, and that makes you a minister in that way. You can serve others, wash feet, or help others in various ways, and that means you are a minister. So, don't think of preachers as the only ministers, but don't overstate the case that preachers are not ministers.

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Paul was a minister inasmuch as he served the souls of people by his preaching and teaching of the gospel. He has an apostle/preacher “ministry”.

"For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry" (Romans 11:13).

"Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart" (II Corinthians 4:1).

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" (II Corinthians 5:18-19).

So, if you labor to get souls reconciled back to God, you are a minister serving in the effort. All teachers and preachers of the gospel are serving souls by trying to get people reconciled to God. Thus, all teachers and preachers of the gospel have a “ministry of reconciliation.”

"We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God" (II Corinthians 6:3-4).

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (I Timothy 1:12).

Paul told Timothy that his service was his ministry as an evangelist. So, evangelism is ministry, and an evangelist is a minister.

"But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (II Timothy 4:5-6).

Every member serves and ministers in some capacity. Some have a more specialized area of ministry, and so we need to remember that and think of our various assortment of ministers in various ways.