

NO MAN CARED

“I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul” (Psalms 142:4). David made this statement when his life was at stake and he was being pursued by King Saul. No man wanted to join themselves to David and put their life in jeopardy too. How many times in our life have we, Like David, reached a point where we have felt that no other man cared for our soul? This probably wasn't completely true concerning David and it probably isn't true for you and me, but even if it were, may we, like David, realize our refuge is in God, not man. David went on to say, *“I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living”* (Psalms 142:5).

Paul penned, *“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us”* (Romans 8:31)? When we are on God's side we cannot fail. Paul again penned, *“... for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me”* (Hebrews 13:5-6). Peter said, *“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you”* (1 Peter 5:6-7). And then our Lord said, *“...Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they”* (Matthew 6:25-26)? When others have given up on us and we have given up on ourselves, God still cares!

God is there to deliver us from temptation, *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry”* (1 Corinthians 10:13-14). Jesus said, *“After this manner therefore pray ye... Lead us not into*

temptation, but deliver us from evil...” (Matthew 6:9-13). Perhaps we would find temptation easier to overcome if we would only learn to pray for deliverance and then, like Joseph, flee (Genesis 37:12).

God is there to succor us in time of trials and grief. The Hebrew writer penned, *“Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted”* (Hebrews 2:17-18). He Himself had to suffer the grief and pain of the cross. He experienced the loss of His own cousin, John, by Martyrdom (Matthew 14:10-13). Since His physical father is never mentioned again after the Passover feast when Jesus was only twelve years old, many scholars believe He lived to see the death of Joseph (Luke 2:41-52). No wonder the Hebrew writer penned, *“For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities...”* (Hebrews 4:15) and *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and fine grace to help in time of need”* (Hebrews 4:16). Having lived in the flesh, our Lord has experienced everything we encounter each day of our lives. Therefore, we can turn to Him with confidence, knowing He understands our grief and pain because He has been through the same trials and griefs.

He is there in our joy, *“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth...”* (Luke 15:7). Paul by inspiration wrote, *“Rejoice with them that do rejoice,...”* (Romans 12:15). God shares each day and every event of our life with us. He is always there. As Paul told the Athenians, *“...though he be not far from every one of us; For in him we live and move, and have our being”* (Acts 17:27-28). He is even there as we depart this life, *“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints”* (Psalms 116:15).

When life gets us down and we think that no one cares, may we always be reminded, GOD CARES!!!

Larry Yarber from Curry St. Bulletin

WHICH ONE?

Which introduces a question of either importance or not important. So, which is important to you?

1. There are two ways to begin each day: with prayer or without prayer. With which one do you begin your day (Psa. 55:17; 1 Tim. 5:5)?
2. There are two ways of spending the Lord's Day: idly or devotionally. Which way do you spend it (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7)?
3. There are two classes of people in the world: the saved and the lost. To which class do you belong (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:47; Lk. 13:23-29)?
4. There are two masters: God and Satan. You are serving one of these two, but which one (Matt. 6:24; Jn. 6:44)?
5. There are two kingdoms in the world: the kingdom of darkness (Satan - Matt. 12:26) and the kingdom of Christ. To which one do you belong (Col. 1:12-14; Jn. 3:3-5)?
6. There are two roads from time to eternity: the broad road and the narrow road. Which one of these two roads are you traveling (Matt. 7:13-14; Isa. 35:8-10)?
7. There are two deaths which people die. Some die “in the Lord,” others die “in their sins.” You will die in one of these two ways, but which one will it be (Jn. 8:24; Rev. 22:14; Rev. 21:8, 27)?
8. There are two places to which people go: heaven or hell. You will go to one of these two places. To which one will you go (Matt. 25:46)?

There are two choices you can make today. It is either yes to God or no to God. But, which one will it be (2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:7-8; Josh. 24:15; Prov. 1:24-28)?

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ANNIVERSARY

Joel and Cindy Nelson, 03-09.

BIRTHDAYS

Taylor Nemechek, 03-08; Gary Cole, 03-09;
Dave Parish, 03-12.

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Sunday: Ralph Franklin; Jeff Nemechek.

Wednesday: Jennifer Carter.

Those battling cancer: Ledgia Campbell, David Cole, Shauna Heck, Betty James, Tom Parish and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at Sharon Lane in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

OUT OF TOWN

Chris Edwards was out of town during last week on business. George Thomas was away on business on Wednesday night.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Our able treasurer, George Thomas, will present the 2010 budget at 5:15 PM this Sunday in the auditorium.

TIME CHANGE

The switch to Daylight Savings Time is next Sunday, March 14 at 2 AM. Set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night and be here at 9:30 AM for Bible Study!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held next Sunday, March 14, following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 52; Sunday PM, 32; Wednesday PM, 27.

Those To Serve

March 7, 2010

BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Parish

MORNING WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Joel Nelson
SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher
OPENING PRAYER Jared Nelson
PRESIDE..... Jeff Nemechek
ASSIST..... John Cody Carter
ASSIST..... Dave Parish
CLOSING PRAYER..... Stanley Anderson

EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER John Dodson
CLOSING PRAYER..... Chris Edwards
LORD'S SUPPER..... Jeff Nemechek

WEDNESDAY 10th

SONG LEADER..... George Thomas
INVITATION Jeff Nemechek

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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