



Life Lines

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MY LINES

Micah Williams

What Happens After the Preacher Speaks

By: Bill Denton

“How will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

I was driving along, listening to a CD when I heard something totally deflating, “studies indicate that we forget 95 percent of what we hear within three days.” And that’s if your sermon was good!

Mark Batterson, in “Red Pill Preaching” talks about communication, and the importance of saying old things in new ways to better communicate and thus help people remember more. That’s a goal which every communicator can relate.

It does bring to mind a very real concern for every preacher. If people so quickly forget so much of what they hear, then why did God choose this medium by which to communicate such important truths? Sometimes, we get bogged down in wondering about all the imponderables and forget that whether or not we understand everything, we can understand some things.

Let’s go for the understandable. Here are a couple of things you need to know:

Preachers stand in a long line of vital communicators. Though we

hesitate to employ the word “prophet,” that truth is that the main job of prophets was to foretell the future, it was to deliver God’s message to the people of their time. Preachers do that today. We deliver a message from God to people who need to hear what God says.

Don’t pick on your preacher too much. He doesn’t have to be the most eloquent fellow around. He doesn’t have to be the wittiest or the smoothest. He doesn’t even have to be the most excited or animated person you know. He doesn’t even have to say what you like to hear or what you want to hear. He does have to be faithful to his job. He must tell you what God wants you to hear. That responsibility sometimes grates on both you and your preacher!

Sure, it helps if a preacher has developed an interesting delivery method. It helps if he’s got at least a vague handle on the language and is able to illustrate and word things in ways that make the message of God memorable. But, you won’t find our modern concern with preaching methods, communicated principles, etc., in the Bible. God leaves those up to us, I think. He’s much more focused on what He wants us to know.

Next time your preacher stands up you listen up. At the heart of all he’s doing from the pulpit, is something vitally important to you. God has a message. The preacher is delivering it. What happens after that is your responsibility – the biggest responsibility in preaching.

“WINGS”

Attention All Ladies

Beginning Thursday morning, February 2nd, there will be a new ladies’ Bible study, entitled “*A Light in the Darkness – A Study of Elijah and Elisha*,” from a workbook written by Cassandra Martin, of Spring, TX. Cassandra worships and works with God’s people at the Church of Christ in Champions, TX.

Our class will meet each week in the chapel of the West Side Church of Christ, 211 North Waco, from 9:00 – 11:30 AM.

Babysitting will be provided for \$1.00 per child per week.

A coffee/fellowship period will begin at 9:00 AM.

For further information please call 968-1121.

All interested ladies are invited to attend and to bring a friend.

ATTENTION LADIES!!

Mark Your Calendars!
Dover Church of Christ
Ladies Day
Saturday, April 8th

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

What's in a name? Do you know the meaning of your name? If so, are you living up to its meaning?

It's interesting to know the meaning of different names, especially those names in the Scriptures.

Daniel means "God is my judge." We know the story of Daniel, how he refused to stop praying to his God. He also refused to drink wine or eat the food from the King's table. He definitely lived up to his name. For his courage and faithfulness, his Judge saved him from the mouths of the lions.

Delilah means "temptress." She certainly lived up to her name. She tempted Samson with everything imaginable until he relented and gave her the source of his strength. This was his downfall. He became a prisoner of the Philistines, even lost his eyes. However, God did allow him to make a great stand at his death. He killed more Philistines, men and women, at his death, than he killed in his lifetime.

Esther means "star." She lived up to her name. She became a "star" for her people after she was chosen to be the queen. Her bravery saved her people from annihilation. Hers is one of the great stories in the Bible.

Enoch means "dedicated one" or "follower." Enoch walked with God. He pleased God. ***"By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had a testimony, that he pleased God."*** (Hebrews 11:5) Little is said of Enoch but his faith must have been something outstanding. He truly was a "dedicated one."

Matthew means "gift of God." The Matthew in the New Testament was a tax collector. He must have been one among the few who were honest, unlike most tax collectors at that time, for Jesus chose him to be an apostle. His writing is one of the great books that tell of the life of our Jesus, from His birth to His death on the cross.

Remember Our Sick

Evelyn Burton – was admitted to St. Mary's Sunday, Jan. 29th with heart pains. They are running tests.

Family of Matt and Nikki Tackett - asking for prayer.

Barbara Forehand – Donny Forehand's mother, diagnosed with cancer.

Alice Hollis – admitted to a Little Rock Hospital, with serious gall bladder and pancreatic problems.

Troy Meadows – AR Heart Hospital, triple by-pass surgery Thursday, February 2nd.

Kaitlyn Schwartz – has been hospitalized with a feeding tube. The Doctors think she has two months or less. Please pray for this child, parents and family.

Shut-ins: Needs prayers and visits.
Dover Area:

Bernice Brown

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Esther Sparks

Stella Manor:

Louise Killer

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Susie Boley, Tom Cloud, Jamie Churchill, Jeff Davis, Virginia Grant, Grady Gregory, Vickie Gregory, Brian Holloway, Ray King, Robert and Rose Lee, Debbie Link, Bill and Mary McAlister, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Tanya Smith, Pauline Whorton and Valentina.

Special Children: Emmy May, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin, Zachary Shelton and Noah Williams.

Military: Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, and Johnny Ragsdale.

Cole Wetzel is stateside waiting for his next assignment.

Lines for Ladies

Continued from Column one:

(I have a 2 ½ year old Grandson named Matthew. He is definitely a "gift of God.")

PatMc

A Message from A Parent To A Child Embarking Upon Adolescence

"Dear Inbetweener:

Well, guess what? You've got one foot on the launching pad and one hovering over. You're an inbe-tweener. Part of you has some roots in childhood and part is flailing around for a place to settle in adolescence. It's an exciting, yet frightening time.

You're going to struggle at this crossroads in your life. You're faced with two roads to choose from. You will have to decide which one to travel. One road will be very enticing; it offers you happiness and satisfaction based on circumstances. The other road offers you joy regardless of what happens.

One road will be very attractive with relationships that are not friendships. They carry hidden agendas and a price tag you won't know about in advance. The other road offers a simple uncomplicated love and acceptance. One road will entice with immediate thrills and pleasure, but the price tag may be addictions. The other road offers you peace and self-respect. You'll be able to hold your head up high. One road is going to look attractive to you with its promises and vows, but they can be broken. Most likely, they will be. The other road offers you something that will never change and can always be trusted. The promises are true.

Finally, to help you in your choice, memorize these words. Feed upon them. They're your road map: ***Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.*** (I John 2:25-27)

Your Loving Parents"

From: Visions, Russellville, AR

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 2 to 8

Story for February
"God Chose Abraham"
(Genesis 12:1-20)

Memory Verses:

*"I will bless you and make
your name great."
(Genesis 12:2b)*

SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

February 11th
Saturday, 9:00AM

Men to Cook Breakfast

Bring your wife,
mother or friend
(make baby sitting
arrangements)

Food, Prizes,
Fellowship!

*"I hear there may be some
chocolate gravy!"*

Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Night

Thursday,
February 16th, 7:00 PM
Hostess: Pat McAlister

Christeens 2006

February 24th thru 26th
"The Price Is Right"
Reservations and money
(\$10.00 per person)
needs to be in by Friday,
February 10th.
wsyouth.org

"Holding to the Traditions"

February 25th
9:00 AM Thru 12:00 PM

Lunch will be provided

North Main Church of Christ
823 North Main Street
Malvern, AR 72104

Speakers: Tom Moore, Malvern
George Shirley of Okla. City
Ben Bailey, Ardmore, OK
Kermitt Webb, Okla City
Panel Members:
Timothy Sparks, Ardmore, OK
Dick Logan, Idabel, OK
Billy Golden, Kirby, AR
Kerry King, Tom Bean, TX
Norm Hooton, New Boston, TX

February Birthdays

- 03 Mildred Turner
Jon David Vance
04 Andrew Land
08 Mary McAlister
09 Juanita Whitted
11 Kristen Nordin
12 Shawn Bates
Emily Straight
15 Zachary Shelton
16 Rachel Curtis
19 Carolyn Bennett
Tyler Mullins
20 Kaci Statler
21 Julie Moss
22 Eugene Davis
Keri Letson
Troy Meadows
23 Bernice Brown
Pat McAlister
Linda Vance Herron
24 Earl Kennedy
26 Suzanne Land
27 Caleb Chance
John Clark

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Dover Church of Christ
Singles' Breakfast
Every Saturday, 9:00AM
Bayou Café

Dover Church of Christ
"Tuesday Night Crop"
February 21st, 6:15 PM
Join us for an evening of scrap-
booking in Fellowship Hall.

THOSE TO SERVE

February 12, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brett Walters
Dennis Whiteside

Communion

Podium: Chris Loper
Serve: William Boley
Sid Womack
Robert Bird
Chris Moss

Scripture Reading

Alan Boatright

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Donny Forehand
Earl Whitted

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Marion and Joyce Helton

Communion to Shut-Ins

Jim Killer
John Myers

Greeters

Troy and Rachel Curtis

**Wednesday Night
Devotional**

February 15, 2006

Brett Walters

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams
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Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Patsy Wisbrock

Sunday Service: Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Class: Carin Chance

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