



Life Lines

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My Lines
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What Are You Waiting For?

“But as he was discussing righteousness, self control, and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, ‘Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you.’” (Acts 24:25)

I’ve been planning this lesson for months and just finished it this morning. The more I thought about this lesson the longer it took me to finish it . . . *Procrastination.*

We are all guilty of procrastination in life; putting off household chores, working with the mundane – but that is not what we are going to focus on. We will look at a story in Acts.

Paul has been arrested and was being passed from official to official on his way to Rome. His Roman citizenship had kept him from being killed. Now he was standing before Felix, governor of Judea. As usual, Paul was sharing the faith – even with Felix. Through Paul’s experience and teaching we learn:

Your life matters to God (Acts 24:25).

Paul, led by the Holy Spirit, took time to reason with Felix about faith. Paul could have begged for his life and agreed not to annoy further. But

he cared enough about Felix to reason with him.

You must face the real issues of life (Acts 24:25)

Paul reasoned about “righteousness” – lack of it in us, perfect example in Christ. We must face up to the reality of sin and our own need.

Paul reasoned about “self control” – the utter lack of it, the need for Christ to rule in our heart.

Paul reasoned about “judgment” – we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. There is an end to these days and we must be ready!

You will decide about Christ today (Acts 24:25)

Felix responded with fear – he knew Paul was right. But he said, “Go away, I’ll call for you at a more convenient time.”

You may be thinking the same thing. To decide to wait is to say, “NO!”

Will you have another day?

Life is so precious, yet so very uncertain. We have no way to know what might come our way or when.

Don’t let time pass. It may be your last opportunity.

What is holding you back from such great salvation?

What is worth holding to what would be an eternity in hell?

Five things usually people hold on to that keeps them from accepting God’s free gift of salva-

tion:

Pride, too proud to submit to the Lordship of Jesus? Even though you are too proud – God is still seeking you!

Drop that chain of pride and Jesus will be waiting. Come home to the Lord!

Pleasure. Some people love the pleasures of the world so much they don’t want to give them up. They don’t want to give up the fun they are having and become some kind of Jesus freak.

Your pleasures will not last. It is not worth eternity in hell.

Pleasures will not satisfy you.

Pleasure is short lived.

People, the influence of people they have on others’ lives.

Friends and family, the ones closest to us can be an excuse for not being saved. My grandfather was a preacher, my uncle goes to church in Russellville, etc.

Past, past sins and past failures.

The price!

Let me say, “Jesus paid it all!”

“I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3)

God is waiting and willing.

“Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:38)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matt. 7:13-14)

Jesus tells us that the road to heaven is difficult, the gate narrow and few will get there. However, He also says the road to destruction is easy, the gate wide and many will go there.

Few will find it. God has always had a remnant. Although He brought so many out of Egypt, led by Moses, later there would only be a remnant. Only a remnant came from Babylonian captivity. This happened because of the wickedness of God’s people. He gave them so many opportunities to turn from their sins. They didn’t and they were lost. “Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: ‘Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved.’” (Romans 9:27)

Elijah pleaded with God about Israel, saying, “Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down your alters, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” (Romans 11:3) Even then Elijah wasn’t alone. God assured him of the seven thousand that He had reserved for Himself. There is always a remnant.

And now, many years later, Jesus tells the crowd that the gate is narrow, there is only a few who will find their way. How can we be in that remnant? How can we be in this few of which Jesus spoke on that day?

It is the same today as it was many years ago; obedience to God. We must obey what God has commanded if we want to be in that remnant (few) that He keeps for Himself. God spoke before, through the prophets, giving the people chance after chance. He speaks to us today, through His Word. Let’s pray that He gives us the same chance and doesn’t grow weary with us.

Remember Our Sick

Luella Bellomo – is in the final stages of terminal cancer. Prayers are needed for her, her family and friends as they face this difficult time.

Ruby Boley – cancer in liver, has started treatments. Hospitalized, in much pain.

Bernice Brown – heart complications.

Kathryn Hobbs – close friend of Leota Hickey, has not regained consciousness since surgery April 13th, in L.R., UAMS. Her condition remains unchanged.

Carl Lawley Family: requested prayer.

Bill McAlister – improving.

Bill Moss – successful surgery Monday, May 23rd, in Sparks Hospital, Ft. Smith.

Thomas Stone – heart complications. (St. Louis Area)

Betty Walters – to have knee surgery soon.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center
Thelma Hatcher

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Susie Boley, Amber Bolin, Donna Brewer, Michelle Crutcher, Jeff Davis, Wanda Dickerson Bennie Drewry, Bob and Rose Lee, Jerry Martin, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Nolan Passmore, Teresa Phillips, Wilma Shirley, Tanya Smith, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner and Earl Whitted.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson and Kristen Loper Nordin.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: John Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Prayers and sympathy for the family of Doris Karnes Bachand, who passed away Monday, May 23, 2005. Memorial Service was May 26th, in Wynne, AR.

“A Little Christian Humor”

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, “Boys and girls, what do we know about God?”

A hand shot up in the air. “He is an artist,” said the kindergarten boy.

“Really? How do you know?” the teacher asked.

“You know, Our Father who does art in heaven . . .”

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, “Don’t be scared, you’ll get your quilt.”

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the minister stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning’s Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, “Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.”

CAMP CAUDLE DAY CAMP

June 5th thru 11th

Director: Tami Robinson
1st thru 6th Grades
Monday thru Friday

Registration:
Sunday, 3:00 PM

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS and Our Nation!

Events

WEDDING

for
Kayla J. Evans
and
Nathan L. Killer

Saturday,
June 4, 2005
11 AM

Dover Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
Dover, AR

Invitation to Attend Open

“In Search of the Lord’s Way”

Now 24/7

The SEARCH Program can
now be accessed at any time
on its website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon’s weekly lessons
can be heard in this area on
KATV, Channel 4 on
Sunday, 8:00 AM.

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Youth Devo
June 5th,
After evening Services
Sid/Karen Womack

Men’s Regular
Business Meeting
Dover Church of Christ
7:00 PM
Monday, June 6

Ladies Night
June 16th
Hostess to be announced

Vacation Bible School
Dover Church of Christ
June 20 thru 24th
More Details to Follow

Lawn Care

Friday, June 10th
Rick Hollis
Silas Powers

MONDAY, June 13th
The Southern Christian
Home Truck will be here.
List of items needed
posted in the foyers.

JUNE Birthdays

- 1 Sandra Boatright
- 2 Chase Chance
Debbie Meyer
- 3 Allen Veasman
- 4 Michele Helton
- 7 Bob Bennett
Victoria Mitchell
- 10 Leanna Mullins
- 11 Joe Miller
- 12 Tina Davis
Ashlee Wilson
- 15 Jacqueline Helton
Joan Vance
- 21 Caitlyn Straight
- 22 Andy Land
Nina June Qualls
- 25 Ashley Anderson
Pat Holloway
Iris Lawley
- 28 Tanya Smith
Joyce Walters

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

Needs:

Cereal for Community Drive,
Items for:
Benevolence Food Barrel and
canned drinks for Camp Caudle
Campers

Singles Breakfast

Every Saturday,
9:00 AM
Dewayne’s,
Dover, AR

THOSE TO SERVE

June 5, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: Marion Helton
Serve: Robert Bird
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman
Andy Land

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Jim Killer
James Chadwick

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Troy and Rachel Curtis

Communion to Shut-Ins

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional

June 8, 2005

Randall 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
Church Office: 479-331-3428
Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Charlene Clark
Patsy Wisbrock

Sunday Service: Carin Chance

Wednesday Class: Pat McAlister

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