



Life Lines

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MY LINES

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Will They Let Me Play?

People always say kids can be mean, and never say how nice they can be. This story made me cry the first two times I read it. It surely helps put life into perspective!

At a final fund raising dinner for a school for learning-disabled children, the father of one of the school's students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all that attended.

After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question.

"Everything God does is done with perfection. Yet, my son Shay cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is God's plan reflected in my son?"

The audience was stilled by the query.

The father continued. "I believe that when God brings a child like Shay into the world, an opportunity to realize the Divine Plan presents itself and it comes in the way people treat that child."

Then he told the following story:

Shay and his father walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they will let me play?"

Shay's father knew that the boys would not want him on their team.

But the father understood that if his son was allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging.

Shay's father approached one of the

boys on the field and asked if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said, "We are losing by six runs, and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. At the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the outfield. Although no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands.

In the bottom of the ninth, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base. Shay was scheduled to be the next at-bat. Would the team actually let Shay bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat.

Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lob the ball easily so Shay could at least be able to make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward and tossed the ball slowly so Shay could hopefully hit the ball. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out, and that would have ended the game. Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far

beyond reach of the first baseman.

Everyone started yelling, "Shay run to first, run to first!"

Never in his life had Shay ever made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone was yelling, "Run to second, run to second!"

By the time Shay was rounding first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman for a tag. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions had been, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran toward second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases toward home. As Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams were screaming, "Shay! Run home!"

Shay ran home, stepped on home plate, and was cheered as the hero for hitting a "grand slam" and winning the game for his team.

"That day," said the father with tears rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of the Divine Plan into this world."

via *The Lincoln Light*
Huntsville, AL

Shouldest not thou also have compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?" (Matthew 18:33)

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“Humility is not thinking less of oneself than one ought. It is not thinking of oneself at all.”

Andrew Murray

Not thinking of oneself at all reminds me of Jesus. He suffered so much for us. He knew how much He would suffer before it was over. Yet, He did God's will. He humbled Himself and became our sacrifice. We feel that we are not deserving but He must have not felt that way. He did it for us, regardless.

Often it is difficult to be humble. We know we should, but it is still difficult. **“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”** (Matthew 23:12) We may not exalt ourselves above others but we still fail to humble ourselves as we should.

What does it really mean to be humble? There are many definitions for humble. In the Scriptures it is the opposite of being proud or arrogant. Thinking of oneself more than others. **“He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.”** (Proverbs 3:34) Other definitions are being meek, gentle or unpretentious.

Jesus said we must become as little children. **“Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”** (Matthew 18:4) Unpretentious, meek, gentle. These all sound like children. Can we become as a little child?

Other definitions of humble are being lowly in nature, poor, modest, ordinary or of an undistinguished nature. This is not what God meant in our inspired Scriptures. Jesus was in no way undistinguished. He did come as a poor, modest man. He was never ordinary. Those who didn't believe that He was the Messiah must have thought Him ordinary..

Our best example of humility is Jesus Christ Himself!

Remember Our Sick

Twila Bench – open heart surgery.

Jamie Churchill – in Ft. Smith Hospital, surgery complications.

Dora Dean Cloud – presently receiving in home hospice care.

Hadden Jones – Rich Hollis' father-in-law, serious health problems.

Lela Beth Wallace – diagnosed with cancer.

Shut-ins: Need prayers and visits.

Dover Area: **Bernice Brown**

Evelyn Burton

Mae Vanzandt

Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center:

Thelma Hatcher

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Pauline Whorton

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Walter and Thelma Arcynski, Susie Boley, Gail Brewer, Tom Cloud, Jeff Davis, Hoyt Ensey, Barbara Fore-hand, Sue Griffin, Hiroko Hatcher, Brian Holloway, Robert and Rose Lee, Theresa McKinley, John and Jannie Myers, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith and Elsie Youngerman.

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

Military: Jon Allen, Darus Brown, Greg Davis, Johnny Ragsdale, Cole Wetzell and Rudy Will.

The Kings Four Wives – continued from column three:

The king looked up and saw his frail wife whom he had neglected. Greatly grieved he said, “I should have paid attention and taken better care of you.”

We all have four wives: the fourth is our **body**. No matter how much care we lavish on our body, it will leave us when we die. The third is our **possessions, status and wealth** that will go to others when we die. Second is **family and friends**, they can't go to the grave with us either. And the first is our **soul**. Don't neglect your **soul** in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures because the soul will follow wherever you go.

The Rich King's Four Wives

Once there was a rich king who had four wives. He loved the fourth wife the most and adorned her with rich robes and treated her to the finest of delicacies – nothing but the best.

He also loved the third wife very much and was always showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared she might leave him for another man.

He loved his second wife, also. She was his confidante and always kind, considerate, patient. When the king had a problem, he would confide in her; she always helped him through the difficult times.

The king's first wife was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and Kingdom. However, he did not love the first wife and hardly ever noticed her.

It came to pass that the king became ill and was dying. He thought of his luxurious life and wondered, “I now have four wives, but when I die I'll be alone.” So, he asked his fourth wife, “I have loved you and given you the finest of everything. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?”

“No way!” replied the fourth wife and she walked away without another word. Her answer cut like a sharp knife into his heart.

The heart-broken king then asked the third wife. “I've have loved you all my life, now that I am dying, will you follow me and keep me company?”

“No!” she replied. “Life is too good! When you die I shall remarry!”

His heart was aching as he asked his second wife, ‘I've have always turned to you for help and you have always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?’

“I'm sorry, but I can't help this time!” replied the second wife. The king was devastated.

Then a voice called out: “I'll go with you. I'll follow you no matter where you go.”

Events

Dover Church of Christ
Children's Church
Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities
Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Porcelain Art Classes

Dover Church of Christ
August 24th, 25th and 26th
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

For more info contact:
Mary Ann Churchill

Prayers & Sympathy

For the family and friends of
Grady Aften Gregory who passed
away Monday, August 14, 2006,
Shawnee Mission, KS.
He was a brother to Rachel
Curtis.
Visitation was Thursday, August
10th, with interment Friday,
August 11th, in Shawnee Mission,
KS.

Mark Your Calendars

Elders' Meeting

August 29th, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Announcement:

Needed, empty printer's ink
cartridges for the Care Center;
place them in the north foyer of
the Dover Church of Christ.

Dover Church of Christ Lawn Schedule

August 26: Alan Boatman
Marion Helton

Who Should Read The Bible?

The Young – to learn how to live
The Old – to know how to die
The Ignorant – for wisdom
The Learned – for humility
The Rich – for compassion
The Poor – for comfort
The Dreamer – for enchantment
The Practical – for counsel
The Weak – for strength
The Strong – for direction
The Haughty – for warning
The Humble – for exaltation
The Troubled – for peace
The Weary – for rest
The Sinner - for salvation
The Doubting – for assurance
The Christians – for guidance
From: Selected

August Birthdays

- 01 Jacob Boley
Connor Chance
- 02 Ana Marie Lawley
John Myers
- 03 Frances Kennedy
Wes Walker
- 05 Pauline Dale
Kimberly Hon
- 06 Josh Pennington
- 10 Karen Womack
- 13 Blake Forehand
- 14 Russell Boley
Carolyn Clark
- 15 Lacey Hon
- 19 Drew Walters
Creek Jackson
- 21 Lois Boley
Donny Forehand
Ryan Nicholson
Merrell Shoptaw
- 25 Corey Hottinger
Jana McGuire
- 27 Shirlie Chadwick
- 28 Steve Pennington
- 29 Troy Curtis
- 31 Matthew Roberts
Dennis Whiteside

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

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

THOSE TO SERVE

August 20, 2006

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

Communion

Podium: William Boley
Serve: Earl Whitted
Gary Williams
James Chadwick
Jim Killer

Scripture Reading

Rex McDaniel

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Merrell Shoptaw
Randall Walters

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Allen and Marilyn Veasman

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

Greeters

Jim and JoAnn Killer

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 23, 2006

Chris Moss

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.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Patsy Wisbrock
Kaeli Miller
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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