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Our first praise of the month is that we continue to see growth in the internet radio ministry. We have seen an increase in listeners and requests for our newsletter. The Lord has used this ministry to open doors to other outreaches around the world. Our second praise for the month come from Acts Chapter 5 where the disciples are praising God that they are worthy of suffering shame for Jesus' name. I will talk more about this later in the pastors corner this ministry experienced several attacks this month. But we pray for our persecutors. Our third praise this month is that we are already seeing results from the first program in Malawi. Our local pastor Davies Nederma has reported that those he communicated with have indicated that program on God's Royal Way touched their lives.

Fourth on our praise list is that Pastor Davies has been looking for property in Zomba for their outreach center. They are renting a very small space that even makes it difficult to have a large prayer meeting. This last week members of one of the political parties came to brother Davies and asked if he would like to buy a city lot. The price of the Lot is only \$2500 U.S. We can already see God's hands in this. The officials must sell the property for back taxes. We are praying for God to provide for this property in His Royal Way. We are expecting a miracle.



The final praise for the month is that I just finished a 10 day fast and the Lord showed me many things that I will share as time goes on. I feel that I will be doing at least a ten day fast each month seeking a closer relationship with the Lord. Mary gave me an authentic Hebrew prayer shawl for my 50th birthday.

Mary's Thoughts for the Month

Thoughts for April

My sweetie turned 50 years old a few weeks ago and I will follow suit in about 6 months. We look back on our lives and stand in amazement at this milestone. Jay and I were talking the other day about how much has changed in the world in our half century of life, especially in this country. I guess that traditionally we are among the group they call the baby boomers. It made me think that we have all these labels, baby boomers, generation X, etc. In our time on earth the most wonderful label we have worn is that of

Christian. It is an honor for us to be called followers of Christ, his disciples. I have been called a daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend, and still above all these things I am a Christian, one who follows after Christ. I love my Jesus; I am not ashamed of Him, I would rather die than to deny Him. How does the world see and label you? In our little town Jay and I found out the other day when someone we barely know told us that he knew we were Christians because of all the testimonies in town about us. That made us realize how important it is for all of us who are followers of Christ Jesus to live out our faith for the world to see, after all we never know who is watching.

Love in Christ Mary.

Pastor's Corner

As any of you who read our newsletter knows this is the place you will find the Pastor's ranting some months. Well something happened that really got my dander up this month. For those of you who are not as old as I am "dander up" means it really upset me. We at His Will Ministry try to live by our name. We constantly pray to be in the Lords will. All the staff have a heart for Jesus and do our best to seek first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness. But some day's it is really hard ☺☺☺ . We have had groups that have disagreed with our teachings and my answer has always been show me in the scriptures. We realize that these attacks will occur as we walk with Jesus.

If you are familiar with the account in Acts chapter five. Peter and the apostles are just doing the work of our Lord when they are seized and thrown in prison. An angel of the Lord lets them out of prison and tells them to go back to the temple and preach. Before it was all over they were told not to preach Jesus and were beaten. We read in Acts 5:41-42 what their reaction was

⁴¹And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. ⁴²And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

To them it was a badge of honor to suffer shame for the name of Jesus. I am sounding a warning to all that are willing to stand by the name of Jesus. It is only a matter of time before you will see persecution. I turned 50 last month and I remember a kinder gentler time of my youth. The world still held a reverence for the Lord. We were a "Christian" nation.

Today it is not a very popular thing to stand for holiness, it is not very popular to take a stand against immorality. Just take a look at the pages of your local newspaper. Last year the people of Pinedale wanted to run a local pastor out of town because he spoke against two fortune tellers. He did not condemn them based on his opinion he let the word of God speak through the scriptures. One local restaurant owner went so far as to tell Mary and I he was hateful bigot and should be run out of town. Soon my friends Paul's words in Romans 8:18 (KJV) "**For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**" will ring true.

Where will you be standing when the persecution starts in this country like overseas? As I write this to you it is being reported that hundreds of Christians are being killed and churches burned in Kenya by the radical Muslims. How long my friend until we are the target of hate crimes in this county for speaking God's truths and no one will come to our rescue? One mainstream religious group decided to ordain Homosexuals saying that God was doing a new thing. One of their congregations could not agree and would not go along with this wrong. They staged a sit in at their church. The local conference officials called the local police and had the church members dragged from their church, several

were arrested. To make their point understood the local conference chained and padlocked the church and barred the members from ever using the church again, how long before the world treats all Christian as hate-mongers?

Luke 21:17 -19(NLT)¹⁷And everyone will hate you because of your allegiance to me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish! ¹⁹By standing firm, you will win your souls.

Love in Jesus

Pastor Jay



Down Home Advice from The desk of Reverend George

Well by now you should have a pretty good idea as to whether or not you are really saved or not. So it is time to take the next step in your newly found or rediscovered Christian life. The next thing that you do is as important to you as giving your life to Christ in the first place. Unless you do this the rest of it simply will not matter.

What is this step you might be wondering? You might think that it is going out and converting the rest of the world to Christianity, or maybe becoming the next *super evangelist* of the day. You might be thinking that you need to do some missions work, or devote all of your extra time to projects that the local church down the street has going on. As good as all of these may sound they are not your next step.

Because before you can do anything for Christ effectively, you must learn more about him. There are two methods for this and the first is to start studying your Bible. The second method is to find a good biblically based teacher and listen to them. As you already know by now there are all kinds of teachers wanting to teach you. So how do you know who to trust and who not to trust? You can find the best teacher in the world, but you still must study your Bible for yourself. Because even the best teachers make mistakes. It is your job to catch the mistakes and show the mistakes to them. I am sure many of you are thinking right now, how you are supposed to do this. After all, they are one teaching, not you, right? Not always.

A good teacher will always listen to you and take the correction when they are wrong, or they will show you why they are right, if they are not wrong. Keep in mind that the Bible is always without fail the best interpretation for the Bible. None of us should ever try to change this. So don't get caught up in the *if it feels*

good do it movement, or more importantly if *it sounds right accept it* one either. Many people let someone else do their thinking when it comes to the Bible. But this is not what God has planned for you to do. The fact of the matter is if you don't study the Bible for yourself, then you are being disobedient to the word of God. (Timothy 2:15 study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.) So if you are depending upon the whole Bible and not just bits and pieces of it you will become that workman that is spoken of here in this passage.

However, if you keep depending upon someone else all of the time to interpret scripture for you, you will probably fall astray somewhere down the line. Or, at the very least get it all mixed up in your head. Don't worry about knowing or even reading the entire Bible to start with. Take it day by day, if you will devote at least 30 min. each day to studying the Bible you will start seeing what God has to say to you. If you don't have 30 min. a day to put in to your time with God, you need to plan your day over, and make God first in your life.

If you don't put God first in your life you might end up like the preacher that preached this sermon just after the civil war. He got his Bible all mixed up, and made no sense in what he was saying. Instead of being a workman for God, he just sounded stupid. I will share a part of his actual sermon with you; here is some of what he said. " And lo the Queen of Sheba went down into Jerusalem sitting on a mule. And she fell among thieves, but they passed her by on the other side. And she got again on that mules back and she seen them a coming from afar off and five of them were wise and five of them were foolish. And they came to meet her with palm leaf fans crying lo Susana of the Ephesians. And they wagged them palm leaf fans in that mule's face. As she rode down the street she looked up in the second story window, and cried out fling down Jezebel, and she said unto them the second time fling down Jezebel. The answer came back we ain't a going to fling down Jezebel. And she said unto them the third time fling down Jezebel and they changed their minds. And they flung her down seventy times seven she busted into pieces, which could not be numbered from the multitude thereof. And there was a great weeping and a wailing and a snatching up of her teeth. And they picked up of her fragments twelve basket full, five loaves and two small fishes. And I say unto you brothers in the day of judgment whose wife is Jezebel going to be." Well I chose this sermon because anyone could see that it is really *off the wall*. This may seem a little extreme to you. But taking the text of the Bible out of context just a little is just as bad as this ridiculous sermon was when it was preached. But many of the believers get caught up into the cults because they don't know the word of God for themselves. The cults will feed you a little, just enough, to make it sound good. But what they are doing in many cases is to take the word of God out of context. They fool a lot of people like this, simply because people aren't following what the Bible has said to do in 2 Timothy 2:15. Jesus himself said in Luke 4:4 that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God. So follow the instructions of Christ, and study your Bible. In order to

become a good Christian you will have to know what the Bible says for yourself. This is the only way that you will become a true workman for God. Don't let anyone stand between you and your learning of the Bible. So don't worry about what you don't know, or how much someone else knows. Just be concerned that what you are learning lines straight up with the Bible. If you do this you will learn the word of God a lot sooner than you think.

It doesn't take a great theologian to work effectively for Christ. It only takes someone who is willing to put the time into learning what to do and how to do it. If you want to be a just workman, first you must study to be so. I can't think of anyone who started out knowing it all, can you? So keep praying for wisdom and knowledge, and study so the Lord will have a chance to answer your prayer. Christ will be faithful to you if you are faithful to him. But I will save that topic for another time.

God Bless;

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This Months Bible Moment



***With Pastor Jay
Firm Ground!***

Matthew 13:3-9 (KJV) ³And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, **Behold, a sower went forth to sow;** ⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: ⁵Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: ⁸But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

We have all heard this taught in Sunday school. But as we get closer to the end of this world we must know if we are on good ground. Jesus explained the parable a few verses ahead. He made it plain that the seed that fell, by the way side and on stony places was those that hear the word of God but truly do not accept it. The first group does not even put on the façade of being a Christian. They just do not accept the word and go on. The second group at least "pretends " to accept the word, but when the party time comes they go back to what they know.

It is the last two we must be concerned with. Jesus makes it plain that the last two groups knew Him. But, there is a major difference. One lives and bears fruit, the other is caught in the weeds and thorns and is choked off. To which group do you belong. In the pastors corner I talked about the coming persecution that Christians are facing. In the last 20 years the world wide persecution of the church has accelerated exponentially. Below is just a few true examples of recent headlines.

4/13/04 An estimated 400 Christians have been killed during peaceful and prayerful demonstrations by Christians in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

Muslim extremists have burned down 10 Christian churches in Nigeria in an attack thought to have been sparked by a mentally retarded Christian teenager desecrating the Quran.

4/8/04 In Kosovo, 117 Christian churches have been burned in recent months. One monastery was also burned to the ground, and 500 Christians have been killed or wounded and had their homes and businesses destroyed by rioting Muslims.

This last week the world remembered the 10 year anniversary of the Rwandan massacre. On April 6, 1994, Hutu extremists unleashed a genocide in which perhaps 800,000 people were murdered in one hundred days.

4/07/04 PLATEAU, Nigeria -- According to the mission group 'Open Doors with Brother Andrew,' some 1,500 Christians were slain within the last few weeks in the Nigerian state of Plateau in a slew of religious violence that destroyed 173 churches and displaced 25,000 people. Much of the killings occurred in the church while the parishioners were worshiping.

4/7/04 A federal judge has awarded nearly \$150,000 to a man who was fired by AT&T Broadband for refusing to sign a diversity policy requiring him to value the beliefs of others, including homosexuals. In a Friday ruling, Judge Marcia S. Krieger of the U.S. District Court in Colorado directed the company to recompense former employee Albert Buonanno of Denver for lost salary, 401k matching contributions, and emotional distress.

3/25/04 A Christian Indian national, was arrested, imprisoned, and tortured in a Mosque, according to the Washington-DC based human rights group, International Christian Concern (ICC).

2/6/04 An elderly house church leader was recently beaten and crippled for leading 50 fellow inmates to Christ. According to China Aid Association (CAA), Chen Jingmao, 72, a South China Church (SCC) leader, was beaten by prison guards on Feb. 6 for "bringing others to Christianity ... [and] ... shame upon the Communist Party."

March 19, 2004 Hostility Grows Against Christians American culture is becoming increasingly hostile to Christians and their values, while often celebrating sin and immorality. The courts, media and educational establishment give license to discriminate against believers, and voices that would proclaim God's truth are in danger of being silenced.

Be prepared my friends the times are coming when in this country founded on God's word we will face trials and tribulations. We must be standing on firm

ground and that firm ground is our faith in Jesus and our knowledge of God's word. If your eyes are on the world and the world's cares are closing in on you, then you must turn your eyes to Jesus and plant yourself in good ground. Jesus made it clear the only ones who will be saved are those who endure to the end and only those planted in good ground will endure. All others will be lost. They will fall away in one form or another. Plant yourself in good ground and be ready for the end is nearer than we think.

*Love Ya
Pastor A. J.*



From the Directors Chair

HOW ARE YOU PERSUADED?

¹¹Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. ¹²And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, *and winter there.* (Acts 27:11,12 NKJV)

This centurion had a decision to make, which consisted basically of whether he should listen to men who could reason with their own understanding, or listen to the man of God.

In this passage we have the Centurion; he's the boss, calling the shots. The advisors in this case are the helmsman, who are no doubt, an experienced sailor and navigator. I'm sure they knew their trade well. They had to know what they were doing, but at the same time this man is at the mercy of the elements and the environment. The owner of the ship has much at stake. He no doubt trusts the helmsman or he wouldn't have him guiding the ship. This ship is his living, carrying cargo, tackle, and 276 people on board, this is no rowboat. Then you have the man of God. Paul, a prisoner with several other prisoners on board has had favor with the Centurion, and has heard from the Lord (Acts 23:11) that he must testify in Rome.

Paul is at the end of his third missionary journey when he gets arrested in Jerusalem. He is planting churches, building up the body of Christ everywhere he goes. Can you imagine the man who said, "Pray without ceasing?" They had been fasting on the Day of Atonement. In Lev 23:27, 29, the Lord commands that everyone must afflict themselves and do no work. The point is that Paul had been seeking the Lord. Put yourself in his place. Can you imagine the prisoner Paul (v.9, 10) admonishing them that they would lose the cargo and the ship, and possibly their lives? What boldness! But, you see he has been with the Lord in prayer and fasting. And this is the faith that the Lord would like to see all of us exercising, I'm sure. Paul lived in this place constantly or he could not have been the main writer of the New Testament.

This reminds me of what Pastor Jay says, "Do you give God a tithe of your time, 2.4 hours a day?" Doesn't God say, "Give and it shall be given unto you." The Apostle Paul's ministry was amazing even after he got to Rome, if you will continue to read in the book of Acts. If only we would all have the faith to be ministers like Paul.

The helmsman, the ship's owner, and whoever the majority was in verse 12 persuaded the Centurion to travel on even though Paul admonished them not to. We want to do things because we say, "Oh it would be so nice if things would just work out like so and so." When we lean on our own understanding, or how we think things ought to work and don't listen to the Lord, don't seek His face, how much trouble do we bring on ourselves?

Friend, who are you listening to today? I've got to admit that I don't keep my eyes on the Lord like the Apostle Paul, or even Pastor Jay and Mary. But I'm sure that's why the Lord led me to this passage of scripture. We need to hear from the Lord and not men, or just look at our circumstances and pick the easiest route. Because then it is our plan, our will, and our own understanding. Are we led by the Spirit? Is it God's will we are doing or our own? God can do great things through them that are yielded to Him.

As we read the story we see that the ship and cargo are lost, and I believe that their lives would have been also, if Paul hadn't interceded. Paul is so much in prayer that much like Daniel, Paul has

an angel appear and tell him what would happen so that he could encourage the men. And they even listened to him after this, because he told them they had to remain with the ship so they cut the ropes of the boat (Acts 27:32) so no one would be lost.

I also notice that even when Paul gets bit by a venomous snake he doesn't get excited, he just shakes it off like, well God said and I'm trusting God. And notice too this circumstance that we would call a curse, God turns around, to provide for their needs, in Chapter 28. In this busy world there are a lot of voices. This world is so hectic and there are so many things pulling at our attention. Let us remember, it is the Lord's plans that will never fail. Praise the Lord!

God Bless, Bro Scott

TEACHING OF THE MONTH

In the Beginning

This month I would like to take a look at the first verse in the book of Genesis. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. What an awesome statement this is. I think this verse has been read over quickly many times to get to the more important things in the Bible, or at least what is thought of as more important anyway. I have not heard many preachers in this day and time preaching on the first verse of the Bible. Is it because there is not very much to say about it, or maybe because it is considered too boring? I can tell you this much it is certainly not because it is not important.

I myself must confess that until recently I had not given it much thought. Like most Christians I had taken it for granted, or simply looked over it for one reason or the other. Usually speeding through to get to where God had created man in his own image. In fact I continued doing so until I had become interested in biblical archeology. It was shortly after that when I found myself awe struck, by the very first verse in the Bible. Please let me try to share with you a small part of what this verse is saying to us. Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This verse shows us a couple of very important things. To start with it shows us that there is only one God. Then it goes on to show us that the world did not always exist. So let us take a look at the heavens there are three of them. The first heaven consists of the where the birds fly, and where the

clouds float in the sky. The second heaven consists of the stars, moon and the rest of outer space. We can see this in Psalm 19:1, where David says “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.” And in 2nd Corinthians 12:2, the apostle Paul tells us “ I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven.” The third heaven is where God abides. One of the things that God created is our universe. Lets take a look at the size of it for a minute. It is so big that it has to be measured by light years. Without getting into it too much, here is how the light year is gauged, light travels at the speed of one hundred eighty six thousands miles per second. So you multiply the number of seconds in one year times one hundred and eighty six thousand, and this is how far a beam of light can travel. This is roughly six trillion miles. As we all know our universe is made up of galaxies, which is a grouping of stars and planets. Our galaxy is called the Milky Way, which consist of one hundred thousand light years in diameter. Think about this astronomers by means of the most powerful telescopes we have, have concluded that there is about one trillion galaxies. Each one carrying with it hundreds of billions of stars. And the size of some of those stars is astronomical. Let me try to describe a few to show you what I am talking about. But keep in mind that I am only talking about a few stars not nearly the hundreds of billions that are in only one galaxy.

Check this out if our sun were hollow one million three hundred thousand of our earth’s could fit in side of it. Even though our sun is so huge, there are planets larger than the sun. There is a star named Antaries that could hold sixty four million of our suns. But that’s not all in the constellation of Hercules there is a star that could hold one hundred million Antaries. And finally there is a star named Epsilon, so large that it could hold an easy twenty seven billion of our suns. The Bible teaches us in Psalm 147:4 that not only does God know the number of the stars but he also has a name for each of them. “ He telleth the number of the stars; and calleth them all by their names.” We can’t even see all of the stars much less number or name all of them, that is how large God’s heavens are.

Think about that the next time that you read. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” But I spoke of just a small part of the heavens. So now let us take a look at the earth. Look at the sand by the seashore, each piece is so very small. Think about how many grains you could fit into a tiny thimble. Have you ever counting just a thimble full of sand, I confess I haven’t. Much less what is strewn across the entire world.

Even though a grain of sand is small it is by far not the smallest thing God has created. The Bible teaches us that the sand by the seashore is too numerous for us to number. It also teaches us that God uses that very same sand as a way to measure. He told Abraham in Genesis 22:17 “in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies”.

God also made the Protons, Neutrons and Electrons it takes to make an Atom, which we all know is what holds all of them together. Just to give you an example of how small these are. It takes about twenty five trillion Protons laid side by side to span a linear inch. I am not going into these or the amount of energy that it takes to hold them together. All I have wanted to do this month is to show you just the tip of the iceberg. I am not really qualified to give you a science lesson, but it is hard to talk about the creation of the heavens and earth without going into it a little bit. Hopefully, the next time you start to read your Bible you just might give it a little more thought.

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Partner of the Month

GRANDMA PAT'S PRAYER LINE

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Gramma Pat is a great example of how our Lord can still use us at any age if we will only let Him. When we first met Gramma Pat she told Pastor A. J. she was to the point that she did not know



what she could still do for God. The pastor of her church told her "Pat the Internet is a fertile field." The rest is history, Gramma Pat got a computer and on the net and has prayed for many, many people since. Gramma Pat is one of our faithful prayer warriors. She will pray for your request until she receives a scripture from the Lord, then she e-mails the scripture to you. Gramma Pat has been such a blessing from the Lord to us.

She is part of our prayer team here at His Will Ministry and we are honored to partner with her in prayer. Please visit her website, she is one of God's mighty soldiers, truly a prayer warrior. In our own experience with Gramma Pat's scriptures from the Lord we can testify that one person received healing scriptures and was later healed completely of cancer, just as the scriptures said he would be. The scriptures have been a sound counsel to Jay and I in many different situations, Gramma Pat is mightily used of the Lord.

HOME



*Oh how I long for Jesus especially at
quiet time,
I long to walk with Him, His nail scarred
hand in mine,
To listen to His lovely voice softly call my
name,
To be free of this earth and all its pain,*

*To have my precious Savior call me His own,
I am convinced that this world is not my home,
My home is in glory land where the angels sing,
Where the streets of gold are beckoning,*

*This world is the shadow lands it cannot compare,
To the wondrous place that He has prepared,
We are just pilgrims; we sing the pilgrim's song,
This world is not where we belong,*

*Our Jesus, one day soon will split the eastern sky,
And He will take us home at the trumpet cry,
Oh! Saints keep watching for Him, He is drawing near,
The day is nearly nigh; He will take us out of here,*

*Comfort one another with the hope of His return,
Keep those candles lit, let them brightly burn,
We will see Jesus soon, and forever there abide,
Our bridegroom is returning to snatch away His bride,*

*"Come Lord Jesus, Come", is my prayer today,
We are ready to go home, take us all away,
Jesus, blessed Jesus, our promise and our King,
The Saints await, Your redemption bring.*