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Correction from last month's listing
In Memory of
Daniel Santistevan

by his father, Randy Santistevan. We apologize for the mistake.

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A Word from Ron

Recently I attended the funeral of a man who was the father of a friend. Upon arrival I was amazed at the number of people who had come to pay their respects. Hundreds who had known this man had come to show support for his family. During the memorial service I heard person after person speak to the godly character of this man, and I heard his son and grandson speak of the legacy that this man had left to them through the investment he had made into their lives. He was a

godly man who lived what he believed until the day he entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

When you come to the end of your journey here on earth, what type of legacy do you plan on leaving to your children? What type of life you live and how you live it will affect others, including your children. You can choose to set a godly example for your children or a bad example. Remember, when you die, your legacy, good or bad, is left behind to your children.

Galatians 6:9 teaches us that one day we will reap what we have sown. If you sow good deeds, you will one day reap good things; you will sow good things in this life and the life to come. Matthew 6:19-21 says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (KJV).

A trucker friend shared with me how he was raised in a Christian home, went to church, and was taught that the important things in life were a life centered on God, love, church, and family, and yet throughout his early adult life he drifted farther and farther away from God. His heart was hardened by sin, and no longer could he hear the Holy Spirit calling. His life was spiraling out of control. He stated that he could begin to see his destiny—his life ending in a wreck or through the use of drugs. He knew he would be forever in the depths of hell, but he couldn't change. It was only through a series of tragic events, including two failed marriages, that God was able to get his attention. Sin can have a devastating effect on our lives and on those who are closest to us. Especially on our families.

No one knows the day or the hour that they will die. Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (KJV). So now is the time to focus on what you want to leave behind. Your children will be affected by your decisions. Did you take your children to church and teach them about God? Or did you play church and never fully commit? It is harder to win back someone that you thought had received Christ, when they stray from the Word of God.

Is God speaking to you and asking, "Are you ready to change your life and serve only me?" but you feel like your life is at its worst and you are not sure how you can be a value to God? Then call our prayer line (1-877-797-PRAY or 1-877-797-7729) or stop at one of our TFC chapels and speak to one of our chaplains (see list of contact information on page 15). They would love to spend time with you and show you how you can have a relationship with Jesus Christ and experience a deeper walk with God.

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<u>On the cover</u>: One of the forty-two beautiful SuperLiner Macks at the 2018 Gerhart's Big Mack Show. Photo by Donald Hollinger.

Chaplains' Messages from TFC Staff Conference Now Available Online!

A new resource has been added to the Transport For Christ website. During the October Staff Conference, a number of chaplains presented brief sermons that were edited and uploaded to the TFC website and to YouTube. You can access them from any device by going to the TFC website and clicking on the *Chaplains' Sermons* black box on the home page (or type <u>transportforchrist.org/media</u> in your web browser).



At this point, these are the messages posted on the site:

- 1. "God Is Here" (Exodus 3:1-5) by Chaplain Paul Leger
- 2. "That Door" (Revelation 3:20) by Chaplain Stan Mattick (abbreviated version)



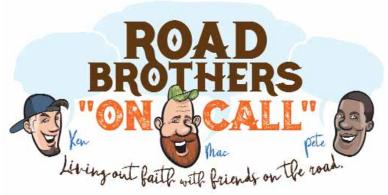
- 3. "That Door" (Revelation 3:20) by Chaplain Stan Mattick (full version)
- 4. "Going Home to Love My Wife" (I Corinthians 13) by Chaplain George Freeman
- 5. "Courageous and Fearless" (Philippians 1:12-14) by Chaplain Gary Nussbaum (The Rambler)
- 6. "A Marriage or a Can of Beer" (Philippians 1:6) by Chaplain Tim Sackett

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
Last month's truck (below) was a
1951 Sterling. Check the online edition
of Highway News for a view of its rare
tandem chain drive.





Who are they?

Pete (Pierre), Ken (a.k.a. KW), and Mac discovered each other during an 18-hour blizzard two years ago on I-94 in Michigan. Each was doing whatever he could to help stranded motorists when they connected and realized they had a shared interest in following Jesus Christ and helping others. Since then, every Tuesday at 8:40 PM (CT) they have been meeting on a group chat. We thought you'd enjoy listening in!

Say a Prayer for Me

Mac: Good evening, lads. Good to hear your voices. My thoughts have been about the two of ye for the past few days. *KW:* Oh no! Do we owe you money?! *Pete:* Good one, KW. Mac, it's good to know you love us, buddy.

Mac: You boys are like family to me and I appreciate us keeping in touch every week. And these short calls help me think about things.

Pete: KW, sounds like something big is coming.

Mac: Well, it kinda is a big deal. Been thinking about the meaning of prayer. Sometimes we have a brief prayer during our calls and we might "say grace" before we eat. But there's buckets more about prayer.

KW: Mac, that is so true. During my senior year at university, I was mentored by a man at my church who was into prayer big time. He wasn't weird about it. You could tell from his actions and his words that he loved talking to God. *Pete:* KW, you just gave the best definition of prayer—talking to God. Even better, prayer is talking *with* God.

Mac: Like a two-way conversation, eh? *Pete:* Well, yeah.

Mac: I've had people ask me to "say a prayer" for them. That sounds like they want me to make a deposit in their spiritual account or to wish them good luck. KW: But if prayer is talking to, or with, God, it is a conversation with God. You bring up things that are on your mind and ask God about them. Pete: On the other hand, prayer can be like talking to a machine. You say written or memorized prayers just to know you have done your duty for the day.

Mac: Hold on there a minute, laddie. Are you saying written prayers are no good? Pete: Naw, there are some really good ones like the Lord's Prayer that we might recite in church. And there are people of great faith who have written some powerful words that capture what we want to say to God. What I'm sayin' is that our eyes can read and our tongues can recite words but they are disconnected from our minds and our hearts. The best prayers are the ones where we are fully engaged with God. Mac: I knew that's what you meant. I just wanted to hear you say it so eloquent-like. **KW:** You know, I catch myself reading off a list of prayer matters like I'm reading off a bill of lading. It may be a list of things I want God to do for me or those I care about. They may even be really good things like prayers for justice in the world or peace in my hometown or provision for missionaries who are preaching the Gospel.

Pete: So how do we keep our prayers from being mechanical—just a routine thing we do?

Mac: I believe I am having a real conversation with God when I am telling God why an issue concerns me and reminding Him and myself of His promises that fit the situation.

Pete: Is this an example of what you mean? I tell God about my daughter in university and the pressures and temptations I know she is facing. I remind Him of His Father's heart and His promise to never leave His children.

Mac: That's what I'm talking about. And as you pray that kind of prayer, do you feel peace and confidence in God's work in Tiya's circumstances?

Pete: Sometimes I have to keep praying longer but yes, being reminded of God's promises gives me a settled confidence. **KW:** That sounds like God speaking back to you. Prayer really is a two-way discussion.

Pete: The Holy Spirit uses God's words in Scripture to speak to us. Many times, I am reminded of sections of the Bible while I'm praying. **Mac:** Then there are times when I have been talking to God about a perplexing situation and a clear plan of action comes to mind. But I've learned not assume that is God speaking because some crazy things have come to mind. **KW:** So how do you know if it is God or Crazy Mac?

Mac: Good thing you are 300 miles away from me, laddie! Seriously, I do some checking. The Bible calls it discernment. First, I think if there are any words in the Bible that are contrary to my ideas or that confirm them. Then I'll often check with a Christian that I respect to get his or her feedback. If both of those check out, I'm thinking God must have put that idea in my mind and I take steps to work it out.

Pete: Our time's up. Before we go, let me talk to God for us. Father in Heaven, fill Mac, KW, and me with the knowledge of Your will so that we will continue to love You wholeheartedly.* There is nothing better for us than that. And we believe that you are doing this for us every day. We talk to you, Father, because of the grace of Jesus, by the power of Your Spirit...and together we agree.

Mac, KW, and Pete: Amen!

^{*} Pete is quoting Colossians 1:9-10 from memory.

CHAPLAINS' LOGS

<u>True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers</u>

A driver came into the chapel and said he walked away from the Lord three years ago because of his problem with pornography. The Holy Spirit convicted him and he came in the chapel, confessed, and repented.

- Chaplain Chad -

- ♦ While I was in the restaurant, I met a driver who invited me to sit with him as he had something he wanted to share with me. He said we had given him some TFC Bibles a while back. Sometime later, he picked up someone stranded on the highway and was able to take him within four blocks from his home. Before the man got out of his truck, the trucker said he gave him a Bible. Weeks later he received a message from this man saying that he had accepted Christ!

 Chaplain Len
- ◆ Driver Nolan came in for the evening service. He and his wife are team drivers but she was not along on this trip. He looks for chapels while on the road as he cannot get to his own church often. We shared testimonies and how wonderful the Lord has been in our lives, then prayed together.

 *Chaplain James**
- ♦ A driver who had been here before came in for the service. After the message, he asked how he would know that he was going to heaven. After sharing the Gospel with him again, I asked if he was willing to accept Christ as his Lord and Savior and he said "Yes" and prayed the sinner's prayer.

 Chaplain Fred
- ♦ We had two drivers in today. Both shared their love for Christ and what He has been doing in their lives and hearts. We had a great time in the Word. One of them came back in the evening. He said both drivers were very thankful for TFC being here, as neither driver had a home church, since they both live in their trucks.

 Chaplain Tim
- ◆ Juan came in for prayer. He had a doctor's appointment and was worried that the doctor was going to schedule him for surgery. We prayed and I encouraged him to think positively and to continue to pray. He left in much better spirits than when he came in.

 *Chaplain Rich**
- ♦ Jim left a prayer request card in the offering box, and the note just said, "HELP!" He left his phone number and I called him. I shared the Gospel with him, along with the wrath of God, and shared the good news of how much Jesus loves us and took the wrath upon Himself. He repented on the phone and said, "I don't want to live one more day without Jesus!"

 Chaplain Jay
- ♦ Donnie came in hurting and fighting drug temptations. He feels no one cares. I was able to show him how much God cares, and told him I cared as well. He said he is a Christian, and I was able to give him a big hug. He just needed to feel someone cared.

 Chaplain Hank
- ◆ Driver Tim stopped in; he visits often. He asked if I would call his wife and pray for her, as she hasn't been feeling well. I prayed with him, and then called his wife, talked and prayed for her. Chaplain Wayne
- ◆ Douglas, a recovering alcoholic, came in wanting some reading material and prayer. He asked for prayer to help him not to drink, and we prayed together.

 Chaplain Joe
- ♦ Driver Anthony came in to say thanks for helping him get his clothes back that he had left in the truck stop showers (we had shipped them to him). Driver Herbert stopped in for prayer and to tell us thanks for being here. We prayed and he headed out. Driver George stopped in for prayer. He is a new driver in training and is a born-again believer. He admitted that he get nervous at times. I shared some Scriptures with him and encouraged him to memorize them. *Chaplain Wayne*

As you read these logs, please pray for the chaplains and those they minister to every day.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU By R. E. Olson

Like Driven Snow

ave you even been caught in a blizzard out on the highway? Suddenly your visibility is zero and you find yourself as if you were enveloped in a cloud. All you see wherever you look is pure white; nothing else is visible.

That is how God sees your life after you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. All the bad things you have ever done, even the things you think are too big for God to forgive, will be washed away, leaving you in God's eyes pure, clean, and innocent—as pure as the driven snow.

How can this be? First we have to acknowledge that all of us are sinners. "Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?" (Proverbs 20:9). The Bible promises that if we confess our sins, admit our wrongs, and ask Jesus to forgive us, He is faithful to cleanse our hearts and lives, leaving us blameless before God. "'Come now, let us reason together,' says the LORD. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool'" (Isaiah 1:18).

The Psalmist David knew of God's power to cleanse his sins. He stated in Psalm 51:7, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." And God will do that for you, too.

Your life will be presented to God as pure and holy, just as Jesus is. John described Him in Revelation 1:14, saying, "The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow." Jesus was without sin, but He willingly died on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven. He took our place and paid the penalty of death for our sins, so He has the power to forgive us of our sins and to present us to God as pure, holy, and blameless.

"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Can you think of a better way to start the New Year than knowing that you have assurance of spending eternity in heaven and for God to see your life "as white as snow"? Turn to Jesus today and ask him to forgive you of your sin and purify your heart. Then write to us or stop by a TFC chapel and share your joy with us. The prayer below can help guide you to salvation in Christ.

Start Anew in the New Year

- ☑ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- ☑ Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord and turn from your sins.
- ☑ Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross and shed Your blood to pay the penalty for my sins. Please forgive me and come into my life. You are my Savior and Lord."

Easier said than done? Stop by a TFC chapel (listed on page 15) or call a chaplain for more guidance.

☑ On the back of this magazine is a coupon to send to us if you have prayed this prayer. We will send you a Bible study designed for truckers, to help you in your new walk with Christ.



The Big Mack Show at Gerhart's: No Rain This Year!

By Donald Hollinger

igger and better was the show at Gerhart's in Lititz, Pennsylvania, this past October. To be sure, one reason was the weather, because in several years past there was at least some rain; in fact, one year it was so wet that no trucks could park in the field and only a few showed up, parking on macadam only.

There were about 150 trucks this year; forty-two of those were Mack Super-Liners. The Super-Liner is a good-looking truck, popular in the eighties.

But, as always, there were several other makes at the show as well. One that got my attention was the 1983 International model 9670XL, owned by J&R Trucking of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. I don't think I ever in my lifetime of trucking saw an 18-wheel tractor! Sorry I failed to find out more about the big truck, but it must haul very heavy loads!





My friend Daryl Emery brought his very nice 1971 R-700 V8 Mack. I was surprised to see this R model had a metal dash (see photos on page 10); I drove several R models myself through the years but never saw a metal dash. As I often do before writing an article, I did some research. I called another friend, Doug Maney, from the Mack Museum, for the answer. He told me they had the metal dash until 1973, when the Plus 3 cab was introduced. That would explain my ignorance, because all the R models I drove were 1975 and newer. He also said the Plus 3 cab added three inches of depth to the cab for additional room, designed the dash for better access to switches and gauges, and updated the heat/AC unit.

I was also pleased to see Keith Jones, from the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights, Virginia, who came with his motorhome and several of his crew hauling many beautiful museum trucks with them. Keith gave us a grand tour of his Museum in 2016 (see August 2016 issue of *Highway News*) and I would highly recommend a visit to that museum to see all the beautiful trucks and farm tractors, plus much more.

G. C. Hudson Supply brought their flatbed R model Mack with a load of Cub Cadet tractors, as they do most years (all the way from Brockville, Ontario, Canada!). However this was the first time I found out that they have a huge collection of Cub Cadets—I believe as high as seventy or eighty.







Opposite page: Top, a nice row of Macks; middle and bottom, a 1983 International 9670XL—a rare fiveaxle tractor.

This page, top and middle, two of Keystone Tractor Museum trucks; bottom, G. C. Hudson's flatbed model R Mack with a load of Cub Cadet tractors.



Alex Baker, from Marion, Pennsylvania, brought his 1984 SuperLiner crew cab (above); he built this beautiful truck in his shop with an extra cab he got from Doug Maney, and, as you might have guessed from the picture, he uses the rig to take his family camping.

This annual show began in 1990, on Mack's 100th anniversary, and for the past four years has been sponsored by the Antique Truck Club of America, Central Pennsylvania Chapter. It's always held the first Friday and Saturday in October.





Top, Alex Baker's 1984 SuperLiner crew cab, with camper.

Above and right, Daryl Emery's 1971 R-700 V8 Mack with a metal dash

Put On The Whole Armor Of God

That is your job.

Nobody can do it for you.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)



"Well Done, Charlie!"

~ A Tribute to a Faithful Servant of the Lord ~

harlie Sensenig, a good friend and supporter of the ministry of TFC, went home to his Lord this past November 8, after a lifetime of faithful love and service to God, his family, and his community. At his memorial service, the pastor closed quoting words from Charlie himself: "I don't want anyone to leave my Celebration of Life service without a heart that has been fixed by Jesus." We know the words of greeting Charlie received from his Lord: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

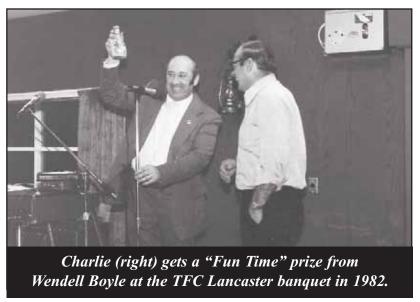


Donald Hollinger Remembers

We first met Charlie and Hazel in 1969, when our local Christian radio station WDAC sponsored a Family Camp at Pinebrook Bible Camp in the Pocono Mountains. There were no active TFC functions in Pennsylvania until 1973. It wasn't long—I believe about 1975—when Charlie, a truck driver who loved the Lord, got involved with the ministry here in Lancaster. Charlie not only supported TFC by selling lots of tickets to our annual banquet, but he was also a bulk distributor of this magazine. One thing is sure—he had a heart for the ministry.

How well I remember when tragedy struck the family in January of 1990. Daughter Janet, who was soon scheduled to depart to the mission field, was in a serious car accident and suffered brain damage. The family took loving care of her at home until she went to be with her Lord in May of 1994.

Attempting to remember Charlie's trucking career, I had to ask my wife's nephew Clair Lapp, who worked with Charlie back in the 1970s, to refresh my memory. My first memory of Charlie trucking was when he drove a 1970 Chevy with a



427 gas engine, five-speed transmission backed up by a second four-speed, pulling a dump hauling mostly grain and stones. (Don't often hear of a Chevy with two sticks!) After selling the Chevy to the Lapps in the early 1970s, he bought a KW with a Cat engine and went by the CB handle "Kitty Cat." Then in 1979, after selling his truck, he went to work for the freight company A. Duie Pyle—only to have them go on a fourteen-week strike soon after he started! But he stuck with the company, delivering local freight until his retirement. After we both retired and would meet somewhere, we would say how we would like to get together sometime, but for some reason, I regret to say, it never happened until the recent meeting at the Highs.

I always enjoyed his company, and he will surely be missed. I called Hazel just a couple of days before his passing, and she said, "He is not doing well, but if the Lord still wants him to stay and witness for Him, He can heal him; but if not, I am at peace letting him go." At the close of the funeral, the pastor, at the request of Charlie while planning the funeral, made an appeal, asking if there was anyone there with something in their heart, not to leave without settling it with the Lord.

A Final Gathering—by Doris High

Back in October, Charlie learned he had several brain tumors as well as nodules in his lungs. I emailed him when I learned that, and he called me back because he was beginning to lose some of his motor skills, thus calling was easier. During our conversation he asked if I knew of someone who would host a get-together with some of his old trucker friends—he said he needs some trucker hugs. I was happy to do that! We had a sweet time of fellowship, memories, and prayer for Charlie and Hazel.



It was a joy to attend Charlie's memorial service—just like he wanted. His request was that there would be tears of joy, but no regrets. Former TFC Board member Clair Leaman (a choir director) led the singing, and it was fabulous. Some letters were read from people who wrote notes to Charlie and Hazel, including one from a trucker who was stranded and needed help. He mentioned that he was in a low part in his spiritual life, but meeting Charlie changed that. Another was from a Fresh Air Child from New York City (now a woman) who spent two weeks with their family each summer.

She said she had never known the love of a father or what a godly family looked like until she spent time with Charlie and Hazel's family.

Faithful was a word we heard to describe Charlie many times during the service. It is also how Cerwin and I would describe him. We think we met them in the fall of 1976 at a TFC function. He enjoyed trucking and sharing the Gospel with anyone he met. He also loved to promote the ministry of TFC.

I was especially blessed by Hazel's note to Charlie, shared at the service: "How can I sum up sixty years

of marriage and your total faithfulness to me and our children? You always opened and held the car door for me—even when the car was parked in our garage!"

Former TFC Board member Clair Leaman and his wife, Charlene, shared special memories of Charlie and Hazel (Clair, a conductor, led the singing at Charlie's funeral):

Charlie was always one who sincerely kept up on what you were doing and how you were. Not because he was nosy, but because he cared. One memory that has stayed with us and has been an encouragement to us dates back to the fall of 1972. We had just moved into the Coatesville area and on our first visit to Sunday services at Wagontown Union Chapel, Charlie and Hazel invited us to their home for Sunday dinner... They had four children, and it seemed like such a big undertaking to have two more to add to the crowd. Our friendship has continued down through the years. What an example of Christian hospitality to us—but that was Charlie and Hazel!

Denver Chapel Hosts Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Chaplain Rich and Diana Olver, serving at the Denver Chapel, made sure truckers who were laying over at the Sapp Brothers Truck Stop on Thanksgiving Day had not only a free Thanksgiving feast but also companionship and support.

"We had a wonderful time preparing this dinner for the drivers. We wanted to make them feel like they were thought of on this day. We made turkey and ham, potatoes, stuffing, rolls, and for dessert, pies and a cake.

"The drivers were amazed that we would have this for them. We served about twenty-five to thirty people—not just drivers but other folks as well who had no one to spend Thanksgiving with. We had a great time fellowshipping with them. Many asked for prayer and thanked us for showing that we cared for them.









"We are so grateful for all the volunteers who gave up their holiday to serve at the chapel on this day, and for the folks who donated the funds to make this happen!"



"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' He replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

"M. Louise Haskins"



FREEN ONION



In 2019, Resolve to Focus on Prayer!

(Hog Caller has taken Green Onion to a retreat about prayer, so Green Onion is skipping his joke this month.)

he Bible says that we have a loving God Who cares for us and wants to answer our prayers. So why is it that so many of us don't pray as we should?

I believe the enemy of our souls gives us many reasons; in addition, we are pretty good about coming up with reasons ourselves!

For example, Satan tries to convince us that we will be disappointed if we really pray. After all, if you don't set your heart on praying for something, you won't have any crashed expectations. Sadly, many Christians fall into this trap and spend their lives accomplishing exactly what they're aiming for—that is, nothing.

Second, we reason that God already knows our whole lives; he knows which jobs we will have, who our marriage partner will be (if any), all the way down to when we will die. So why pray?

Third, we often don't pray because we feel like a failure and unworthy of coming into the Father's presence (another favorite ploy of the adversary).

Fourth, if we're living in disobedience, we don't want to pray because, if we really pray, we know God will convict us of our sins and maybe we're not quite ready to give them up. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18 KJV).

If you or I have any sin, disobedience, rebellion, anger, bitterness, or unforgiveness in our hearts, that's when we really need to pray. The Psalmist gives us a pattern for prayer at such times: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24 KJV).

The wonderful truth is that God always meets us where we are when we confess and admit our need. Psalm 66:19 gives a wonderful promise to those who humble themselves before Him: "But God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer." And He also promised: "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).

Jesus said that whatever things we asked in prayer, believing, we would receive (Matthew 21:22). So we can come boldly to the throne of grace that we many find help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Our need is to believe His Word and promises; and He promises a reward to those who do so: "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Matthew 6:6). I believe this promised reward is His peace, joy, and love that are beyond all understanding and will express themselves in praise and songs to Him.

I pray that you may experience in your own life this overwhelming peace that comes from living a life of prayer before the Lord. And, speaking of prayer, I must find a quiet place now and practice what I just preached to you. God bless you in this New Year—and may it be a year when you resolve to focus on prayer!

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How Will Your Movie End?

By Dr. Karl Benzio

that has helped transform my life and I have used to help many others God brings my way. We all tend to put premature finish lines on situations. "I will never talk to him again." "Nobody will ever love me." "If I don't get any money by the end of the month to pay my bills, I'll be a failure." "Cancer (or insert your chronic medical illness) is a death sentence." I know many people who have lost all happiness in their lives and they wonder if they will ever have joy again. Sadly, suicide is the ultimate premature finish line for some. Their unhappiness is usually an outcome of being in a bad situation. So the prayer I teach them to pray is, "God, please reveal the good You have planned for me in this bad situation."

Why is this prayer always so difficult to say when we're in the midst of a horrible situation like illness, death, divorce, depression, anger, an addiction, or financial trouble? The list goes on and on and there are so many reasons to be unhappy. We typically don't ask God to bring good from the bad because we are in the midst of suffering. It's almost impossible to consider all the wonderful outcomes that God could have in store for us. So, for those of you who have lost all hope for happiness and are in the middle of a storm, pray this simple prayer, "Dear Father, please allow me to see the good You will bring from this bad situation."

We experience our present painful circumstances for a reason. Pain sharpens us, shows us valuable skills, and reveals to us vital information about God, life, and ourselves. Your present painful circumstances aren't the end of your movie. There are so many more glorious scenes yet to come. Even though it's painful at times, do what you need to do, so when God opens the door, you are ready to walk through and enjoy the upcoming exciting and triumphant scenes of your movie. Oftentimes we blow off or skip the "training time" God desires from us in a task or hardship. Consequently, we don't learn the important skills, process, or information we need to be successful when the opportunity to shine presents itself.

Today, don't believe that your current struggle is the final act of your play. The end of your movie is not now. Accept that this is the beginning of a great movie that ends in restoration and healing. What is your role in the movie that turns around the plot? God will show up and do His part. Will you? Follow Him. Complete the preparation and training He is giving you now. This will allow you to manage this present difficult experience and have peace,

comfort, and success through the adversity. Then you will have a front row seat to appreciate the daily miracles He delivers in your life. Whether you realize this is just the opening scenes of your movie or are tricked into thinking you are living in the end of your movie is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father God, I know that evil does not come from You, but that You have the power to make good come from a bad situation. I pray, Father, that you give me the strength to endure this storm and to build my belief that You will bring good from the bad. Most days I feel like I will never be happy again. I pray that You replace this sadness and hopelessness with Your joy and hope. I confess that I have made choices that have created this situation; forgive me, Lord. There are also bad circumstances that are out of my control and that I do not understand. I accept, Lord, that my ability to understand is so limited. But I trust that You will bring good from this bad. Lord, help me reflect Your light and hope to others who are in the midst of what appears to be an impossible situation. I pray in the name of the One who patiently waited on You while enduring persecution, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Truth

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

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by Gary Nussbaum

New Year Wonderings

That have we learned or taken from 2018 that can be improved upon in 2019? Think back on the experiences of this past year. It was an accumulation of choices and decisions made—good and bad. It was relationships established that needed nurturing or ones broken that needed to be healed. Were there unfulfilled promises or expectations? Action steps to better physical, financial, and spiritual health not fulfilled as planned? Stepping from one year into the next is not the magical moment for changes to automatically materialize.

A new year tends to bring with it the hope of a new beginning filled with resolutions to start over—begin anew. It is a time to "wipe the slate clean," as baby boomers would say. Today's vernacular would better define it as "pressing the delete button" to start over. But wishing does not cause change to happen. It is the discipline to stay the course that will make the difference.

Often our resolutions to correct or be more faithful are simply wishes and not solid commitments. If that is the case, it will not happen. Has it become a habit to wait until the beginning of a new year to make our many life-changing decisions?

I have at times wondered—if we could know the future, would we really make the necessary corrections and decisions that would generate lasting change and happier endings? The Bible has given us a clear picture of our present and future, and yet we neglect to take the necessary step or steps to change. The deciding factor is the change that comes from within; not determined or hinged upon any extenuating circumstances. We normally focus on simply changing the outcome of circumstances and not changing the heart. The prophet Jeremiah states that "the heart is deceitful" (Jeremiah 17:9).

Professional truck drivers or vacationers and travelers always take the time to establish where they are going and how to get to their destination. They plan how they will successfully complete their journey. A map (paper or Google), or GPS, or your cell phone, is consulted. The first necessary piece of information is to know where they are, and in what direction is their destination point. Those two bits of information are only key to knowing where you wish to go. The key is how do you get there? As you consider the various roads to take, it is beneficial if you know someone who has already made the trip. They will know the best and safest way among your choices.

How often is God blamed for all the wrong and pain in life—a God many don't even believe in? They hope to go to heaven but question the only map that will show them the way. They plan better for vacations than for eternity, make plans that are temporal but fail to make plans that have eternal significance. King Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end."

And in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 we read, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." Jesus promised His disciples He was going to prepare a place for them. He answered their honest question by letting them know "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

In all our years of traveling, I have always told Pearl, "I'm not lost—just don't know where I am at the moment." But when it comes to my eternal destination, I know the way—it's a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. Do *you* know Him as the way?

Have a blessed 2019!

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From the Logs of the Master's Inn Chapel in Rochelle, Illinois

- ♦ We had a good service tonight, with six drivers. One of them stayed after the service, saying he needed prayer. He recommitted his life to Jesus!
- ♦ Brittany came in very quiet. I handed her a Bible and she didn't open it. Her husband came in soon after. She shared with me that she was upset about her father's death, and how the family kept it from her. She then went on to share some of her life with me. I explained to her that her life was damaged by sin and then asked her if she was born again. Her response was, "I am not sure what being born again is." I then shared the Gospel with her and then asked her if she wanted to receive salvation. She accepted the Lord today.
- ♦ Martin was here for the evening service and I shared the Gospel with him and asked him if he wanted to accept Christ, but he said he wasn't ready. I asked him if he wanted to stay in his sins and he said yes. I told him he is under the wrath of God, and explained what that meant. He started crying and said he needed forgiveness and wanted to be saved!
- ♦ Brian is doing the excavating for the new truck stop nearby. We sat on the tail gate of his truck and I shared the Gospel with him. Praise God, he repented and surrendered his life to Jesus.
- ♦ When I walked in the chapel, Matt and Christine were there with their nine-year-old daughter. God had been convicting them of their sins and rebellion. I asked a few questions, shared the Gospel, and they repented and committed and surrendered their lives to Jesus.
- ♦ Doug and his co-driver, Wayne, stopped in today. Both were out of the Lord's will for their lives. I shared the Gospel, then we went to have supper together. They both came back for the evening service, and at the end of the service I challenged both men to surrender their lives to Jesus. Both did just that!
- ♦ Jerry came in after the service. He was seeking God and needed to hear the Word of the Lord. I preached through John 5. Jerry confessed he wasn't born again and was living an ungodly life. I told him he needed to repent and trust the finished work of Christ. Jerry repented as we knelt together. He confessed and asked Jesus to come into his life.

From the Logs of the Restorer Chapel in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

- ♦ No one came at the scheduled service time, but nearly an hour later a couple came apologizing for having lost track of time and asking if it was too late; I said that I'm available if you are! So we opened with a song, prayer, and I spoke on 1 Peter 4:1-11. Both thanked me for being willing to have the service and for making it understandable.
- ♦ Driver John, from Grafton, came in today. He drives for his father and was fueling up when he viewed the chapel and came in. John was a police officer who is suffering from PTSD. He shared some of his life history with me. As he said, "I've tried everything else, and when I saw the chapel, I thought, 'I haven't tried the spiritual yet." I shared some Scripture with him, explaining that a relationship with Jesus the Christ is what he needed. I then asked if I could pray for him and his family, and he agreed. He then thanked me for our time together and especially the prayer.
- ♦ I had three drivers join us for the morning service. One of them told me he is contemplating a divorce. I didn't know this prior to selecting 1 Corinthians 13 as my text for the message. The drivers listened attentively and when asked if there were any questions, two of them said it had been the clearest presentation of love they had heard. As the driver who was thinking about a divorce left, he said, "I received a lot of light today...thank you!" He came back for the evening service, and said afterwards that he appreciated his time at the chapel, as he was at a spiritual low and received encouragement in the Lord Jesus.
- ♦ Driver Rob came in. I learned he was saved out of a life of drugs some twenty years ago. He has fellowshipped in three different kinds of churches, from legal to license. As we talked, the Scriptures became more central and started addressing issues that were on his heart. Rob appreciated the advice from the Word but he needed to get some sleep. I asked if I might pray with him and he agreed, so we prayed before he left.
- ◆ Driver Yannic, from Texas, came in. He is originally from France. He shared his testimony with me, plus the background of having been a Legionnaire in the French Military. We talked for a couple hours and I prayed for him before he left.
- ♦ Andrew came in saying we had met about a year ago; I couldn't remembered until he talked about his background. Originally from Scotland, he was a truck driver prior to coming to the U.S. The Holy Spirit used another believing trucker to bring Andrew to a saving knowledge of Christ. He has been to other TFC chapels.



From the Logs of the Fresh Start Chapel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

- ♦ A driver came in for fellowship and encouragement. His 22-year-old daughter was recently killed in a car accident and he and his wife now have to provide for her seven-month-old daughter, while still coping with their own grief. He shared for over two hours, then we looked at the Scriptures and prayed together. He thanked us for having the chapel for drivers and being here to listen when they are needing to talk.
- ♦ Brandon came in asking for help and wanting prayer. He got in a fight with his co-worker last night and his company fired him. He is stuck here and has no money. I explained the Gospel to him and he wanted to receive Jesus as his personal Savior and not as he knew Him in the formal church where he was a member.
- ♦ While walking the lot I talked to several drivers. One of them said he was an atheist; we had a friendly conversation and I think I planted some good seeds. He seemed to be open to hearing me and so I kept on sharing about the Gospel. He lost two of his children, and he wondered—if God exists, why would He take his kids?
- ♦ A female driver came in and shared her testimony of how God delivered her from drugs.
- ♦ As I was walking the lot, I had an opportunity to talk to a young driver. He is twenty-five and originally from Kenya. He now lives in Minneapolis. He had never heard the Gospel and didn't know anything about Jesus. I shared the plan of salvation with him. He listened, and seemed interested, but was not ready to make a decision at the moment. He said he needed more time. I pray the Holy Spirit will work in his life and when the Lord is ready, he will accept Jesus.
- ♦ I met Tom, from Vermont, in his truck. We talked a lot and prayed. He received Jesus in his heart today.
- ♦ I had a good encounter with a driver from New Jersey. He is not a believer but I planted a good seed. I was able to present the Gospel and he was willing to take a Bible and tract. I pray the Lord will convert him.
- ♦ A driver from the Ukraine came in, but he didn't speak much English. He said he was a believer and wanted to see what the chapel looked like. I gave him a Russian Tract explaining the Gospel, just in case he was not a believer.
- ♦ While I was walking the parking lot, I had the opportunity to proclaim the gospel to a Muslim. He did accept a Bible and said he would read it. I pray the Lord opens his heart and mind to the truth of who Jesus is.
- ♦ At night, after my rounds in the parking lot, I went back to the chapel and a Christian driver from the Ukraine was sitting on the bench. We talked until almost midnight.

From the Logs of the Second Chance Chapel in Beaverdam, Ohio

- ♦ Driver Ernest, from Mississippi, came in for a short time. He took some pictures of the chapel to show family and friends that there are places where drivers can worship on the road.
- ♦ A driver from Florida, originally from Colombia, came in. He is married to a lady from Venezuela. He shared with me that much of his family disowned him when he accepted Jesus, but now several of them are saved. I prayed for him and his testimony before his family.
- ♦ Driver Randy came in and said, "Do you remember me?" I told him sort of, and asked when he was here last. He said he was here last November and requested prayer for his wife who'd just had a stroke. Tonight she walked in the chapel with him! She is almost normal again, praise our Lord!
- ♦ A driver from Canada stopped in for a short time. He was out walking and saw the door open. We had a good time sharing. He is a believer and gets home on weekends. I prayed for him and his family. He is a happy Christian. It was good to visit with him.
- ♦ Charles came in and I had the opportunity to go through the *Behind the Walls* tract with him. Charles prayed and accepted Jesus as his Savior today!
- ♦ A driver came in and said he read the Bible and was a Christian. I decided to share the Gospel with him anyway, and he prayed and received Christ. After filling out a decision card, he declared that today was his first day as a Christian!
- ♦ Constantine, from Russia, came in to pray for his girlfriend to be able to get tickets to fly over for a visit. He was raised in Siberia and has been here about a year and wants to stay. I prayed for them both.

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- **❖ Bucks-Montgomery Chapter Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Saturday of month, 8:00 AM ❖** Franconia Square Café & Market, Telford, PA; 215-872-8426.
- **♦ Denver Chapel Prayer Breakfast: 4th Saturday of month, 9:00 AM ♦** Sapp Brothers Truck Plaza, I-70, Exit 278, Commerce City, CO; 570-396-8911.
- **♦** Kitchener-Guelph Fellowship Meeting: 2nd Saturday of month, 7:30 PM **♦** Erb Terminal, Banden, ON; (519) 896-1034.
- **❖ Knoxville Chapel Prayer Breakfast: 1st Saturday of month, 8:00 AM ❖** Knoxville West TA, I-40 & I-75, Exit 369; 865-690-9449.
- **❖ Lancaster Chapter Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Saturday of month (Sept.-May), 7:30 AM ❖** Yoder's, Rte 23 & Tower Rd., New Holland, PA; 717-354-5752 or 717-271-2625.
- **♦ Racine Chapter Prayer Breakfast: 2nd Saturday of month, 8:00 AM ♦** Petro Stopping
 Center, I-94 & Hwy. 20, Racine, WI; 262-995-3554.
- ❖ Salisbury Chapel Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Saturday of month, 7:30 AM ❖ Silver Fox Dining Room at the Salisbury Big Stop, Salisbury, NB; 506-372-8980.
- **❖** Susquehanna Chapter Prayer Breakfast: 3rd Saturday every other month (Jan.-Nov.), 8:00 AM ❖ Ric-Mar Restaurant, Northumberland, PA; 570-374-9479.
- ❖ Woodstock Chapel Prayer Breakfast: 1st Saturday of month, 8:30 AM ❖ At the chapel, 230 Travel Plaza, Hwy. 401, Exit 230, Woodstock, ON; 519-539-2137.
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