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## Notes from grateful drivers

“May God bless you people! Thank you for taking the time and trouble to care, because if anyone needs it, it is us, truckers!”

“TFC has always been there for me and other drivers. God bless you!”

“When I needed someone to talk to, you were there. I really appreciate you people for being there for the truckers when they need someone.”

“I love the work you are doing and all the caring people who are doing the work. You have my love and prayers daily.”

“Dear friends, it is truly a blessing to visit the chapels and have fellowship with the chaplains and drivers, especially since most of the chapels are open every day. It seems Sunday worship and fellowship is just not enough. The enemy is at work every day and we need to be strengthened every day. Thanks for being there!”

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## A Word from Dan

### Connected

When it comes to being connected, there are mixed feelings in the trucking community. Some people get into truck driving to be alone—“just me and the road.” Others love to sit at the restaurant counter and talk to anyone who will listen. Some drivers detest ELDs, email, and cell phones because they don’t want someone else knowing their every move. Others live on their smartphones.

Alone time is important for everyone, but too much solitude can lead to isolation. That is dangerous. TFC chaplains report that many drivers are glad to find a chaplain so they can talk about meaningful issues. They are encouraged to be able to talk about following Jesus Christ and the truths they are learning in God’s Word. TFC provides community in a job where real connection is hard to find. A chaplain is an excellent person for connection, but you may not always have access to one of TFC’s chaplains. Here are two ideas for connection.

A female driver told me that she speaks to people from her home church small group every week. She can be part of the group in real time by calling someone in the group and using the speaker mode. More often, she calls members of the Bible study and they talk together about life and pray for one another. Dialing is the next best thing to being there.

Have you ever thought about mentoring a younger driver? TFC chaplains are talking with more and more new drivers for whom the truck driving honeymoon is definitely OVER. I have talked with (more accurately, listened to) experienced drivers who complain about the new, poorly trained, assembly-line drivers. Experienced drivers like to tell newbies what they know, but too often it just comes across as criticism.

With a mentor’s heart, an experienced driver can give helpful tips and a boost to the spirit of a fledgling driver. This is not only about driving skills and maneuvering around the load board (or the latest app). A connected relationship helps a driver adjust to a way of living that is grueling on the family, the body, and the spirit. Christian drivers can help others navigate Christian living in the workplace.

My advice: pray that God would connect you with another driver that you could mentor or a driver who could mentor you. Let God set up the connection. Do you have a truck driving mentorship story to tell? Let us know at [facebook.com/transport4christ](https://facebook.com/transport4christ) or email us at [editor@transportforchrist.org](mailto:editor@transportforchrist.org).

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**On the cover:** Our thanks to Larry and Scott Diller (Lanita Specialized, LLC) for providing the stage for the Pennsylvania rally events in June. The rig is a 2016 Kenworth, CAT motor, 550 HP, 320" wheelbase, 108" sleeper (which features a shower!); the trailer is a 53-ft. MAC; driver is Sheldon (Shelly) Yoder.

## Transport For Christ...

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# Make-A-Wish Convoy Sets Another Record

By Donald Hollinger



The 28th Annual Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Convoy in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, set another record this year with 595 trucks at the May 14, 2017, event. One year ago the event topped the Guinness World Record for the largest truck convoy, with 590 trucks.

Just like last year, the weather was perfect, with bright sun and temperatures in the 70s. An estimated 7,000 people came to the Convoy Carnival, and another 20,000 to 25,000 people lined up along the 26-mile route, cheering on the trucks. There were 125 Wish children signed up to ride in trucks; that's another increase over 2016. The sad part: since last year, five of the Make-A-Wish children who participated in the 2016 Convoy passed away.

This year, as part of the Mother's Day celebration, Make-A-Wish asked for nominations for "World's Best Mom" (see *Highway News*, April 2017 edition). Three mothers were nominated: Melissa Roslewege, Amanda Flory, and our own Karen Sauder, who is part of our TFC Lancaster Chapter. She and her husband, Randy, are also assistant coordinators of TFC's annual Pennsylvania truck rally. Karen was nominated by Freightliner driver Henry Albert for her care and adoption of several needy children, or, as

Henry put it, "for becoming a mother to those who had no mother." Who won? According to Make-A-Wish Regional



*(Top) A Snively's Mill truck led the convoy, as its driver, Brandon Getz, raised the most funds. (Above) Karen Sauder with her family waiting for the convoy to start.*



Director Ben Lee, “We ended up pivoting the contest away from a singular mother, and instead chose to highlight the unique efforts and sacrifices made on the part of these three incredible women. We concluded the festivities with a surprise reveal: That the true winner of the ‘World’s Best Mom’ contest was actually every mother in attendance that day who sacrificed her special day in support of Make-A-Wish. We partnered with a couple of organizations to provide 400 beautiful red roses and 400 ‘World’s Best Mom’ gift boxes to every mother in attendance. It was a great surprise ending to a great day!”

This year’s top fundraiser was Snavely’s Mill driver Brandon Getz, who raised over \$19,000, earning the right to lead the convoy pulling a trailer that owner Doug Snavely had painted with a Make-A-Wish design. At this writing, the total amount raised is not known but is expected to be about \$450,000, and that will surely make many dreams come true for children with life-threatening illnesses. And again this year our TFC Mobile Chapel was there holding two services for those truckers that needed to be there early and couldn’t get to their church. ☺



*(Above)  
A view of the convoy  
from the Landis Valley  
Road overpass*

*(Left) Brandon Getz  
and his family, with  
Snavely’s Mill owner  
Doug Snavely (right);  
photo courtesy of  
Ephrata Review.*









## Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to  
[editor@transportforchrist.org](mailto:editor@transportforchrist.org).  
 Last month's "Guess Truck" (below) was  
 a 1960 Dodge D700.



# CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

**Excerpts from the daily logs of chapels across North America. See page 15 for a list of chapel locations.**

◆ Scott came in the chapel asking what it meant to be “born again.” After our Bible study, he wanted to be sure of his salvation. We prayed on bended knee and introduced Scott to Christ. Scott then asked Christ to save him and become Lord of his life. *Chaplains Ken and Ron*

◆ We had a great service, with fourteen in attendance. Three drivers shared, and at the end one driver took his laptop and played a song as all of us formed a circle and listened. Most of the drivers stayed after the service. *Chaplain Dick*

◆ Two men attended the service. One of them, Calvin, was a fellow believer, and he came to the truck stop in order to specifically see what our truck stop ministry was all about! He was a retired sheriff, and he was very encouraged by the message. The other attendee was asleep when I started the message, but he woke up in the middle of the service. He was also encouraged, and he told me that he was planning to resign from truck driving and planning to return home to focus on his family and his faith. *Chaplain Geoff*

◆ A driver came in at noon with some family problems. I listened and prayed for him, and we had a nice conversation. Later another driver came in just to say thank you for our being here and caring. *Chaplain Jack*

◆ A visitor came in and shared his testimony. He had been saved when he was young but he had gotten into alcohol and drugs. He turned back to the Lord and checked himself into rehab and had been driving for three years. He and his wife are still separated and he asked for prayer for his wife and children. We had prayer for them. *Chaplain Clifford*

◆ While walking the lot, I spoke with a driver who had recently lost his mother. I was able to share words of encouragement with him. [Later] a driver came in for a short while. He shared how being on the road has been a blessing to him, and all that God has done in his life, and how he loved this ministry because it gives him a chance to fellowship and tithe. *Chaplain Kevin*

◆ Kendal came into the chapel with a heavy heart. After talking with him and sharing from the Scriptures, he gave his life to Jesus. Keith, on the other hand, was frustrated and emotionally hurt. His truck had burned up (thank God he was not in it). Through prayer and the Scriptures, Keith recommitted his life to Jesus. *Chaplain Chad*

◆ I asked Tom to walk the lot with me, and that started a spark of enthusiasm in him. About an hour later, a Christian truck driver led Tom to the Lord! *Chaplain Tony*

◆ Jeff came in late in the evening. He lives in Tennessee, and when he wrote “Jellico” I asked if that is the same as the Jellico mountain north of Knoxville. He was surprised and happy to find out that I knew that. It is always a good feeling when I can connect with a trucker because I was one. It makes the conversation better. *Chaplain Tim*

◆ A driver come in to thank us for being here at the truck stop. He told me how he was homeless in Chicago and how he came to Christ. Then the church gave him a job working with the homeless, and then how he was able to get back into the driving field. *Chaplain Ken*

◆ Dean came in for the service tonight. We shared our faith and walk with God and I encouraged him with various Scriptures. I closed with prayer for his desire to be more responsive to God's leadership as he wants to serve Christ more faithfully. *Chaplain Ralph*

◆ One visitor came in trying to get into a deep discussion [about issues], but thank God I was able to present the Word of God without any argument. *Chaplain Pat*



# GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

## Water, Water Everywhere

**Y**ou are on a sailboat, deep-sea fishing off the Gulf Coast. The sun has been beating down on you for hours. Your stomach churns slightly from the swaying of the boat. You sweat profusely and your shoulders are burning from the scorching sun. You wipe your wet, sticky arm across your forehead hoping to remove the perspiration.

You are so focused on fishing you don't notice your thirst until your mouth is as dry as cotton. When you look for the cooler of iced soft drinks and water, you discover, to your dismay, that it was left on shore, forgotten by a negligent shipmate.

With nothing available to drink, you look at the water surrounding you, splashing up on the sides of the boat, misting your face. Unsuitable for human consumption, saltwater will not quench your thirst. The salt will only increase your desire and need for fresh water.

Spiritual thirst can be as urgent as physical thirst. We desire not water, but something that will fill our discon-

tented, empty lives. Surrounding us are many things that promise to satisfy us—money, relationships, work, possessions, recognition, entertainment. These things, though not inherently bad, if used to ease our spiritual thirst, can leave us drier and in worse shape than before we “drank them.” They are saltwater—you think they will satisfy you, but they will only leave you thirstier.



Only Jesus satisfies. He promises that if we ask Him, He will give us His living water and we will never thirst again. “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,” Jesus told a woman who came to draw water from a well. “But whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:13).

Have you drunk from the living water? Have you found satisfaction for your soul? You can quench your spiritual thirst right now by asking Jesus to be in your life. If you drink from the water He has to give, you will never thirst again. ☺

### Drink from the Living Water—You'll Never Thirst Again

- ☒ **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), call a chaplain for more guidance, or call the toll-free prayer line, 1-877-797-PRAY (1-877-797-7729).

- ☒ 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.



*Blue truck in the forefront is a 2016 Peterbilt, driven by Galen Diller; green-and-white truck to the left is a 1986 Peterbilt, driven by Steve Bergey. Trucking company is Covered Wagon Express, from Bethel, Pennsylvania. The company is co-owned by Steve Bergey and Merle Ebersol.*

## 36th Annual Truck Rally: "A Perfect Day"

*~ Reports & Photos by Donald Hollinger & Doris High ~*

The day was perfect for an outdoor event: sunny, breezy, not too hot. A total of 171 trucks registered for the parade which, again, attracted a lot of people along the route. Then they returned to the fairgrounds for the afternoon activities—auctions, kids' activities, vendors, and the usual checking out each other's rigs. Trucker Kevin emailed the ministry expressing his appreciation for the event: "My two kids and I had a wonderful time at this year's TFC truck rally in Lebanon! Thank you again for the fun time!"

About 800 meals were served at the evening barbecue. It's estimated that some 1,000 folks came to enjoy the evening concert by The Perrys.



*Marlin Smoker (shown above), brought his brand-new Great Dane trailer (left); it has never hauled a load yet! Marlin made sure his witness was clearly displayed on the trailer.*



*The tractor was featured in the June 2015 Highway News—where he tells the story of purchasing a 2013, 386 Peterbilt glider kit!*





*The rally counted on the participation of several beautifully restored trucks, including a 1957 GMC Cannonball, belonging to Mike Pelar from Latrobe, Pennsylvania (left); John Hiestand's 1951 Mack LFT, which was displayed inside the Lebanon Fairgrounds north hall (below); and a 1987 Marmon owned by Good's Livestock, Inc., from Denver, Pennsylvania (bottom).*





# More from the Truck Rally













# New International Mobile Chapel Dedication



About two hundred friends and supporters joined the TFC staff for the dedication of the new International Mobile Chapel on Sunday, June 25. TFC's new president, Dan Witwer, led the dedication ceremony, along with Director of Chapel Construction Cerwin High and Director of Pastoral Care for Chaplains Bunny O'Hare.

This chapel (International Mobile Chapel #2) will be used for promotional work and to minister to truck drivers at truck shows, fairs, and churches, mostly in Pennsylvania, while International Mobile Chapel #1 is currently in Ohio for the summer and fall, being used in the same way.



# **Pray With Your Eyes On God Not On Your Difficulty**

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. Heb 12:2a, 3b NKJV





# **MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES**

## **More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace**

### **From the Logs of the Frystown Chapel**

- When I returned from doing my rounds, Scott and his wife, Christine, were kneeling in prayer. Scott said they needed a place to come and pray.
- There was a message on the answering machine when I came in: a driver saying that Chaplain Jake had prayed for him and it was exactly what he needed. He added that he believes that God has a call on his life and he prays that he doesn't miss it.
- After handing out *Highway News* magazines at the fuel isle, I came back to the chapel. A trucker who had just finished fueling up moved his truck next to the chapel to check under his hood. I recognized him as one who didn't accept the magazine, so I put on a big smile and said to him, "I'll give you a second chance." He smiled and accepted one this time.
- A trucker came in to thank us for being open and to pray for us!

### **From the Logs of the Nashville Chapel**

- A husband-and-wife driving team came in. The husband was saved, but his wife was not. She accepted the Lord today!
- Maria called and I talked to her on the phone. Before we ended the call, she accepted the Lord.
- Spoke to trucker Juan on the phone; he also accepted the Lord.
- While walking the lot, two drivers opened up and shared what was going on in their lives and asked for prayer.
- Had a Christian driver come for the service tonight. We studied Romans 7 and 8, and shared our life's experiences and God's work in us. It was great to hear from him the teaching of his father who was a pastor, and how he is living them out through many struggles. It was a great time of study, encouragement, and prayer.
- After the service two drivers stayed and prayed to accept Christ. Lawrence knew that he was lost and needed Jesus, while Charles thought he was saved, but after hearing the message he realized he wasn't and accepted the Lord into his heart.
- Walked the lot, had a real good talk with one Christian. He was hungry for fellowship.

### **From the Logs of the Ontario Chapel**

- Alan and Francisco accepted the Lord today!
- Halfway through the service, six-year-old Jo Jo and his mother came into the chapel. When I gave the altar call, a driver and Jo Jo raised their hands!
- Security guard Alex prayed to receive Christ today.
- Driver Terry prayed to receive Christ after the service today.
- Driver Earl came to the service. I taught on Daniel, and when I gave the altar call, he gave his heart to the Lord.
- A driver came into the chapel to buy a T-shirt. I asked him if he knew Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He said yes, but added that he was doubtful he would go to Heaven. I shared some Scriptures with him, and he accepted Jesus Christ and now he knows he has eternal life and has no doubt he will go to Heaven.

### **From the Logs of the Racine Chapel**

- Driver John came in for prayer. He knows he has eternal life, but says he gets discouraged often. We looked at Scriptures about discouragement, and had a good time of fellowship and prayer together. John left with a brighter spirit.
- Driver Gary came into the chapel to say hello and to thank TFC for being here. I gave him extra *Highway News* to share with other drivers as he travels.
- I had one gentleman from Florida come into the chapel this morning. He has been in several TFC chapels and has been blessed by the ministry of the chaplains. He said does not go to church because he is never home on weekends. I encouraged him in the Word and gave him a *Highway News* magazine. He was glad to see all the other locations we have around the country.
- Driver Bill came to the evening service. He is struggling with sin and the guilt he carries because of it. We looked at 1 John 1:9 where God promises forgiveness of sin. We spent time in prayer and he left with renewed hope and the peace that passes all understanding.

# Stop listening to those Accusing Voices

**D**uring the most difficult time in my life, I was constantly scurrying and trying to dig myself out of trouble. I would find answers, but they were just short-term fixes—knee-jerk responses that brought temporary relief but just made my hole deeper. I would wonder to myself, “What is going on?” “Will I ever get a break?” “When will it stop?” or “Why can’t I get it right?”

Do you sometimes feel as though you are fighting your way through life but losing the hard-fought battle? Does it seem you are always falling further behind? Maybe you feel that you’re such a failure that no one would—or could—help you.

Most of us have experienced these feelings for fleeting moments, extended periods, or even whole seasons of our life. If you suffer from chronic depression or an addiction, as so many do, you might feel alone and hopeless most of the time. When well-meaning people try to cheer you up by pointing out your good qualities or the positive aspects of your life, the messages may seem like false praise or meaningless words from someone who doesn’t know you or your deeper issues very well. So you just discount their words, their compassion, and their efforts to connect.

Well, there is Someone who knows you better than you know yourself—Someone who wants to give you hope and help you win the battle. His name is Jesus. He promises you peace (John 14:27). He intercedes to God the Father for you (John 17:9). He promises to work all things for your good (Romans 8:28). He rides on the Heavens to help you (Deuteronomy 33:26).

You may say, “Those promises sound good for someone else, but they couldn’t be for me. I don’t deserve them. You don’t know me.” Well, true, I don’t. But Jesus DOES know you. And He loves you. If no one else had existed, He would have died on the cross just for you. He loves you that much. None of us deserves that kind of love. But the beautiful part is, we don’t have to deserve it, because Jesus gives it freely and unconditionally.

Today, use this truth to form the lenses to view yourself and your circumstances. Write down who you think you are and why you believe that. Are those beliefs based on facts? Are they earthly facts or heavenly facts? Or are they the accusations of the prosecution?

Now list the facts that Jesus, your Defender, presents on your behalf. Above all else, let Him love you. Open your heart to the hope and healing that come from Him alone. It is your decision either to see the person the world and your insecurities have brainwashed you to see, or the person that God sees—sanctified through the work of Jesus and His love. Whether you listen to God’s voice or you listen to Satan’s prosecuting voice and the old tapes in your head is your decision; choose well.

## Prayer

Dear Father God, thank You for loving me unconditionally. Thank You for sending Your only Son to die for me. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for me. When I’m feeling down, help me to remember Your love for me, to experience Your love, and to share Your love with others. I pray to You, Father, for all those in the world today who suffer with depression. May they see themselves through Your eyes, and seek Your peace in the right places. I pray this and all prayers in the name of the One who knows me better than I know myself, Jesus Christ. Amen!

## The Truth

“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God” (Ephesians 3:19 NLT). ☺

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# Remaining Calm in an Anxious World

**A**nxiety—a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease—is a very real disorder that affects approximately 3.3 million American adults in any given year. Anxiety is not something that goes away just because you are told to relax and not fret so much. It is a disorder that has very real symptoms and consequences. There are several types of anxiety.

**Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD)** is the broadest type where the person worries too much about everyday things. It is marked by persistent anxious thoughts, interferes with daily life, and is accompanied by noticeable symptoms. In GAD, a patient's emotions cause suffering and dysfunction. According to Sally Winston, PsyD, co-director of Anxiety and Stress Disorder Institute of Maryland, fully half of people with GAD experience sleep problems.

There is also **anxiety due to irrational fears**. This condition is not generalized; rather, it's attached to a specific situation such as flying, crowds, animals, etc. This anxiety may not be present every day but occurs due to a specific situation and is marked by near-constant muscle tension (clenching jaw, balling fists, flexing muscles).

**OCD, or Obsessive Compulsive Disorder**, is an anxiety that results in a person performing repetitive rituals (like double-checking; repetitive hand-washing, etc.) to cope with stress.

Other types of anxiety include **stage fright** (where the thought of addressing a group of people strikes terror in a person); **social anxiety** (where people worry for days or weeks leading up to a particular event or situation); and **self-consciousness** (brought on by everyday situations such as attending an event and believing all eyes are on you and that people are judging you).

Anxiety can cause a very physical reaction in the body. From “tics” to chronic indigestion (which can cause everything from stomach aches to IBS), to panic attacks (which cause breathing problems and a racing heart),

your body is under attack from something that started in the mind.

There are several methods of controlling anxiety. One step to take is getting regular exercise. Stretching the muscles and getting a sweat-breaking workout can help relieve tension in the body and clear the mind.

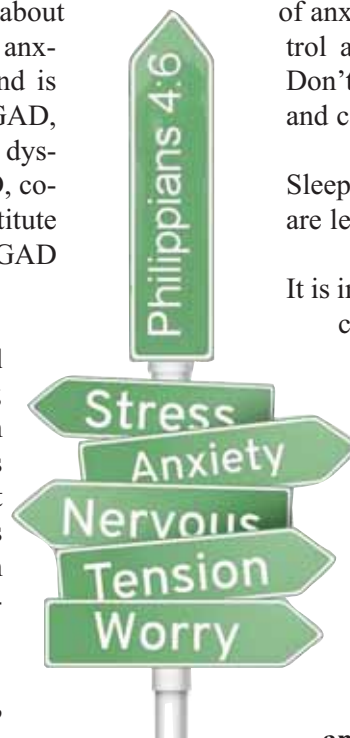
Another, especially if you have a high-functioning type of anxiety, is to learn to say “no.” You are in control and you need to be aware of your limits. Don't stretch yourself too thin. Working too hard and caring too much can wear down your body.

Sleep is important. If your body is not rested, you are less able to manage stressors in your life.

It is important to seek help as chronic anxiety can cause many physical effects to your body that, over time, can lead to critical illness. The excess of cortisol from stress can increase blood sugar levels and triglycerides, leading to diabetes. Frequent digestive upsets can lead to IBS and ulcers. Additionally, the ill effects of the anxiety and their resultant body symptoms can cause social isolation and prevent you from enjoying life.

**But the greatest “secret” for handling anxiety?** (Which is no secret at all!) That is found in God's Word: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And **the peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things....And **the God of peace** will be with you” (Philippians 4:6-9, emphasis added). ☺

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# RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



## Pruning for a Better Crop

**L**ately I've been thinking a lot about the issues of discipline and responsibility in a Christian's life. The choices we make determine the victory we ultimately have over the sin in our lives. That is not a popular stance these days; our culture today is ripe with the attitude that others are responsible for our mistakes.

I have been meditating on John 15:1-17, where the Apostle John recounts Jesus' admonition for His disciples to abide in Him, and how needful it was for them to do so. Jesus used this allegory of the vine to teach a spiritual truth. At the time they were on their way to the Mount of Olives and ultimately Gethsemane, where Jesus would be betrayed later that night.

Jesus spoke as one having the full knowledge and understanding of a vineyard owner. There is one particular truth which we have been discussing recently and of which Jesus speaks when He refers to grapevines and their bearing fruit.

Christians, those who have repented of their sins and have accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord of their lives, are a part of the vine (Jesus Christ) from which comes life. Jesus speaks of Himself being the vine. The vine is that thick, heavy part of the plant that grows out of the ground and from which all the smaller branches grow and receive nourishment. It is those smaller branches, not the vine, that bear the fruit. As Christians, we are those branches. We are also at varying degrees in our commitment and relationship to Jesus Christ.

Simply because we are a part of the vine does not mean we will bear good fruit. We need to remind ourselves that God continues to discipline His children. Sin in our lives hinders us from bearing good fruit. God will discipline us if the sin persists. He does not do so in wrath, but in love. One who attends to caring for a vineyard always prunes the branches so they will produce a better crop. The pruning is not done because something is drastically wrong with the branches. It is an ongoing process that results in greater and sweeter fruit.

God's pruning in our lives is His reminder to us that there is something there that is not Christ-like, something that will ultimately hinder our relationship to Him and our witness to our friends or neighbors. He wants to prune all that from our lives as we allow Him. If we resist His pruning, He then must turn to disciplining. While pruning is the Holy Spirit speaking to us, disciplining is His response to the persistent disobedience and the ignoring of His voice. How we respond to the pruning is largely determined by the relationship we have established with Jesus through faithfully meditating on his Word and praying. It is through those times He reveals the areas that need pruning.

God's fruit is seen in Galatians 5:22-25, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

God tells us what needs to be pruned in Colossians 3:5-8, "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

Anything we line up against God's Word will reveal whether it is something that needs to be pruned. Do you want to receive God's discipline or His pruning? The choice is yours, driver. See you next time! ☺

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# GREEN ONION



by David Roberts

## Back to the Ol' Fishing Hole

*Green Onion walks into Berta's Café, gets his java, and joins his pals at the counter. After some normal bantering, he drops his bombshell: "I'm retiring!"*

*After his audience gets over the shock, Hog Caller stammers, "Retiring? You're not the retiring kind, Onion! What in the world will you do?" "I'm done with all the stress of the road; I'm hanging up my keys and heading back to my ol' fishing hole!" And dropping his tip on the counter, Green Onion swaggers out, whistling "Thanks for the Memories."*

So we, too, are saying goodbye to Green Onion, wishing him happy (and successful!) fishing. And for old times' sake, we looked back at our files and thought you'd enjoy his very first jaunt into these pages, back in January 1994.

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**T**rucker Bob, better known as "Green Onion," went fishing and caught nothing but a cold. On his way home he got the idea to see Ralph the fish man at the seafood market. "Hey, Ralph," he called out as he entered the store, "throw me six of your largest catfish, will ya?"

"Throw them? What for?" asked Ralph, puzzled. "Well," said Green Onion, "I want to tell my family I caught them, but I'm a deacon at my church, and I don't want to tell a lie."

Maybe Green Onion managed to fool his family (he's not telling). But there's One who knows we are fibbers and fabricators: God! He created us with a conscience, the warning light on the dashboard of our mind, that alerts us when we're about to veer the rig of our life onto the wrong highway.

The Apostle Paul made a commitment to a clear conscience in Acts 24:16 when he said, "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men" (KJV).

How do we unload a guilty conscience and all those feelings of failure? Real guilt comes as a result of breaking God's law. That's called sin. King David, when confronted by the prophet Nathan concerning his adultery and murder, said in 2 Samuel 12:13, "I have sinned against the Lord." In Psalm 51:10, David prayed, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." If the Holy Spirit through the Word of God has convicted your conscience with true and not false guilt, confess and agree with God. Ask Him in Jesus' name to forgive you. Like David, we need to face our guilt and sin and ask our Lord's forgiveness so we will again experience relief from that overwhelming pressure.

God created us for Himself and wants us to experience His full and complete presence; but sin that remains unconfessed makes that fellowship impossible. There's only one way to get back on the highway of joy, peace, and an abundant life: confess that sin! Until we can say, like David, "Lord, You are right and I am wrong," we will not experience the close fellowship the Lord desires for us. After David did agree with God, he prayed, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me" (Psalm 51:12). By unloading his trailer of sin, guilt, and shame, confessing it to the Lord, he once again experienced forgiveness and oneness with God.

If by faith you have come to Christ Jesus, and have confessed your sins, then the Bible says you are forgiven. Now hitch your rig up with a new load of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord and head towards Christ Jesus on the glorious highway of a new life. ☺

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# Do You Know Your ABCs?

If you were to die today,  
where would you spend eternity?  
You can know for sure.

**A**DMIT YOU ARE A SINNER. "... as it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'" (Romans 3:10, 23).

**B**ELIEVE IN JESUS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS AND FOR ETERNAL LIFE. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**C**ONFESS JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD AND TURN FROM YOUR SINS. "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved'" (Romans 10:9, 13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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