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Dear Friends,

A farmer stopped at a restaurant for lunch. When he was served his food, he bowed his head and

gave thanks to the Lord.

Some uncouth men sitting at a nearby table noticed the farmer's prayer and shouted, "Hey, pops, back where you come from does everybody *pray* before they eat?"

Their laughter was silenced when the unyielding farmer answered, "Everybody but the pigs."

Are there "pigs" in your life that are keeping you from the spirit of thanksgiving? Jealousy, pride, and discouragement are all "pigs" that hide in the parlor of our hearts. They will rob us of our thankful spirit.

David's life was a brilliant example of the "thanks-living" that should characterize the life of every Christian. He wrote in Psalm 9:1, "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works."

Truly our God is worthy of praise! But we must *choose to praise* Him, and our hearts will then determine the quality of our praise. Let us resolve to give Him our highest praise today!

To the praise of His glory,

Insights from the Pulpit...

- "When things don't seem to go as planned, rather than *stress*, *relax* and meditate upon the fact that God is in control. He will work through the disappointments we face to bring about *His glory* and *our benefit*." —Keynotes from Bible Study, *David: A Man After God's Own Heart*
- "In times of discouragement, you can feed upon the truths of God's Word or upon the emotions triggered by your circumstances...The outcome is dependent upon the way you manage it." —Excerpt from Sunday School "*Dealing With...*" Series—*Discouragement*
- "People don't always need your advice, but they can always benefit from your ear." —Excerpt from Sunday School "*Dealing With...*" Series—*Discouragement*
- "It's easy to take our eyes off Christ. Yet it is only when our eyes are on Him that we can accomplish the extraordinary." —Excerpt from Sermon, *A Stumbling Block Called Jesus*
- "Never settle for less than God's perfect will...No matter what God has for you, *it is for you*, and *you alone*. No one can interfere with His plan for your life." —Keynotes from Bible Study, *David: A Man After God's Own Heart*
- "We may not have all we want, but thank God we have all we need." —Excerpt from Sermon, *God Uses Ordinary People*

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Bibleway Calendar 2007:

November 18th—New Bibleway,
Evanston

November 25th—Friends & Family Day

December 1st—Bethany Baptist

Holiday Bonanza 9 am – 4 pm

December 30th—Youth Service

*Visit our web site for additional details

Ministry Update:

- Join Bibleway Ministries for an exciting time of praise and worship! We have a new team of worship leaders dedicated to establishing an atmosphere of praise and promoting the consecration of mind and soul to the Lord. We have since witnessed the power of God at work throughout each service—a testament to its effectiveness.
- Please do not hesitate to pass on the *Bibleway Newsletter* to friends and family who would benefit from its practical insights and current, up-to-date ministry info. You may either forward this to them, or you can send us their e-mail address so they can begin receiving the *Bibleway Newsletter* monthly. We anticipate your response as to how this *Newsletter* has benefited you.
- Please visit us on the web @ thebiblewayministries.com. On the new *Bibleway Ministries Web Page*, you will find comprehensive information about our various ministries, our beliefs, and our mission.

The Message Behind the Ministry...

Keiko, the orca whale, and star of the movie, *Free Willy*, had been living in an unhealthy environment that was deteriorating his health—just as in his movie. His tank was too small, causing his muscles to turn flabby, and his water was too warm. The tank's filtration system was inadequate, forcing Keiko to breathe heavily polluted air. His troubles did not end there, however. Keiko suffered from malnourishment and, as a result, his immune system was weakened. This caused him to be 1,300 lbs. underweight, and made him susceptible to a virus which debilitated his skin. The poor orca, in frustration, gnawed on the edge of his pool, which wore his teeth down to mere stubs.

It appeared Keiko would die in his poor condition. However, animal rights activists pressured the founding of the Free Willy Foundation for the suffering orca. Millions of dollars were raised, and a new tank was built for Keiko with better living conditions. Within a year, Keiko had seen tremendous improvement, and was nearly restored to his movie-star best!

Man has likewise lived in a depraved, "sick" environment—one corrupted by the influence of sin. His world was such that it was impossible for him to enjoy fellowship with a holy, righteous God. All of humanity has been forced to shoulder this awesome burden since the very beginning of civilization. It appeared as though man would die in his poor, sinful state.

Nevertheless, God intervened on man's behalf. He sent His Son—both perfect God and perfect man—to die that man might enjoy life everlasting and a relationship with Him. In John 3:16, Jesus Himself stated, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This wonderful gift, salvation, can restore the years wasted away by sin and put you back in right standing with God. Won't you accept this precious gift today?

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