

Bibleway Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

On October 28, 1993, the U.S. Space Command tracked a two-ton chunk of Chinese

satellite as it began to reenter Earth's atmosphere. They had calculated the satellite would drop into the Pacific Ocean, 500 miles west of Baja, California. However, the vessel took an unexpected detour and landed in the Pacific Ocean west of Peru.

Sometimes, our lives are thrown for a tailspin and circumstances suddenly spiral beyond our control. We long to return to our established sense of normalcy. We long for the routine over the revolutionary, the planned over the impromptu.

Why does God insist upon having us experience "comfort-zone-breaking-dilemmas"? Romans 5:3-4 sheds some light: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: *knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope.*"

The testing brings forth a blessing. And the experience it affords us better enables us to shoulder burdens which will follow. May we never forget that God is working through all our circumstances for our benefit.

Through Whose grace we overcome,

Think on These Things...

- "If we truly understand the love God has for us, we ought cling all the more tightly to Him." — excerpt from sermon, *Unclaimed Benefits*
- "Seek the Lord first before you take action... If God has led in a certain direction, you need not worry *how* He shall bring it to completion, for it is certain that He shall provide in a manner befitting of His promise." — keynotes from Bible Study, *David: A Man After God's Own Heart*
- "A sermon without substance is like a sandwich without meat... Behind every delivery must be a message worth delivering." — excerpt from sermon, *Who Are You Serving, and Whose Church Do You Belong to?*
- *Steps to Overcome Worry (Taken from Sunday School Lesson, Worry! Worry! Worry!):*
 - Trust God.
 - Turn to His Word.
 - Get more rest.
 - Take your cares to the Lord.
 - Don't associate with those who worry.
 - Learn to choose your battles.
- "He who begins his life's journey without first setting his course by the roadmap of life—God's Word—is no less foolish than that person who waits until the midpoint of his journey before first consulting his map." — excerpt from sermon, *It's All About Jesus!*

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Bibleway Calendar 2007:

October 28th—Annual Church Business Meeting

November 25th—Friends & Family

December 30th—Youth Service

Our Goals for '07:

- We dearly appreciate your tremendous support during this year.
- We aim to raise an additional \$5,000.00 by the end of 2007.

Ministry Update:

- Visit us on the web @ thebiblewayministries.com.
- Join us for an exciting Bible Study, as Pastor Edwards continues the series, *David: A Man After God's Own Heart*
- Continue to pray for the Holler family, as their church is doing well down in Florida! Pray that God would bless them with serious-minded people eager to learn and grow spiritually.

Q & A:

Q – Pastor, my spouse wants to wait until he gets himself right before joining the church. What can I tell him?

A – Tell him that the church was not designed as a museum for saints, but as a hospital for sick people! Waiting until one gets himself right with God before going to church is as absurd as a man objecting to having a recurring pain inspected by a doctor until he feels better! It is in the church setting that one can find the answers he needs to

overcome the struggles of life – not by hoping that he will someday feel well enough to be ministered to.

The Message Behind the Ministry...

In *Reader's Digest*, a contributor told of an Aunt Ruby and Uncle Arnie who had adopted a baby boy after five years without a child. To their surprise, a short time after the adoption, Aunt Ruby discovered she was pregnant, and later gave birth to a boy.

One day when the two boys were eight and nine years old, the storyteller was visiting Aunt Ruby when a woman in the neighborhood came to visit.

Observing the children at play, the woman asked, "Which boy is truly yours, Ruby?"

"Both of them," Aunt Ruby replied.

The woman persisted, "But I mean, which one is adopted?"

Aunt Ruby, without hesitation, looked the woman straight in the eye and replied, "I've forgotten."

How do we become part of the family of God? By adoption! God adopts us on account of His Son's sacrifice on the cross. Yet when He looks at us, He sees us not as adopted, but as legitimate children. He has forgotten our sins, our blemished pasts, and our failures, choosing instead to focus upon the righteousness of His Son, Christ, which has been credited to our account.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." As adopted children of God, we have everything to gain! Not only do we lose the guilt of our sin, but we are given Christ's righteousness in its stead. This is the heart of the gospel message!

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