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WITH GOD, YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Vicar's fifteen - minute reflection (1 Kings 18:1-39)
WITH GOD YOU ARE NEVER ALONE



The passage describes the showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Everything in the Elijah narrative has been moving towards this encounter in 1 Kings 18. The political leader and the spiritual leader have gathered with the people on the mountain to settle the age old question: "Who is God?" Is "Yahweh", the covenant Lord, the true God of heaven and earth? Or is "Baal", the fertility god of the pagan nations around Israel, the Lord of heaven and earth?

Elijah frames the essential question of the day in verse 21 where he demands, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." In some translations the word "waver" is translated as "limp". "How long will you go on 'limping' between two opinions?"

Today we live in a time when every "ism," sect, and religion which comes down the pike offers a "new God" to us. Some people feel they must sample them all. So we have the Eastern religions, new age, humanism, secularism, and a plethora of strange sects, all promoting their own private brand of God. A lady told me recently, "I've finally worked out a theology about God all on my own. It leaves me lots of options and plenty of leeway, it makes no demands and carries no judgment, and best of all, it feels good. What do you think of that?" The truth is that she is not a lot different from what everyone else does who opts for a god other than the God shown to us in the Bible. And that God is revealed clearly to us in the person of his only Son. Luther was right on target when he said, "I know of no other God except the God whom I see in my Lord Jesus Christ." We are only kidding ourselves if we think we can opt for a convenient "God of the hour" – a God whose Words and Holiness can be fine-tuned to blend with the culture and permissiveness of the 21st Century!

God's word warns that all such choices, other than the true God, are apostasy. Apostasy is deserting the Lord God, becoming faithless to him, and abandoning the faith of our fathers.

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That is exactly what the nation of Israel had done, and now God is calling them back to make a definite choice. God clearly punishes apostasy. He will be God of all, or God not at all. Actually, the Israelites had settled for syncretism. They sought to simply combine and reconcile the different beliefs: a little of the Hebrew God and a little of the pagan gods, mix them according to personal taste, and worship the result. But Elijah said, "No way!" God is an exclusive God, he knows that all other gods are worthless.

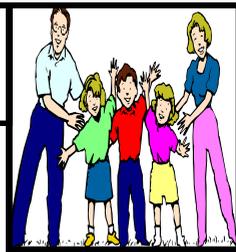
The Prophet Elijah faced enormous odds. He and his God had been rejected in favour of the 450 prophets of Baal. Yet in spite of these odds, Elijah challenged the Baal and his prophets to a contest with God (1 Kings 18:16-40). In this showdown Elijah poses the question of all questions which is the basis of my reflection. 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word (1 Kings 18:21). Keep in mind that many years earlier the people of Israel had entered gladly into a covenant with the Lord. In the book of Joshua, chapter 24, we hear the people say, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!... We too will serve the Lord because he is our God." On that day the people were not lost for an answer. But in this passage (1 Kings 18) the people gave no answer. Their silence is, in a sense, so loud that it is indicative of their guilt (verse 21).

Elijah asks the question because he knows there remains a lingering doubt among the people about God's power and majesty. He knows their volatility and vulnerability. He knows they, still limp, have not yet made up their minds because they are confused about which God is which. He knows the people cannot yet walk with the brisk, unfaltering stride of absolute faith and confidence in the God of Israel. Like Jacob, their stride has been broken. They are limping on the plains of despair, doubt and uncertainty. They are bemused and confused by the god of Baal; the god of fertility and storm; a god of the winds, fires, and rains; a god of the natural, cosmic elements. Unlike Jacob, their limp is a symbol of doubt rather than the mark of a new identity.

They have forgotten the God of Israel who has directed their paths; a God with whom they have forged a personal relationship; a God of the Exodus and the Jordan;

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NINE WAYS TO LET YOUR KID BE A KID THIS SUMMER



No doubt about it: Time for unstructured play is dwindling. There are many reasons why this is so. We're working more hours. We're spending more time "plugged in" to TV, phones, video games, and the Internet. Kids have more homework than ever. And as a society we seem to have decided that structured activities—academic, athletic, and otherwise—are more beneficial than play.

Lack of play exacts a heavy price on kids. If you're ready to change your high-pressure, overscheduling ways, summer is the perfect time to get started. Here's how:

First, YOU have to buy in to the belief that play is important.

Unfortunately, this is tough for many parents. We're steeped in a culture that elevates work and downplays play. When we see our daughter dancing around the living room we think, *She's so talented! She needs dance lessons!* But the minute you do this it stops being play.

Read up on the evidence about play. You'll find it's far more valuable than force-feeding children "education" at a young age. Research shows that children who attend play-based preschools, as opposed to academic preschools, do significantly better in school down the line. Baby Einstein actually retards, rather than advances, language acquisition. Once you realize that your assumptions are wrong, you'll be motivated to change your parenting practices.

Think back to your own best memories from childhood. They won't be the classes or the lessons but the time you were allowed to just be. It's important to allow your kids this right as well. Children deserve a childhood.



Get back in touch with your own playfulness.

Maybe you haven't really had fun in a long time. Decide this is the summer you're going to change that. Get in the pool with your kid. Go camping. Dust off your bicycle and go for a spin. When your child sees you playing, she will be more willing to play too.

Nine Ways To Let Your Kid Be A Kid This Summer

Kids really do model what they see. Plus, part of your job is to present a picture of adulthood that your children will want to emulate. If all they see you doing is working, or sitting around watching them play baseball, why would they ever want to grow up?

Explain to your kids that you're going to "back it off" a bit this summer. Tell them you're worried that they're too busy to really have any fun and that you want to help them change that. Then, ask them to help you create a summer "bucket list." What would they *really* like to do this summer? Don't be surprised if they don't know how to answer that question. If they've been over-booked and overscheduled all their lives, they're not used to thinking this way. Part of the joy of this summer will be in seeing their sense of play emerge.

Ask them which activities they want to keep...and which they want to toss. Gently explain to them that swimming, Scouts, gymnastics, and twice-a-week piano lessons is too much "doing" for this laid back summer. Ask them to figure out their least favourite activity (or maybe two) and then cancel it. You may be shocked by what they tell you they want to quit doing. If your son has been on the swim team for several years and seems to love it, you may be shocked when he asks to quit. Sometimes our kids do things because we want them to, and somehow we failed to notice their heart has never been in it.



Pencil in some low-key friends and family time.

This may mean saying no to some invitations. Or it may mean setting aside one evening as family night. Just make sure kids have substantial blocks of time to just hang out with you or with friends. (Surprise...even video games aren't that bad in limited quantities.)

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."

— [Plato](#)

"It is a happy talent to know how to play."

— [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

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a God who brought them into a new deal in a new land; a God who brought them through the desert, quarried waters from a rock, and set rainbows and clouds in arid desert oases. The people have forgotten about that God who brought them through, who kept them from annihilation by their enemies and vouched their safe passage through many dangers, toils, and snares. How quickly the people forget!

At issue in the people's silence before the prophet is that they have forgotten their "first love," something the Lord accused the Ephesian church of as well (Rev. 2:4). They have forgotten the Lord and their covenant relationship with him.

Elijah was driven with a passion to return his apostate nation to God. The contest on Mount Carmel provides a biblical model for revival both for us and for our nation.

There are 9 elements of the contest on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18 that jolted a nation back toward God. Those elements for a revival are:

1. Elijah prayed earnestly that it might not rain.
2. Elijah caused them to realize there was no middle ground anymore.
3. Elijah repaired the broken altar.
4. Elijah reminded them of who they were prophetically supposed to be.
5. Elijah methodically arranged the wood and the sacrifice.
6. Elijah filled the altar with water.
7. The fire came down.
8. Sin was removed from the camp.
9. Spiritual restoration led to earthly and financial blessing.

As the story moves on in verses 22-24, Elijah sets up a challenge between the Lord and Baal. The God who answers with fire is the true God. At this suggestion the people finally give an answer to the prophet. In verse 24 it says literally, "And all the people answered, 'What you say is good.'"

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But behind this answer we know that it is the living and active Word of the Lord which forces the issue forward. "Who is God?"

On the one hand there is Ahab, Jezebel, the prophets and priests of Baal and an entire nation, less 7,000 people of God, 1 Kings 19:18. On the other, there is Elijah and Jehovah. The odds may look stacked in the favour of evil, but Elijah is about to experience the truth that one plus God is a majority.

As we spend a few minutes looking into this great passage, I want you to catch a glimpse of the spiritual peaks that jut from the clouds of this dark setting. A few that come to mind now are:

Today there is a desperate need for believers in Christ who will stand against the tide of heresy and apostasy.

- There is a need for the people of God to gauge their allegiance to the Lord and to determine where we really stand when it comes to being on the Lord's side.
- There must be a willingness to resist the evil that surrounds us and be a separate people for the glory of the Lord.
- There must be a willingness to renew our commitment to the Lord and place Him above all other pursuits, interests and loyalties in and through our lives.

Today, we are witnessing denominations and churches turn from the proclamation of the truth of the Gospel and instead propagate error as the Scripture is stripped of its authority in deference to modern day culture of godlessness and permissiveness. When we see these kinds of things beginning to take place, isn't it plain to see that we are living in an age similar to Elijah's? I think it is. People can attempt to justify their backsliding by citing denominational loyalty, political correctness, or some other weak excuse. May I remind you that our loyalty is to the Lord and to Him alone? We need the same spiritual fortitude that Joshua displayed when he made his great declaration in Joshua 24:15. It is either God, or it is the world. It can never be both!



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SNIPPETS FROM MY QUIET TIME

WHAT IS PROOF TEXTING?

This occurs where Christians grab a verse out of the bible, without regard for its context. All of Scripture is given for us, but we must do the hard work of interpreting and understanding it. We must ask what it meant to those who first heard it, what the context and culture was, and realise that God was leading His people (for instance in the first 5 books of the Old Testament) on a journey away from paganism into a new covenantal friendship with Him. We also need a wide-angle view of the whole of Scripture.

It is said that a Bible text taken out of context is a pretext. If we don't understand that, we'll **start selling our children into slavery (Exod. 21:7), executing Sabbath breakers (Exod. 35:2) and condemning footballers – because touching the skin of a dead pig, from which footballs were traditionally made make one unclean (Lev. 11:8).**

And of course, we need to understand the relationship between the old and new covenants, as Christ has wonderfully fulfilled the Law. Doing this hard work is not an attempt to water down the truth, as some try to suggest, insisting they just 'read the word and take it at face value.' That's like trying to read someone else's mail, without having any concern about who they were or what their circumstances were. Scripture today speaks to us, as we also understand how it first spoke. So put down that stone, and give that football a break. The Word of God is like a sword: mishandle it and people will get hurt.

(Life Everyday, Wednesday 10 July 2013)

CREATIVE OBEDIENCE

It was CS. Lewis who commented that cowardice and Christ do not fit together. Wherever you are today and whatever you do, stand up and be counted if that is what is needed. Have the courage of your convictions and be assured of this: it can and will make a difference to the big picture of what God is achieving on the earth!

(EDWJ, 3 July 2013)

PUBLIC AWARENESS SECTION

Uncontrolled high blood pressure puts a strain on blood vessels all over the body, including vital arteries in the brain. This strain can cause vessels to weaken or become clogged up, which in turn can lead to blockage of the blood vessels taking blood to the brain or bleeding into the brain. Either way it can result in a stroke. You can recognize STROKE by using the FAST method.

STROKE is an Emergency.
Every minute counts.

ACT F.A.S.T!



FACE

Does one side of the face droop?
Ask the person to smile.



ARM

Is one arm weak or numb?
Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



SPEECH

Is speech slurred?
Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is the sentence repeated correctly?



TIME

If the person shows any of these symptoms, **Call 999** or get to the hospital immediately.

Know more about our Mission partners (1)

WORLDLINK INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Wordlink helps concerned Christians and indigenous Missionaries to Reach the World for Christ.

Why Indigenous Missionaries? After 200 years of serious and generally successful Western missionary effort, there are believers in most corners of the world with the gifts, talents, and desire to reach people of their country with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These indigenous brothers and sisters offer many and significant advantages over the 'traditional' Western missionary model: They know the language and culture; They look like the people they will reach; they can communicate the gospel in their local context; they have access to regions closed to Western missionary activity; they can start serving immediately; they can be fully supported for pennies in the pound compared to traditional missionaries. There are tens of thousands of indigenous missionaries waiting to serve; all they need is a little training and support.

How does Worldlink work?

Selection. Worldlink are able to identify deeply passionate, highly qualified, and clearly called native Christian evangelists and church planters who can work in their own countries. They've developed indigenous missionary partners in 27 countries worldwide.

Training. While most partners receive training through local organisations, Worldlink strives to provide resources for additional training for spiritual grounding and effectiveness in ministry. Worldlink is also involved in helping to provide literature and other study materials to international partners by funding the purchase of printed resources in local languages.

Supporting. The areas within which their international partners serve have very limited financial resources or Christian presence, often both. Dedicated brothers and sisters find it impossible to engage in evangelism, pioneer church planting or other missionary service, without some measure of outside support. Worldlink provides the modest financial support needed to free a called, gifted, and trained local Christian to serve full time - instead of having to hold down a full-time job to feed his or her family. Usually this amount is £60 per month or less. Worldlink also encourages the development of local support, especially in church planting situations, as this creates local ownership of, and momentum for, the work.

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All I am saying is that when you and I decide that we will exercise our faith in God and take our stand, we will see God come through for us. The reason we don't see this kind of miraculous display of the power of God can be attributed to two great failures on the part of God's people: Many fail to separate themselves from the world and the apostasy that surrounds them and many refuse to exercise their faith in God and God doesn't move in response to doubt!

There is no other way to know God than to experience Him in a personal way. I am convinced that this is the root of all apostasy. When men meet the Lord they are changed. When they just play religion they are led and motivated by the flesh. Perhaps this explains why there is a cry from the heart of every saved soul to be free from the bondage of religion without God, to be free from the form of godliness without God that dominates the world, and to be free from worldliness in every form that it takes in the world around. Meeting God will change you forever! I'll go so far as to say that having a personal relationship with God will unfit you from what is happening in the compromising religious world around you. You will be different and the Lord will bless the difference!

When we come to the place where we are willing to separate ourselves from all the other gods that compete for our attention and yield to the God of Heaven, then we will find ourselves drawn to Him in true, heart worship. Nothing in this world is more precious than a heart that is aflame with love for the Lord and a heart that burns with a desire to see God glorified, whatever the cost.

Notice the simplicity of Elijah's prayer. Clear, to the point, and only about 60 words. We so often complicate things. Just like the wife who reported to her husband that she was having trouble with her car; it had water in the carburettor. Her husband laughed and said, "That's ridiculous. It doesn't have water in the carburettor. Besides, you don't even know what a carburettor is. Where is the car?" She replied, "It's in the swimming pool!" What a muddle!

We, too, muddle things with intricate complications when we pray. Little children often point us the way to simplicity in prayer.

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STRESS MANAGEMENT

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Stress management strategy no 5: Make time for fun

Beyond a take-charge approach and a positive attitude, you can reduce stress in your life by nurturing yourself. If you regularly make time for fun and relaxation, you'll be in a better place to handle life's stressors when they inevitably come.

Healthy ways to relax and recharge

- Go for a walk.
- Spend time in nature.
- Call a good friend.
- Sweat out tension with a good workout.
- Write in your journal.
- Take a long bath.
- Light scented candles.
- Savour a warm cup of coffee or tea.
- Play with a pet.
- Work in your garden.
- Get a massage.
- Curl up with a good book.
- Listen to music.
- Watch a comedy.

Don't get so caught up in the hustle and bustle of life that you forget to take care of your own needs. Nurturing yourself is a necessity, not a luxury.

Set aside relaxation time. Include rest and relaxation in your daily schedule. Don't allow other obligations to encroach. This is your time to take a break from all responsibilities and recharge your batteries.

Connect with others. Spend time with positive people who enhance your life. A strong support system will buffer you from the negative effects of stress.

Do something you enjoy every day. Make time for leisure activities that bring you joy, whether it be stargazing, playing the piano, or working on your bike.

Keep your sense of humour. This includes the ability to laugh at yourself. The act of laughing helps your body fight stress in a number of ways.

Stress management

Stress management strategy no 6: Adopt a healthy lifestyle

You can increase your resistance to stress by strengthening your physical health.

Exercise regularly. Physical activity plays a key role in reducing and preventing the effects of stress. Make time for at least 30 minutes of exercise, three times per week. Nothing beats aerobic exercise for releasing pent-up stress and tension.

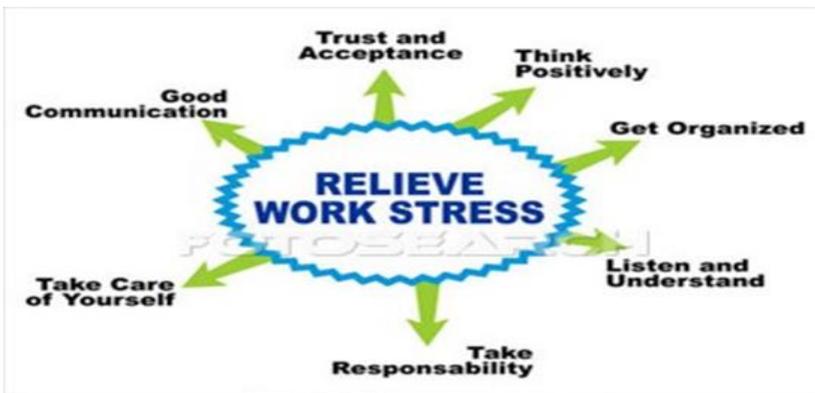
Eat a healthy diet. Well-nourished bodies are better prepared to cope with stress, so be mindful of what you eat. Start your day right with breakfast, and keep your energy up and your mind clear with balanced, nutritious meals throughout the day.

Reduce caffeine and sugar. The temporary "highs" caffeine and sugar provide often end in with a crash in mood and energy. By reducing the amount of coffee, soft drinks, chocolate, and sugar snacks in your diet, you'll feel more relaxed and you'll sleep better.

Avoid alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs. Self-medicating with alcohol or drugs may provide an easy escape from stress, but the relief is only temporary. Don't avoid or mask the issue at hand; deal with problems head on and with a clear mind.

Get enough sleep. Adequate sleep fuels your mind, as well as your body. Feeling tired will increase your stress because it may cause you to think irrationally.

Melinda Smith, M.A. and Robert Segal, M.A.



LAUGHTER LINES

THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER

A curious child asked his mother: "Mommy, why are some of your hairs turning grey?" The mother tried to use this occasion to teach her child: "It is because of you, dear. Every bad action of yours will turn one of my hairs grey!" The child replied innocently: "Now I know why grandmother has only grey hairs on her head."



WRONG ADDRESS

A couple going on vacation but his wife was on a business trip so he went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: Dearest Wife, Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

P.S. Sure is hot down here.

CLEVER KIDS

A police officer found a perfect hiding place for watching for speeding motorists. One day, the officer was amazed when everyone was under the speed limit, so he investigated and found the problem. A 10 year - old boy was standing on the side of the road with a huge hand painted sign which said "Radar Trap Ahead." A little more investigative work led the officer to the boy's accomplice: another boy about 100 yards beyond the radar trap with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket at his feet full of change.

LAUGHTER LINES

JUST VISITING HEAVEN

Our former pastor would occasionally go on a personal retreat to pray and seek God's direction for his ministry. During one retreat, someone called the church office and asked, "May I speak with the pastor?" The secretary replied, "I'm sorry, he's gone to be with the Lord."

There was a long silence on the other end. Then the secretary realized what she had said. "But he'll be back next week."

—Diana J. Estes, Kent, Wash. *Christian Reader*, "Lite Fare."

THE LAST WILL BE FIRST

I've always tried to teach my children to let others go first. One day I explained to them how God feels about this idea: "If you are last here on earth, you will be first in heaven." Not long after, our family was seated at the dinner table when my 5-year-old son, Mitch, said, "Mom always likes to eat last because she wants to be first in heaven!"

—Roberta Johnson, Rockford, IL. *Today's Christian Woman*, "Heart to Heart."

THE CHEWING DOG

The pastor of a congregation preached an unusually short sermon one Sunday. As he came to the conclusion, he offered this explanation for the brevity of it all. "We have a new dog at our house," explained the pastor. "The dog is prone to get into things and chew them up. Last night the dog got hold of my sermon and chewed up the last several pages." The congregation seemed to understand the plight of the pastor. In fact, one visitor to the church shook the preacher's hand after service and said, "If that dog of yours ever has pups, let me know. I'd like to buy one for my pastor."

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They have a way of getting right to the heart of things without undue confusion. One little boy, named Peter, prayed, "Dear God, that fairy you sent left five cents for my tooth and a quarter for my brother. You still owe me 20 cents." A little girl thought to make it clear how God could improve things, so she prayed, "Dear God, the people in the next apartment fight really loud, all the time. You should only let very good friends get married. Nan."

Furthermore, Elijah's prayer was selfless. His motives were pure. He said, "Answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God." He wanted God to be glorified, his name to be honoured. There was nothing of self or selfishness in his prayer. God answered, and fire fell from heaven!

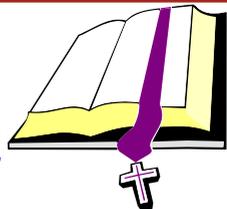
God is God, and he longs for his people to call upon him. So often we have made God smaller than he is. We've said, "Now that we have penicillin we can do without prayer. Give us finance and we can do without faith. If we have gold we don't need God."

But we do need God. We cannot and must not try to live without prayer. You need to know that when you fight God you lose every time, but when you trust and obey, you are the victor every time!"

Memory Verse

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him."

1 Kings 18:21



THE BWANHOT'S CHRONICLES

Dearly Beloved,

Do you sometimes think that God is too busy and is not able to get to your case as quickly as you will want Him to? You are not angry because you understand He is really busy and there are others who are before you or even have more critical needs than yours. But the question still remains: when will it be my turn?

You and I are in good company with the Psalmist: **"My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest"** (Ps 22:2). Our needs often distort our perspectives of God and His good promises literally evaporate into thin air. Well, for the umpteenth time God will like to remind you and me that He is not too busy or being distracted in His love and care for you. He has His heart, eyes, ears, arms, etc. all around you and has never broken His promise for one second of never leaving you or forsaking you. God's capacity enables Him to attend to you as if you were the only person and Himself that exist in all creation. He is able to do that at the same time with other people and in His care for ants, flowers, birds, and all creation.

My friend, you are not in line waiting for God; actually, God is waiting for you. Are you absent minded? Wake up! I too I am waking up.

-Sunday and Grace Bwanhot

QUOTABLE QUOTES

TRUST- in God's timing. **RELY** - on his promises. **WAIT** - for his answers. **BELIEVE** - in his miracle. **REJOICE** - in his goodness. **RELAX** - in his presence. Come near to God, and he will come near to You. - D.A.

We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. - St. Francis De Sales

PLAY IN PAIN

Play in Pain

The baseball player, Gary Carter, was a follower of Jesus. During his 19 year career, he drew strength and endurance from his faith in God to compete day after day. In a newspaper article that appeared shortly after Carter died of brain cancer at 57 years old, writer Andrew Klavan described how Carter had influenced his life.

In the late 1980s Klavan had sunk to a low point in his life. His mind dwelt on suicide. Then he heard Carter being interviewed after a game. His team had won and the ageing player had helped by running hard at a critical point in the game. Carter was asked how he could do that with his aching knees. Klavan heard him say something like this: "Sometimes you just have to play in pain." That simple statement helped draw Klavan out of his depression. "I can do that!" he declared. Encouraged, he found hope - and later became a believer in Christ.

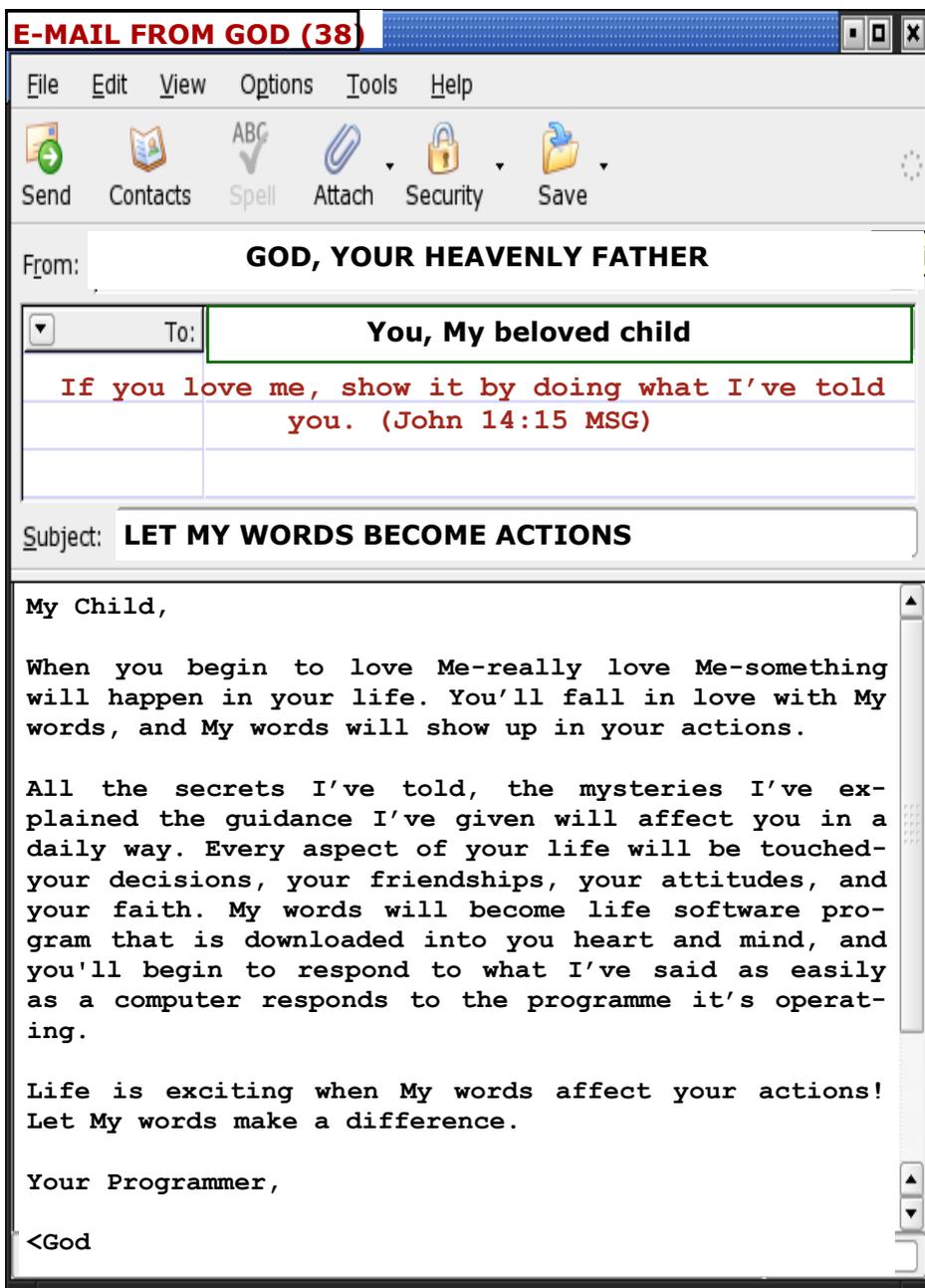
The comforting truth behind Carter's statement comes from Lamentations. We may face sorrow, pain and hardship, but we don't have to sink into self-pity. The same God who allows our suffering also showers us with His compassion (Lam. 3:32). With God's love lifting us up, we can - if we have to - 'play in pain. - David Egner

*Along life's pathway troubles come
That God will help us bear;
Then we can look beyond the pain
To those who need our care. – Branon*

God will either spare you from suffering or give you the grace to bear it.

- Submitted by Iyabo Agbelusi

HEAVENLY CORRESPONDENCE



TEXT FOR THE YEAR (Isaiah 41:10. NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

FINDING OUT ABOUT ...CHRIST CHURCH?

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We are a family of men and women, boys and girls who are resolved to live for God in a world that has largely chosen to ignore Him.

We believe that it is God's world and that He has given the answer to all human problems in Jesus Christ. As a body of believers, we offer to all who come, regular opportunities for worship and service that point the way to God as our strongest resource in all aspects of life.

We will be pleased to welcome you to any of our activities.
You will find a warm welcome at Christ Church.

Times of worship and fellowship are shown below:

- Sunday** - **8.00 am.** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- **10.30 am.** Main service with Crèche facilities
There is all-age/parade service once every month - usually the third Sunday of the month unless otherwise indicated.
- **6.00 pm.** Evening worship

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- Sunday** - Choir practice in church (9.30 am)
Monday - Brownies meeting in church (5.30 pm)
- Prayer meeting in church - 17th June, 1st July, 15th July
Wednesday - Fellowship Meal in church (6:30 pm) followed by,
Bible Fellowship (7.15 pm)
Thursday - Homework Club (5 pm-7 pm during term-time)
Friday - Scouts meeting in church and hall (6.30 pm)
- Music Team practice in choir vestry (6.00 pm)
Saturday - Intercessors prayer meeting in church (7-8 pm)
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