

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Five “Un-truisms” in the Church

By definition, a truism is a statement so obviously true, it does not need proving. In other words, truisms are generally accepted truths. That is why I am a bit surprised at just how many untrue truisms there are out there. Here are a few we should rethink.

**“God Will Not Give Us More Than We Can Bear.”** You have probably heard this all your life, but have you ever asked yourself where such a concept is taught? I would suppose that I Corinthians 10:13 is the text that is used to affirm this belief, but is this really what the text says? In this context, Paul is talking about an escape route from the temptation to sin. There is always a way to avoid sin. This passage promises us that we will always have a choice to do right or wrong. Never will we be placed in a situation where the only option is to sin. That is what this passage is talking about. However contextually, it is not addressing the burdens we sometimes must bear in life. In fact, 2 Corinthians 1:8 explicitly demonstrates that this “truism” is an “un-truism” for it says, **“For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.”** You see, it is the times when we are burdened more than we can bear, that we are driven to God for help. (1 Peter 5:7).

**“Everything Happens for A Reason.”** This sentiment is designed to give hope to those who have experienced some painful or confusing events in life. We may find difficult circumstances easier to cope with if we knew that those circumstances were all a part of God’s grand plan for our lives. While I do not deny that God providentially works in our lives (Romans 8:28), I do deny that everything that happens to us is a part of a “plan”. I have heard people say, “there’s no such thing as ’luck”, or “there’s no such thing as chance.” However, Jesus never said that. In fact, he said the opposite. Do you remember what he said when he told the parable of the Good Samaritan? He said, **“Now by chance a certain priest came down the road...”** (Luke 10:31). Apparently, Jesus believed that some things were simply the result of chance.

**“If It Isn’t Broken, Don’t Fix It.”** If we were to follow this “truism” we would still be using “candlestick telephones,” preaching chalk board sermons, and lighting our homes with oil lamps. All of these things worked, but better things came along. Just because something works does not mean we should not be trying to “tweak” it to serve us even better. We probably all know of some dying churches who are dying because their leadership has adopted this “un-truism.”

**“Better Safe Than Sorry.”** If followed, this truism would rob us of all our heroes! What if the Old Testament Prophets and the New Testament Apostles would have followed such advice? Seldom is greatness achieved without risk. Playing it safe did not pan out so well for the man who was given one talent and he buried it, now did it? (Matthew 25:14-30)

**“Every Little bit Helps.”** While this sentiment may encourage participation in projects, it does very little to meet substantial needs. Sometimes “a little bit” is not a help at all, but is woefully inadequate. Sometimes, for the church to move forward, it does not need “a little bit” from its members, because “a little bit” will not help at all. What is sometimes needed

are great, bold and costly sacrifices! We may be able to salve our consciences with this little “un-truism,” but we will never rise up and do great things that require great faith and sacrifice in order to be accomplished.

So, beware, not every “truism” is as true as you might think.

—Dennis Gullledge

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Paul Gunn** fell last week and was having dizzy spells. He has no broken bones but is just sore. Paul needs prayers.

**Linda Tate** had an angiogram done at Midland Memorial Hospital on Thursday, April 20th. Please keep her in your prayers that she receives a good report.

**LaDonna Chism** had to go back into the hospital last week but was released to go home last Sunday evening. She is not doing very well at this time and is in need of continued prayers.

**Sylvia Campos** was being scheduled for an MRI last week for her vertigo problem. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Shona Wood has requested prayers for her cousin, **Becky Gillespie**, who is in the hospital in Abilene with double pneumonia. Tests are being run due to nodules on her lungs and her inability to swallow. Becky will get her test results sometime this week.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Cathy Eastwood** is showing improvement from her rehab treatments. She has about ten more weeks of therapy left. Keep Cathy in your prayers that all will go well and she can return home totally well.

**Jurlean Warren** is seeing improvement in some health issues and is feeling a lot better now.

**Joe Morrison** (Devida’s brother-in-law) started his cancer (radiation treatments) on Thursday, April 13th. He is fighting brain cancer and is in need of prayers.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Jose Managbao; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Rudy Ochoa; Tessa Perkins; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; John Wood,

### ***Eisenhower’s Shut-ins***

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

### ***Events***

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

### ***Youth***

Bible Knowledge ... “Whodunit?”

Who Raised This Boy from The Dead?

1. The son of the widow at Zarephath.

Answer: (a) Elijah (1 Kings 17:17-23)

## Office News

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” will be July 24th-26th. The theme is: “The Flood”. Bring your children and invite your neighborhood children also.

April 30th is our Fifth Sunday “**Potluck Luncheon**”. We will have our luncheon after our A.M. worship service followed by our P.M. service. Our visitors are welcome to join us.

Our “**2023 Summer Series**” begins June 7th and goes through August 30th. Our first speaker will be Sean Prather from Monahans. We have our invitation flyers on the table in the foyer for you to use to invite your family, friends and neighbors.

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for the weeks of 4/23 and 4/30 are: dried beans and honey. (plastic only)

### ONLY TRUTH MAKES FREE

1. Man does not have the right to be wrong about faith in God. (Hebrews 11:6)
2. Man does not have the right to be wrong about faith in Christ. (John 8:24; 20:30-31)
3. Man does not have the right to be wrong about believing the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16) or about obeying the Gospel. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
4. Man does not have the right to be wrong about repentance. (Acts 17:30-31; Acts 2:38)
5. Man does not have the right to be wrong in the matter of confession. (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10)
6. Man does not have the right to be wrong about baptism. (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; John 3:3-5; Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27)
7. Man does not have the right to be wrong in the matter of church membership. (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23; 2:16; 5:23; Acts 20:28; Matthew 15:13)
8. Man does not have the right to be wrong in the matter of Christian living. (2 Peter 1:5-11; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:19-21)
9. Man does not have the right to be wrong in the matter of worship. (John 4:24; Leviticus 10:1-2; I Chronicles 15:1-15 & 2 John 9-11)

To be saved, men must learn that error is not just as good as truth! Truth will make men free. (John 8:32) Error will damn their souls. (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12) --Selected

#### April 23, 2023

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

#### A.M.

Larry May  
Steve Easlon  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Richard Siler  
Jon Roemisch  
Caleb York

#### P.M.

Larry May  
Oliver Hernandez  
Allen Weakland  
Larry May  
Isaiah Armendarez  
Bill Ryan  
Charles Wood

## Lords Supper

Jeff Wesson  
Jackie Perkins  
Don Easlon  
Gary Loving

Tommy Garcia  
(Communion)  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231—*Pulpit:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Table:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332— *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

## Sunday AM

*“Spiritual People” (Joshua 23:1-5)*

## Sunday PM

*“Overcoming Discouragement” (Job 4:1-6)*

## Our Records

*Bible Class... 58*

*Morning Worship...101*

*Evening Worship ... 56*

*Wednesday...86*

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