

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Discouraged?

Most every one of us has been discouraged from time to time. It is especially easy to do when it seems that everything in our life is going wrong. We often feel that God has forsaken us, that somehow He has forgotten about us. But this is never the case. God knows and cares about us all the time. It is also true that God allows us to stand on our own two feet so that we might be made stronger and more confident in ourselves. One of the best proofs of this is found in the book of Job. Satan had come to God in order to test Job. God had said that there was none like unto Job, one that feared God and shunned evil. God was confident in Job's ability to stand the test. It was Satan that did the testing on Job and not God. God allowed it so that we might have a great example of faith. Job had a faith that no matter how bad things got, he never charged God foolishly. At the end of his trial God restored all that was taken, God never left.

Elijah also got discouraged. After the great test between Jehovah God and the god Baal God showed that he alone was God and there was no other. But Jezebel threatened to take Elijah's life and so he ran. When God confronted him about this he complained that he was all alone in standing up for God, but God let him know, ***"Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."*** (I Kings 19:18). Not only is God with the faithful, but there are others just like us that are standing up for God. We are never alone in our fight against Satan and his servants.

But as easy as it is to know that the Bible says these things we still get discouraged and we feel what is the use of trying anymore. I know all too well that feeling. I have to force myself to take a look at the good in my life, no matter how little it may seem. I have to look at the future of my soul, knowing that with a discouraged attitude I am less likely to persevere and win my crown. I have to look at my brothers and sisters in Christ and I know that if I am discouraged they will likely feel the same way. Discouragement is infectious and it is something that we need to fight against. We need to be an example to each other and an encouragement and not a discouragement.

We need to quit looking at the past and plan for a future. We need to start looking at solutions instead of problems. We need to see clearly where we have failed and find ways to do better and more. President Lincoln lost more races than he won, but in the end he was still President. Edison failed several thousand times in trying to make the incandescent light bulb. When asked about his failures he said that he had just learned several thousand ways not to make a light bulb. Paul said this in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ***"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course; I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*** Paul of all Christians suffered much, yet near

the end of his life he could say this. We also, if we faint not, will be able to say likewise. Don't ever give up.

—Robert Barcroft

Response

Our brother, **John Wood**, came forward Sunday morning, October 4th, expressing his desire to have a stronger and deeper faith and to be able to let go and turn everything over to God who knows all our problems, heartaches and needs and is able to bless His children beyond imagination. Keep John in your daily prayers.

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Lindsey Wells and her family in the loss of her grandmother, **Marie Bundick**. Marie had been fighting cancer for a long time but lost her battle Saturday night, October 3rd. Her services were held at Acres West, Wednesday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wright is in MCH and was moved to CCU Sunday, October 4th due to complications with his heart and COPD. Jack is also fighting pancreatitis. He was put on medication for low blood pressure and intubated due to the distress with his breathing. Keep Jack in your prayers.

Ora McAfee will undergo neck surgery Tuesday, October 20th at Odessa Regional Medical Center. This surgery should help relieve some of the pain in her arm and shoulder.

Ruby Davis pulled a muscle in her neck and is in a lot of pain. It is difficult for her to do anything for herself. Her daughter, Sharon, has made arrangements for her to move into the Cimarron Assisted Living Facility in Midland today. This might be a permanent arrangement but Ruby is not for sure right now.

Andrew Schwarz will begin chemo treatments (and possibly radiation also) in two weeks. Since cancer was found in two of his lymph nodes and has a family history of cancer, Andrew is listed in the high risk category. He has requested our prayers.

Remember to keep **Anna McGlothlin** (Anita Smith's mother) in your prayers as she is going through serious health issues at this time.

Concerns Update

Teresa Vires finally got a diagnosis from a second opinion doctor. She was told she had "Occipital Neuralgia" which is actually an injured nerve located behind the ear that was causing her pain.

Thelma Smith (Eugene's mother) is still at Madison Medical Resort. She is still in Room #306. Visitors are welcomed.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Bill Bundick; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Cruz Coe; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettles-Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Andrue LaFlure; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Jack McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Thelma Smith; Marilyn Upshaw; Teresa Vires; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Jewell Dennard; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant;

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where did John the Baptist baptize the first people?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The disciples ran away and left Jesus when he was arrested.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Christian Take Aim**” at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; www.thegospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord's Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the “**Speaking the Truth in Love**” program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Events

The Westside Church of Christ's “**Fall Gospel Meeting**” begins today (**October 11th–14th**) with Allen Webster presenting the lessons. Their flyer is posted on our bulletin board.

Office News

Our “**Food Pantry**” is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children's homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.

The **New Mexico Children's Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 8th for a food drive. They are requesting **Cream of Chicken Soup**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Five Simple Rules to be Happy

1. Free your heart from hatred
2. Free your mind from worries
3. Live simply
4. Give more
5. Expect less

October 11th, 2015

A.M.

Announcements	Larry May
Song Leader	John Carroll
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May
Scripture	Trinidad Wood
Second Prayer	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Richard Siler
Lord's Supper	

P.M.

Larry May
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Richard Siler
Bill Tolbert
Bill Ryan

West...

John Wood
George Warren
Richard Siler

Josh Wells
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Cody Wesson
Charles Wood
Tony Marrs

Other Responsibilities: *Elder :* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* John Wood 230-0689 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table:* Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties:* Dex Dennard 296-1582; *Collections:* Dex Dennard 296-1582

Sunday AM”

“Divine Challenge”
(Exodus 8:1)

Sunday PM

“Acts of Preparation”
(Mark 14:1-16)

Our Records

Bible Class...88
Morning Worship...135
Evening Worship...63
Wednesday...77
Contribution...\$5,205.10

