

THE WOODLAND HILLS PROCLAIMER

"how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you"

Acts 20:20

SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY
10:30 AM – A.M. ASSEMBLY
6:00 PM – P.M. ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY

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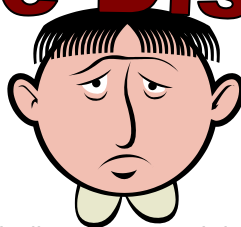
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When People Disappoint Us

By Mark McCreary



Joseph's life had gone from great to bad and finally to worse. Raised as the favored son of the patriarch Jacob, such status brought him the animosity of his brothers against him. As Genesis 37 reports, they cast him into a pit and eventually sold him into bondage. Finding himself in the land of Egypt, he was purchased by an Egyptian official. He prospered well for awhile, only to be falsely accused by the official's wife and cast into prison. While there, the Lord blessed him with a position of trust and privilege. But, prison was still...prison.

A glimmer of hope arose the day when two men who used to work for the Pharaoh, but were imprisoned along with Joseph, had strange dreams. Joseph interpreted the dreams. One man would die, he told them, while the other, the butler, would be restored to Pharaoh's service.

Seizing the opportunity, Joseph made a simple request. "But, remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house." (Gen. 40:14) How excited Joseph must have been at the prospect of his release. Day after day, when the door would be unlocked, Joseph must have thought, "This is it. I have been remembered. Today I leave." Yet Genesis 40:23 tells us, "The butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him."

Two years passed before the butler remembered Joseph. Pharaoh himself had a dream, and the butler exclaimed, "I remember my faults this day," (Gen. 41:9) Joseph was brought in...and the rest was history.

Do people ever disappoint you? Has someone promised you something and then failed to follow through? This story illustrates one of the common facts of life: people aren't perfect. Sometimes others hurt us, wrong us, or fail to honor their word. Likely the butler didn't do this intentionally. Perhaps he just forgot or became sidetracked. But that's the way people are.

It is easy when someone wrongs us to ascribe the worst possible motives to him or her. They meant to do it...They have been trying to find a way to get me back...In truth, we need to get over it. People will disappoint. And when we come down hard on someone for that perhaps we need to look in the mirror. Have I ever disappointed someone? Have I failed to follow through on all my commitments? Do I want God to hold me to the same standard as I hold others? Two thoughts come to mind; Mat 7:2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. Mat 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Sometimes we need to stop judging character and intent and reach out and forgive. Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. It isn't about excusing neglectful or sinful behavior in the least. What it is about is...showing mercy upon others. It's also not about overlooking false teaching or error that something we must always be on guard about and deal with it appropriately. 1Th 5:21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

One of the most humbling and merciful acts I believe we can see is the example our savior gave on the cross. Luk 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. To just think about this statement it hard to comprehend the love one could have to say such a thing. We have the Son of God, God, the One by whom all things were created. Who would have the right to not be merciful but yet He showed mercy. The demonstration of love and mercy is nothing short of AWESOME.

Edited by John Chaney



Twisted Liberty

West Southside COC – Ft Worth, Tx

Liberty, standing proudly on a small island in the New York harbor, has long been an important emblem to our nation. We have long believed as Americans that God has granted us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

How sad it is that this pursuit of liberty and happiness has become so twisted in our present day. Our founding fathers recognized that liberty comes with a price. That price is personal responsibility.

Today so many are interested in only themselves. Their pursuit of pleasure is first and foremost in their lives. They talk about their “rights”. But, their right to drink has cost thousands of lives in automobile accidents. Their right to an abortion has led to the murder of countless unborn children. The rights of “two consenting adults” has led to broken homes, a lowering of societal values, and the scourge of disease.

Truly, there needs to be a change of emphasis. May we begin (or continue) to proclaim accountability. May we emphasize not our rights, but the rights of others. May we recognize that true happiness and liberty come in making ourselves slaves to our Lord. “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the {life} which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

WOODLAND HILLS NEWS AND NOTES

Nelva Peyton has been moved to a private care home and request prayers that she can adjust to the change. Her new address is 905 San Jacinto, Conroe

PRAYER LIST: Ruby Goad, Jane Zeitz, Jerry Harrell, Jerri Scott, Bertie Strokos , James & Lou Ann Webb, Theo & Emma Jean Haas, Bill & Jo Ellen McCarty

SCHEDULE TO SERVE - Sep 6th

AM – Service

Announcements:	Jim Rains
Song Leader:	Luis Serpas
Lord Supper Bread:	James Cost
Asst:	Roy Hickenbottom
Cup:	Lynn Farrell
Asst:	Vernon Riehl
Prayer Open:	David Cade
Close:	Carl Scott

PM – Service

Song Leader:	Jim Cook
Lord Supper:	James Cost
Prayer Open:	Bill Isenbarger
Close:	Bill McCarty

PROVERB OF THE WEEK

Proverbs 26:4

NKJV

**Do not answer a fool
according to his folly, Lest
you also be like him.**