



Waldo Avenue

Restoration Branch

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February Women's Meeting

February the 15th several of the women met and cleaned out the pantry located in the basement. We shared in fellowship as having many hands made the work seem lighter.

God Initiates ALL Spiritual Growth

I asked God to take away my habit—God said *no, it is not for Me to take away but for you to give up.*

I asked God to give me patience—God said *no, patience is a by-product of tribulation, it isn't granted, it is earned.*

I asked God to give me happiness—God said *no, I give you blessings every day, happiness is up to you.*

I asked God to spare me pain—God said *no, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.*

I asked God to make my spirit and soul grow—God said *no, you must grow on your own, but I will guide you so you don't get lost.*

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life—God said *no, I gave you life*

that you might enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me love others, as He loves me—God said, ***finally, you got it!***

Author unknown#

Pat's Testimony

Don and I had laid down to take a nap. The dog, as usual, got on the bed when we laid down. At some point the dog jumped off the bed and it woke me. As I looked out the bedroom door I could see someone in a white shirt with dark hair bending slightly to pet the dog. Instead of getting up I closed my eyes and went back to sleep.

With both doors locked only family has the code and the dog didn't bark, so he was completely at ease with whomever it was that I saw.

When I woke up I instantly remembered someone being in the house. However, there was no evidence of anyone being in the house. I expected to see a note saying who had been here but didn't find any.

Several years ago Ron prayed for each house to have angels in our homes. Don and I haven't seen any of the angels, but have felt their presence and influence in our lives. But I think I was given the privilege of seeing one at this time. I'm very thankful for this blessing.

Pat Johnson#

*Be willing to remove all barriers and hindrances to the achievement of Zion.
You must become one. This would include the groups and associations you
have formed and the responsibilities that you carry. ...Kirtland, 2022*

Absolute Surrender

Continued from last months newsletter.

Standing on the Promises of God

*I the Lord am bound when ye do what
I say, but when ye do not what I say,
ye have no promise.* DC 81:3b

God's Promises ... Conditional

If you repent, **I will** forgive you
Mos. 11:139 & 1John 1:9.

If you follow my plan of salvation,
you will have eternal life Jacob 4:16.

If you fully trust Me, **I will** give you peace
Isa. 26:3.

If you keep my commandments, **you will**
be blessed and happy Mos. 1:88.

If you ask in faith, **I will** give you wisdom
James 1:5-6.

If you love Me and try to follow My call-
ing, **I will** work everything together for
your good Rms. 8:28.

If you keep all My commandments and
embrace the truth, **Zion will** come again
on the earth Gen. 9:22.

God's Promises ... Unconditional

I will never change Mal. 3:6.

I will always keep My promises Mn.4:26.

I have power to do what I say I will do
DC140:5d.

I will never leave you alone Heb. 13:5.

I will always love you Rm.8:38-39.

I have paid the price for your sins
DC34:1b.

I have felt all your pain and sorrows
2N6:46.

I will come again Matt.24:51 & Rev.1:7.

My kingdom will come Ps. 46:5.

There will come a time when everything
wrong will be made right Rev. 21:4.#

Use this time wisely for it is the last
opportunity you will have to seek a closer
relationship with your Lord and Savior.
The hands of destruction are held at bay
by the prayers of the saints and by their
total dedication in performing the works
of righteousness so needed in the world
today. All that has been given, both in
scripture and in prophetic warning, will
come to pass, and all those who desire to
enter the Kingdom must have their lamps
lit along with sufficient oil.
(M. Ballantyne, 11-08-24).#

God has intervened in the lives of every one of His human creation, He has stepped into our environment and scars our lives with His face.

(Gary Hawley, Heavenly Messenger, LHRB Oct. 2023)

Absolute Surrender

Endure

We are told—*come unto Him (Jesus), and offer your whole souls (absolute surrender) an offering unto Him, and continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end; and as the Lord liveth, ye will be saved.* (Omni 1:47)

Behold, I Am the law and the light; look unto Me and endure to the end and ye shall live, for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life. (3N7:10)

And

...and whoso taketh upon him My name and endureth to the end, the same shall be saved at the last day. (3N12:18)

Other references in the Holy Scriptures are

- *Endure unto the end* Matt. 24:13, Mk. 13:13; Heb. 12:7, 20; 1Pet.2:19, James 5:11 (meaning to remain, bear or abide)
- *Endure for a time* Mk.4:17 (follow),
- *...and tribulations that ye endure* 2Thes.1:4, 2Tim 4:3(to hold oneself up against, put up with, bear with, suffer),
- *Endure afflictions* 2Tim.2:3 (undergo hardship, suffer trouble).

But, what does **Endure** mean?

From various dictionaries we find:

- To support without breaking or yielding to force or pressure.
- To bear with patience without resistance, without opposition or sinking under the pressure
- To continue in, persist, undergo, submit to,

tolerate, to permit, allow, admit

- To experience pain or hardship without giving up. Survive or last over a period of time when faced with difficulties
- To tolerate disagreeable things, accept someone or something that is extremely disagreeable.

Benefits of enduring—what we want:

...blessed is he that endureth to the end. (Alma 18:2)

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; (Heb.3:14)

...shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb (1N3:188, 7:69).

If ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father, ye shall have eternal life (2N13:30).

...endure the crosses of the world ...they shall inherit the kingdom of God which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever. (2N6:42).

...and if ye do this and endure to the end, ye will in no wise be cast out (Mn.4:95).

Opposite of benefits—what we don't want:

And now my beloved brethren, I know by this that unless a man shall endure to the end in following the example of the Son of the living God, he cannot be saved (2N13:21).

When we surrender absolutely we give our wills over to the Lord and by so doing we are able to *endure all things, hope all things*, hold fast to all things because *the Lord makes our burden light*.

How to Glorify God: fulfill the full measure of our creation—(John 17:4)
Jesus said: I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.



I have a friend who has been bed-ridden for many years but now she cannot move. Sometimes she

gets discouraged, understandably so. I have great respect for her faith and reliance in the Lord.

The other day she was administered to. She shared with the elders the following:

One day the Holy Spirit said to her:

What's your blood type?

She thought it strange but replied:

B-positive.

Again the Holy Spirit said:

What's your blood type?

To which she replied:

Be Positive!#

Absolute Surrender an Example

As Aaron was teaching King Lamoni's father the gospel he asked the King if the King would believe what Aaron would say. The King said: *...I will believe thy words (13:43).* So Aaron proceeded telling the King about Adam to the death of Christ and the atonement. To which the King said: *What shall I do that I may have this eternal life of which thou has spoken? What shall I do that I may be born of God, having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast, and receive His Spirit, that I may be filled with joy, that I may not be cast off at the last day? (13:48)*

He further said in (vs. 50) *I will give up all*

that I possess; yea, I will forsake my kingdom that I may receive this great joy.

The answer was presented to the King plainly, so plainly there was no misunderstanding or lack of interpretation. *...if thou desirest this thing, if thou will bow down before God, yea, if thou repent of all thy sins and will bow down before God and call on His name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest.*

The story goes on, what the King did was exactly that — **Absolute Surrender.**

March Women's Meeting

Sylvia Powell spoke to the women during the Waldo R.B. retreat providing the perfect opportunity for the women to meet and be edified.#

RWC Spring Retreat

I Will do a new thing, a new heart and new spirit, is the theme for the Spring Retreat to be held at Lexington R. B. located at 802 S. Rt.3 Business. It will be held Saturday, April 26th. To register contact Jennifer Schrunk by phone 816-674-2172 or email Jenniferschrunk@Yahoo.com. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Speaker will be Brandy Schoff. There will also be a dramatic presentation. Scripture preparations: Ezek.18:31 and DC 11:4a-5b.#

A Millennial Communique

From Prophecy Today by Norma A. Holik

From the Church Administration Headquarters in Jerusalem and Independence. As it may be presented to the mortal members of the Millennium Church Universal. The subject of this communique: **Opportunity.**

Be it known to all members of the Millennium Church Universal that our major task is building a New World of people in our new universal nation, the Kingdom of Christ. Time for accomplishing this great work is limited; therefore, the administration is calling for the combined, consecrated abilities of you, the membership, to assist in every way possible. Every good gift God has bestowed upon each of you is needed in the work of the Millennium Church Universal. The church needs speakers, writers, musicians, assistants, organizers, campaigners, pastors, teachers, counselors, and anyone who can show in his daily life an example of love and devotion to the higher good.

It is the obligation of each of us to discover his own talents, and to find joy in consecrating them to service of God and your fellow mortals. In this way you may contribute to the work of the Church and thus to the Kingdom of Christ. May we emphasize: **the Church needs YOU, your efforts and your talents. The best that every one of you can give is needed...The entire membership of the church are urged to share in the multiple millennial projects of transformation. Give all you have. You will find the benefits beyond anything you can imagine.** Signed, the Immortal Administrators—The Megiddo Message.

Previously the Lord told us to get out of Babylon. I (Pat Chadwick) wondered how we begin to do that. Then I came across this message sent out from Jerusalem in 1977 to the church. I believe this is where we begin. We start by refocusing our lives in service to God. We make the coming of His Kingdom our priority. We dedicate ourselves and our talents anew to His cause, setting aside the things of the world and truly giving all we have to the cause of His Kingdom.

Fred M. Smith once said: *When it was declared, and the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations a task was set for the church, and on each member is imposed the responsibility of participation in the work of raising before the people of the earth, an ensign, which shall be to them a testimony and a witness.* If we will realign our lives with Christ, we will come out of Babylon and God's Kingdom will spring forth. Are you ready to take the challenge to recommit yourselves? (OGRB Flash Card Feb. 2025, #154).#



God wants our lives to be joy filled. If all we see is right here we get afraid of looking beyond it because we are comfortable here. We need to see the heart of God so we will know how to use our energies, speech, do the tasks we are to do. We need to trust the everlasting vision God has for us, His plan for our lives. (Gary Hawley, Heavenly Messenger, LHRB, Oct. 2023).

If you have not asked God what He sees in you, what His plan is for your life, ask Him. You will be in awe of how much He loves you. #

The Goodness of God

by Bethel Music

I love you Lord

For your mercy never fails me.

All my days I have been held in your hands

From the moment that I wake up until I lay
my head down

Oh I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life you have been faithful

And all my life you have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice

You have led me through the fire

And in the darkest nights

You are close like no other.

I've known you as a Father

And I have known you as a friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, its running
after me.

**With my life laid down I surrender now
I give you everything.**

Your goodness is running after, its running
after me.

And all my life you have been faithful

All my life you have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able

Oh I will sing of the goodness of God.#

Recipes for a Healthy Church**

The Setting

1. While small pots and pans will serve the purpose in some recipes. A larger church makes people feel there is room for more.
2. Deacons should be sprinkled and strategically located to ensure the comfort and atmosphere of worship.
3. Sometimes the best container is brick, or wood, but the church is best when it is made in flesh.

Evangelistic Essentials

1. Large dash of zeal
2. Strong personal testimony
3. Add desire to share.
4. Mix the knowledge of the important message that must be shared.

Scripture Bread

1. Mix study with knowledge of truth.
2. Spice with discernment that you might know the applicability of a scripture to you. (1N6:5)
3. Remember the scriptures are to be a staple of your diet.

Pray Unceasing

1. This meal is never complete.
2. It is however, essential for the life of a healthy church.
3. Ingredients can be Praise, Thanksgiving, Repentance, or Petition. Use these spices to taste. However, recognize the importance of each.#

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