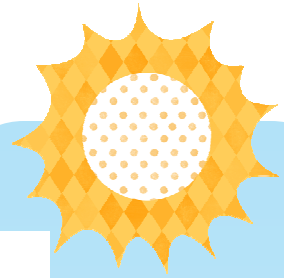


In Touch

May 2010



Mother ...

When you are young, she is cookies and milk after school.
She is a comforting hug after a bad dream in the middle of the night.
She is the cold rag on a feverish forehead.
A calm strength when you are frightened.
By the time you are a teenager, she is nosy and bossy.
She has more advice than Dear Abby.
She is old and out of touch.
She insists you go to church and prays daily you will not stray too far from the principles she has taught you.
She is the first to jump to your defense when someone criticizes you, and the first to tell you when you are wrong.
Years pass. You are a young woman and it is your wedding day.
She is more than your mother; she is your friend and she rejoices at your happiness.
The proud look on her face tells the world how much she loves you.
When she becomes a grandmother, the advice she gave you when you were a child suddenly takes on new meaning.
She never tires of hearing about her grandchildren's antics or accomplishments, and she relishes in relating stories about them over and over to anyone who will listen.
When she holds her grandchild in her arms, you see the same look of love on her face that was there for you when you were a child.
More years pass and time begins to take its toll.
Her hair is now gray and her face lined with wrinkles. Her eyesight and hearing are failing.
Her body is bent and her step unsure.
She is forgetful and frail and then one day ... she is gone.
She is memories of comforting hugs in the middle of the night, cookies and milk after school, the proud look on her face the day of your wedding, the loving way she held your child.
She's gone, and yet she is with you because when you look in the mirror, you see the woman she molded, as well as the little girl who still longs to run to the comfort of her mother's arms.
Now it is your turn to do the things she did, and when you do them You remember her love and realize that at last you know her secret.
A mother is mortal, with imperfections and failings.
She cannot solve the problems of the universe, nor can she protect her children from every danger.
She can only try.
You wish with all your heart that you could tell her "thank you" one more time.
And you can almost hear her whisper, "Thank me by loving your children as much as I loved you."
She has given you something priceless, the legacy of her love.

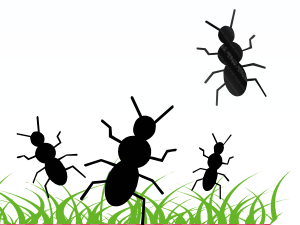


Women's Special!

Because

Women are Special!

(By Teresa bell Kindred Courtesy: www.heartlight.org)



God Has a Sense of Humor!

by Linda Cuttrell

After pulling three different outfits one morning, and none of them big enough, I realized I was totally disgusted with my weight. As I drove to school, I prayed out loud for God to help me in this area.

It was near the end of the school year, and the kids were extremely rambunctious that day. About 10 AM, I realized that my tolerance was spent and I announced we were going to have a short, silent break.

As they put their heads down, I pulled out my Bible. I zoomed my finger down to one verse, and I found out that God has a sense of humor. My finger landed on Job 8:7 and it read, *"Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase"*. KJV

Heavenly Kitten

The pastor of a local church had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and was afraid to come down.

The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.



He did all this, checking his progress in the car frequently, then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went BOING and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight.

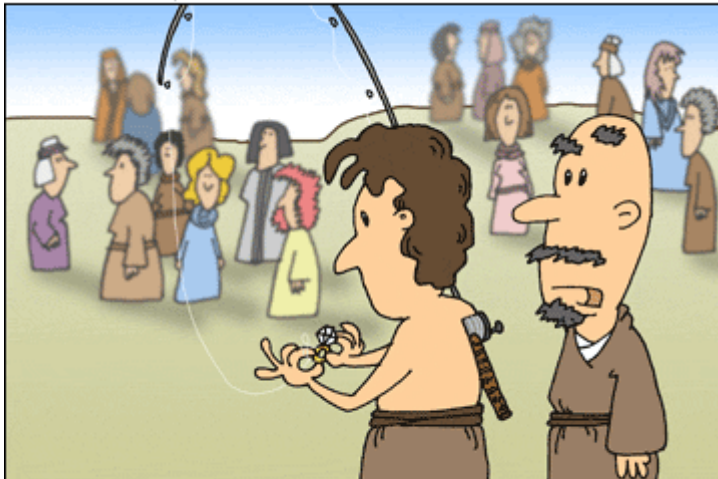
The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. Now this woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Matthew 4:19)

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MEN ... WE'RE FISHERS OF MEN



From The Pastor's Desk

"Attempt something large enough that failure is guaranteed...unless God steps in!"



Beloved People of God!

Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ

By the grace of Jesus we are able to step into another new month. In this month God will bless and use us more in his kingdom to glorify his name. The devil is planning to make us fearful, but God has already planned to rescue his children and bind the power of darkness by his own authority. As faithful disciples it is our duty to be alert to recognize his vision and voice and to seek his counsel in our life. Scripture promises in Hebrew 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

From this month onwards we are starting 'Jabez Prayer Network' to strengthen our spiritual life. Every believer's first commitment and priority should be "Prayer". Prayer helps us to be closer to Jesus and build a strong relationship with our heavenly Father. In prayer God reveals awesome plans and wonderful things in our midst. God will use us as a tool to proclaim the good news in our assigned areas. As someone rightly said 'A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing'.

In 1 Chronicles 4:10, we read: "And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. The prayer is composed of four parts. First, Jabez asks God to bless him. Secondly, he asks God to enlarge his territory or increase his responsibility. Thirdly, he prays that God would be with him. Lastly, Jabez asks that God keep him from harm so that he would be free from pain.

The Prayer of Jabez reveals that Jabez understood what many people do not - there is only one God and He should be the center of our life. God wants to bless us all. But, we must first make the choice to invite God into our life and ask for His blessings. Jabez wants to succeed and increase his sphere of influence for God. The specific sphere of influence is not important. What is important is that when we want to reach for goals and accomplishments that we have God on our side. Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."

The Holy Alphabet



Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of " Camp Complaining "
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

- Compiled by **Dr. Daniel**

Join us Every First Saturday of The Month...



Miriam - Not Just The Dancing Lady

Background:

Amram and Jochebed were the father and mother of Miriam, Aaron and Moses. Moses was the youngest of the three yet became the leader of the pack (Exodus 2:3-4; Exodus 6:20; Numbers 26:59). Moses was the man who led Israel out of Egypt. Miriam was the Elder sister of Moses. Her name means 'one who loves or is loved by Yahweh'.

Miriam' Love: When Pharaoh of Egypt decreed the death of all Israel baby boys in a desperate attempt to curb the growth of Israel, Amram and Jochebed put baby Moses into a waterproof basket and set it on the river in an attempt to save his life. It was Miriam who was watching the basket when the daughter of Pharaoh discovered it. It was Miriam who suggested that a woman from the Hebrew people be found to take care of Moses. You can just imagine the excitement in Miriam's eyes as she ran back to inform her mother of the good news.

Miriam's quick thinking meant Moses was brought up by his own mother. If there was anything to know about Moses Miriam knew it.

Miriam the prophetess: Miriam was with Moses throughout the nine plagues. She came out of Egypt with Moses. Miriam was a woman of God. She was indeed a prophet herself (Exodus 15:20). The fact that Miriam was a prophet is a little known fact because everyone concentrates on Moses. Miriam was

called to play a less prominent role than Moses but nevertheless a vital one. Indeed, both the parents of Miriam received special commendation from God in Hebrews 11:23



The truth of the matter was that Miriam, Aaron and Moses were a team sent by God to deliver Israel (Micah 6:4). Miriam, our main focus here, was instrumental in saving Moses (Exodus 2:1-10) and leading Israel in worship (Exodus 15:20-21). Her ministry was not insignificant, yet she took her eyes off her privileged calling and concentrated on what Moses had that she did not.

Conclusion: *Dear sister' in Christ, maybe God has called you to minister to a small group of people within your Church. Maybe you are an encourager or exhorter. You might even have the gift of prophecy and have been used to minister to several wonderful people in a way that does not seem very significant. Or maybe you are presently bringing up children and like the mother of Moses, do not consider your job as being that significant. Serving God is doing what He wants you to do and not what people think as important. God rewards and blesses us for being faithful in the things He has called us to do and not in the things we want to do.*

- **Laveena Shalom**

The Law of The Garbage Truck

"One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? That guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck." He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage -- frustration, anger, disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on.

Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't."



Emergency Telephone Numbers

These are more effective than 911

When –

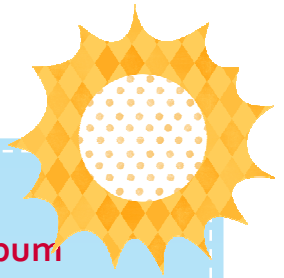
You are sad, phone John 14
You have sinned, phone Psalm 51
You are facing danger, phone Psalm 91
People have failed you, phone Psalm 27
It feels as though God is far from you, phone Psalm 139
Your faith needs stimulation, phone Hebrews 11
You are alone and scared, phone Psalm 23
You are worried, phone Matthew 8:19-34
You are hurt and critical, phone 1 Corinthians 13
You wonder about Christianity, phone 2 Corinthians 5:15-18
You feel like an outcast, phone Romans 8:31-39
You are seeking peace, phone Matthew 11:25-30
It feels as if the world is bigger than God, phone Psalm 90
You need Christ like insurance, phone Romans 8:1-30
You are leaving home for a trip , phone Psalm 121
You are praying for yourself, phone Psalm 87
You require courage for a task, phone Joshua 1
Inflation and investments hogging your thoughts- Mark 10:17-31
You are depressive, phone Psalm 27
Your bank account is empty, phone Psalm 37
You lose faith in mankind, phone 1 Corinthians 13
It looks like people are unfriendly, phone John 15
You are losing hope, phone Psalm 126
You feel the world is small compared to you, phone Psalm 19
You want to carry fruit, phone John 15
Paul's secret for happiness, phone Colossians 3:12-17
With big opportunity/ discovery, phone Isaiah 55
To get along with other people, phone Romans 12
ALTERNATE NUMBERS
For dealing with fear, call Psalm 47
For security, call Psalm 121:3
For assurance, call Mark 8:35
For reassurance, call Psalm 145:18

FEED YOUR FAITH, AND DOUBT WILL STARVE TO DEATH

- Compiled by Vilas Kunder

Thief In The Night

A man was sleeping soundly when his wife shook him and said, "Wake up, someone is breaking in!"
The man had gone through this same scenario almost every night of his marriage, and he knew that the only way he would get any rest was to get up and go check it out.
This time, however, he found that there really was a man with a gun who entered to rob the house!
As the thief was about to flee the man said, "Stop! You have to come with me and meet my wife."
Surprised, the thief turned around abruptly and said, "Why would you want ME to meet your wife?"
The man replied, "She's been expecting you for 20 years."



Family Album



I come from a large family, five sisters and three brothers.

My sisters and I were looking through the family photo album one day. Picture after picture, we were all dressed in matching clothes. I asked my mother why she dressed us all alike, right down to the baby. She explained, "When we had just four children, I dressed you alike so we wouldn't lose any of you. Then," she added, looking at the pictures in the album, "when the other five came along, I started dressing you alike so we won't pick up any that didn't belong to us."



In Touch

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Worship With Us ...

3 Worship Services every Friday

10 AM - English/Kannada at Fahaheel

4 PM - Kannada at Annexe Hall, NECK

6 PM - English at Hall of Hope, NECK

A Combined Service on the Last Friday of the month at Hall of Hope at 6 PM

Prayer Fellowship Meetings on Tuesdays ...

11 May - Pastor Shalom & Laveena's Residence

25 May - Prakash & Margaret Samuel's Residence

Happening in May ...

1st May - 'Ruth' Women's Fellowship

1st & 2nd May - 'Jabez' Chain Prayer

8th May - 'Light' Teacher's Seminar @ Parsonage

15th May - 'Eagle' Kannada Bible Study

22nd May - Movie With The Pastor

27th May - Overnight Prayer

Wedding Anniversaries in May

1st - Samuel & Margaret Prakash

3rd - Sujai Jeevan & Roshni Kotian

11th - Roland & Mishael Soans

13th - Richard & Anita Soans

13th - Rev. Shalom & Laveena

14th - Godwin & Jayamani Bernhardt

31st - Satish & Jaya Naik

Best wishes to Richard & Anita Soans on the occasion of their son **David's** marriage with Ms. **Carmel** on 8th May in Mumbai

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Memorable Memorial

Have you ever felt you were invisible? Perhaps you have sometimes felt you were so insignificant nobody knew you even existed?

I have a garden shrub like that. It is weak and spindly and it leans on the trees growing around it for support. It weaves its way up through their branches and is so hidden you don't really see it. Its leaves are insignificant and its flowers are just five, simple, white petals forming a

miniature saucer.

However, this plant has one attribute that makes it stand out from every other plant in the garden and that is its perfume. It is sweet and heady and you can smell it from the other end of the

house and all down through the garden. For a few brief weeks every year, visitors close their eyes, sniff, and ask, "What is that heavenly perfume?"

Invisible and insignificant the shrub may be, but its perfume is its memorial. It reminds me of an uninvited, insignificant woman who broke open a jar of perfume at the feet of Jesus. He said, "*Wherever the gospel is proclaimed throughout the world, what she has done will be told as her memorial.*" ([Mark 14:9](#))

Her jar of perfume, like my shrub's perfume, was her memorial. Perhaps you, also, have a hidden memorial jar. Will you break it open at the feet of Jesus?

by Elizabeth Price in www.heartlight.org

Birthdays in May

