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A Great Place To Grow in Christ
For the Entire Family

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| Sunday January 24, 2016 |
| This Weeks Events |
| Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Sunday School</i> —Pastor Saloum 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Weekly Message From God</i> —Pastor Saloum 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible</i> .—Pastor Saloum |
| Upcoming Events |
| Feb. 7, 2016: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</i> —Charles Wasiklausky |
| March 13, 2016 NOON: (Grange)— <i>SPAGETTII FEED</i> —Charles Wasiklausky |
| April 24, 2016: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> — |
| September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i> |



Pastor Coale

The Beckoning Universe

The universe so clear and clean, endless to the eye so keen.
 All who ponder can not but feel so small beneath it's awesome keel.
 The mind cannot embrace it's vast, even aided by a glass.
 Significance changes a vaporous life. Engaged with sorted strife.
 When endless does our time seem free, The universe to beckon thee.
 Come for space I have to share, absent from the worlds care.
 Forever with Creator of all, To man forever is the call.

Overcoming habits or afflictions

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

"Preacher, I need victory in my life. I have an area I just can't conquer. I have a habit I just can't seem to break and it's hindering my Christian life. What can I do?" As a pastor, I have often heard words similar to these. People want to change but cannot seem to overcome certain habits. What can be done? Is just daily prayer and Bible enough?

God never gives us commands without grace to obey them. Here are some steps that, if followed, may very well be your answer.

When Jesus was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4) all He did was quote Scripture:

- *Matthew 4:3, "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)*
- *Matthew 4:6, "And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." "Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Matthew 4:7)*
- *Matthew 4:9, "And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." "Then saith Jesus unto him,*

Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matthew 4:10).

Then look at what Matthew 4:11 says: *"Then the devil leaveth him..."* The key to overcoming a certain habit or temptation is not just to quote Scripture but the certain Scripture that combats that certain temptation.

Use a concordance (there should be one in the back of your Bible) and look up words that pertain to your particular habit or temptation. It will refer you to scriptures that you can memorize to help you combat and/or conquer that habit or temptation. Here are a few examples:

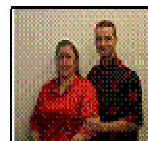
- Lust - Matthew 5:28, Job 31:1
- Pride - Proverbs 6:16-17, James 4:10
- Smoking - Corinthians 6:19-20
- Temper - Proverbs 15:1
- Example - 1 Timothy 4:12-16
- Lack of Bible Reading - Psalms 119:9
- Gossip - James 3

When you quote a Scripture (out loud especially) it takes your mind off of the desire to sin and also reminds you of God's presence to give you the victory.

Jesus warned the disciples to "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41). He knew of the upcoming temptation they were to go through and told them to stay up late praying. They did not obey His command and soon fell asleep. When they awoke,

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The Johnsons



Missionaries to the "Children of the Dragon" in Mainland China

Dear Folks,

I just finished getting everything together to fly to the US in the morning (8:40 PM, Thursday, TN time). I had a last minute oral test to do by phone and get the paperwork to another teacher to turn in and then did some last minute packing.

Carolyn and I just ended a Skype call. Skype has been a great way to keep in touch, but it's just not the same. If I can, I'll try to contact her along the way, but that may not be possible. Lord willing, I'll arrive 9:40 PM at the Knoxville airport on Friday. I fly from Kunming to Beijing where I have a 4 hour layover. Carolyn said security and customs between domestic and international took her about 2 hours.

Then, it's a 14 hour flight to Detroit where I have 1 hour and 30 minutes to pick up my luggage and work my way through security before catching the last flight to Knoxville. Carolyn made it to her gate with 10 minutes to spare before boarding and then the flight was delayed. She was hoping it would be delayed so she could make it. I'm hoping it's not delayed and I make it without any problems.

I've been dreading the flights because the cold weather has already been causing more ear problems. Pressure changes on the flights are not helpful. I appreciate your prayers for travel safety and care.

However, I am looking forward to seeing my wife at the end. I've missed her. She told me was just going to spend the whole day at the airport waiting for me, but I'm pretty sure she was joking.

Johnsons



November/December 2015

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” I Timothy 3:16

We are thankful that the Lord made it possible for us to have access to the Father through Jesus Christ and we are not ashamed to confess that Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh, lived a perfect life, paid the price for our sins through his death on the cross, rose from the dead and is alive today in heaven! Our desire is to escape all the troubles of this world to be with him forever (which is far better!) and we celebrate this every day! In early November I returned from a trip out west and in Orlando met a female Jewish rabbi who was coming out east as well for a conference on Judaism. After talking with her out of her law and about creation and life and death, her conclusion was, “a little religion is a good thing for everyone.” You could say she would make a good Catholic or Episcopalian! We don’t preach religion, but rather salvation through a person that you must trust in to have eternal life. The issue is, what have you done with Jesus Christ?

I received a text about two weeks ago from Lucas in Mozambique. If you remember, before I left Mozambique Lucas had visited a second bush church where some of the folks received Christ and were interested in discipleship but had nothing in their native tongue. About two months ago Lucas made contact with another person in a bush village called Dombe. He traveled to Dombe this month and spent a weekend there. On that Saturday 15 people received Christ, which was followed by another 6 people on Sunday, 20 of these folks being couples. This type of response isn’t uncommon from the experiences we have had in the bush, but he told me that at the end of the day on Sunday they all brought their traditional instruments and made a fire and burned them all! That’s something that I have not experienced yet, and is quite a step of separation in African culture, like Acts 19:19. Please pray for these folks. The language in this area is Mandau, which is similar to Shona, and Lucas reiterated his desire to get our discipleship program translated into the Shona tongue. Please pray for Lucas as well. They had quite a few ques-

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they did not have sufficient spiritual strength to stand for Christ. They all forsook him and fled. How can a Christian watch and pray? Schedule to stay up perhaps 10-15 minutes past your normal bedtime and beg God specifically for victory in the one area you need it most. Late night praying does much toward victory for the next day.

Certain habits will never be broken by just normal Bible reading and prayer. Jesus said that prayer and fasting was necessary: "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." (Mark 9:29) Fasting is not just abstinence from food. Fasting is replacing normal meal time with extra prayer and Bible. If you fast for one whole day, you would spend your normal meal times in prayer and Bible reading begging God to give you victory over your habit. It will also open your spiritual eyes to how much glory your habit is robbing from

God. Some people choose to fast one day a week until they have victory over a certain sin. Fasting does little, except physically, unless it is mixed with prayer and Bible reading. (See Isaiah 58, also.)

The Bible says that, "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). It's easy to make excuses for failure and lack of victory. We are not very hard on ourselves. It is wise to enlist help to overcome habits. For instance, if you are not getting up early enough to read the Bible and pray, you could have someone call you and wake you up. If you are trying to give up smoking, someone could call you at the end of every day to see if you had victory. Just knowing they were going to call would put positive peer pressure on you to do right.

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tions about the gospel and about the Bible. Lucas is growing and has gained quite a bit of confidence to provide them answers. Pray that the Lord would use him as He sees fit.

I passed much time these past two months in Pensacola doing weekend meetings throughout the southeast. I was also able to get quite a bit of work done in preparation for our mobile Bible institute. I finished recordings for the Life of Christ course, having 45 in total, and also finished a booklet of 60 pages that I will use for Old Testament and New Testament Survey. I plan to start recording these lessons in January.

We are currently in Cincinnati with Esther's parents, visiting our home church and having all of our family together. Her parents are getting older, as are our children, so we are enjoying this time that the Lord has given us. We consider ourselves blessed and are thankful to serve Him. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

The Dunlaps

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| 607. | Pastor | Souls saved in Shelton. |
| 629. | Matt | Gregson Family Finances. |
| 680. | Matt | Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000). |
| 685. | Dee P. | Dee's brother Duane (a proud atheist) salvation. |
| 755. | Regina | Grace Baptist Church to grow in membership. |
| 763. | Sally | Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction. |
| 796. | Regina | Strength for God's will in her life. |
| 803. | Dee P. | Improved church attendance for her family. |
| 822. | Regina | Personal Health. |
| 849. | Sally | Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future. |
| 865. | Dee P. | Son Joseph's health problems & depression. |
| 867. | Dee P. | Family members to read KJB daily. |
| 973. | Dee | Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse. |
| 975. | Dee P. | Brother-in-law George stage 4 terminal lung cancer |
| 976. | Dee P. | Our Christian men to grow as spiritual leaders in our homes, churches and communities. |
| 979. | Colleen | Salvation of Darci Togensen's daughter Katey |
| 984. | Lori | Candy's kidney stones. |
| 989. | Regina | Richard to let God be his all in all. |
| 991. | Pastor | Rylander family come back to GBC. |
| 992. | Pastor | Roger Crowe healing from cancer of spine & bladder. |
| 993. | Mark H. | Grand-daughter overcoming depression. |
| 994. | Pastor | God's will on buying the Grange Hall |
| 995. | Pastor | Get an access ramp built onto house |

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Jesus said, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." (Matthew 12:43-45). The story is given of the evil spirit leaving a

man and the man "turning over a new leaf." He did not replace the evil that was in him with something positive. Therefore, more spirits inhabited him. It is not enough to give up evil—we must replace it with good and right. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are told, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The old must be replaced with new otherwise, the old things will creep back in with renewed power to keep from being expunged from its place of comfort again. There are many Bible

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NOTES:

Ramp is Here!

Brother Tom Parker and Pastor Saloum received the ramp at the pastors house last week. Plans are being formulated to install it when the weather cooperates.

If you can help build contact Brother Tom. If you can contribute, there will a special offerings taken up for it. Mark on your offering envelopes “for ramp” and the Treasurer will be sure to apply your gift of love to the project.



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examples of this concept:

Egypt was replaced by Canaan.

The temple was replaced by Church.

Jesus was replaced on earth by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible speaks of a new song (Revelation 5:9) a new spirit and a new heart (Ezekiel 18:31). These were not given to add to our life, but to replace the old life. One teenager gave up rock music at church camp every year for several years. He kept going back to it because he never replaced it with godly music. If a car engine blows up, just taking the engine out does not replace the car. It must have a new engine in-

stalled where the old one was.

“Where your treasure is, there will be your heart be also.” Some Christians have decided to fine themselves financially each time they go back to their bad habit. One man who wanted to quit smoking decided to fine himself \$20 for every cigarette he smoked. That is \$400 a pack! I imagine each time he was tempted to smoke, he envisioned a \$20 bill going up in flames.

Do you have a habit you just cannot seem to break? Are you afflicted with unwanted actions? Have you considered how it is affecting your testimony, effectiveness for God, power, and boldness for the cause of Christ? Decide today to use these steps as a first step toward gaining complete victory.~

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