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## “As jy maar net vir Jesus kon ken”

*Felicitas en haar sewe seuns, Rome  
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“Daar is vroue wat die gode ook laster, Keiser,” vervolg die priester in sy pleidooi om die vervolging te hervat wat met Trajanus se dood ongeveer 45 jaar gelede tot 'n einde gekom het.

“Sy en haar gebroedsel van sewe seuns versprei die Christelike geloof oral waar hulle gaan, reg onder u neus hier in Rome. Hulle lok mense daaglik weg van die gode-aanbidding. Dit is 'n bespotting en belediging vir u.”

Keiser Antonius roer onrustig en die priester sien dat sy woorde inslag gevind het. “Nou goed dan. Ek weier om in my eie stad bespot te word. Laat die Prefek haar arresteer en dreig. As sy haar nie tot die gode-aanbidding bekeer nie, kan hy met haar afreken.”

Publius, die Prefek van Rome, is nie gelukkig met sy taak nie. Felicitas is 'n bekende en geliefde vrou in die stad. Daarom besluit hy om haar en haar seuns eers in die geheim in sy huis te ondervra en die saak dan uit te gooi sonder om die priesters daarby te betrek.

Alhoewel die gesprek in die Prefek se huis plaasvind, veroorsaak die teenwoordigheid van 'n paar wagte dat daar steeds 'n amptelike atmosfeer tydens die ondervraging heers. Aanvanklik is sy pleidooie vol mooi woorde en beloftes, maar wanneer hy sien dat sy nie van plan is om haar geloof in Jesus te verloën nie, word sy stem al skeller, totdat hy haar later met die wreedste marteling dreig.

Felicitas se reaksie is egter deurgaans eerlik en reguit: “U ontroer my nie met u vleiende woorde of beloftes nie. En ek word ook nie deur u dreigemente geïntimideer nie, want ek het die Heilige Gees se werking in my eie hart

ervaar. Hy het my 'n lewende krag gegee en my op die verskrikking van martelaarskap voorberei, sodat ek enigiets sal verduur wat u aan my doen en aan die belydenis van my geloof sal vashou.”

Toe hy sien dat hy niks met hulle gaan uitrig nie, besluit Publius om hulle eers weg te stuur om oor hulle besluit te gaan dink. Die volgende oggend ontbied hy hulle na die plein voor die tempel van Mars.

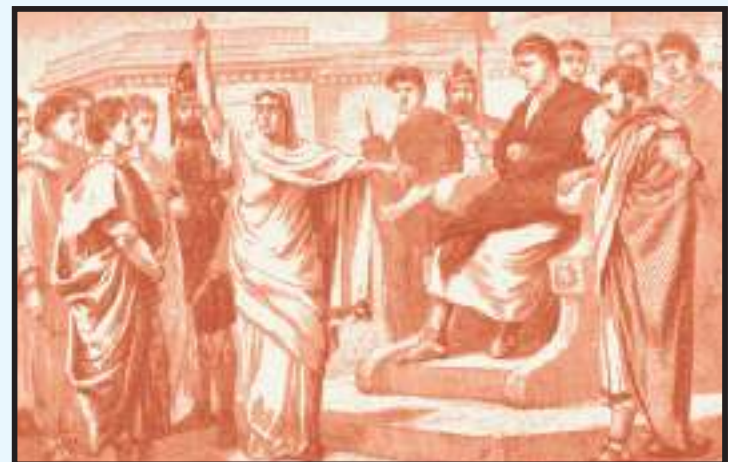
Hierdie keer volg hy 'n ander benadering. “Nou goed dan, Felicitas, as jy nie omgee om te sterf nie, sterf dan alleen. Maar wees 'n goeie ma en bewys jou seuns ouerlike deernis en medelye deur hulle aan te moedig om hulle eie lewe te red deur aan die gode te offer.”

“Julle 'medelye' is pure boosheid,” antwoord Felicitas vererg. “En julle advies is niks anders as wreedheid nie, want as my seuns die gode aanbid, sal hulle nie hulle lewe red nie, maar aan die helse duiwels oorgegee word wat julle gode is. Hulle sal hulle slawe word en vir die ewige vuur in die duisternis opgesluit word.”

Dan draai sy na haar seuns. “Staan vas in julle geloof en in julle belydenis. Jesus en Sy heiliges wag in die hemel op julle. Veg dapper vir julle siele en bewys dat julle getrou is aan Christus se liefde, die liefde waarmee julle Hom liefhet en Hy julle liefhet.”

“Vrou!” onderbreek die Prefek. “Hoe durf jy jou seuns reg onder my neus aanmoedig om die bevele van die keiser te verontagsaam! Moet jy hulle nie eerder tot gehoorsaamheid as rebellie aanspoor nie?”

Felicitas weet egter wat sy besig is om te sê en watter soort dood sy moontlik vanweë haar uitgesprokenheid sal sterf. Tog bly sy volhard. Eerder as om die Prefek te veroordeel, draai sy



*Felicitas en haar sewe seuns voor die Prefek*

vriendelik na hom en probeer hom dapper na die waarheid lei.

“Prefek, as u maar net ons Here en Verlosser, Jesus Christus, en die krag van Sy Goddelikheid en majesteit kon ken, sou u van beter geweet het as om ons van Hom te probeer vervreem, en sal u hierdie vervolging staak. U sou geweet het dat ons Hom nie kan vervloek of van Hom kan wegdraai nie, want enigiemand wat Christus en Sy getroue volgelingen vervloek, vervloek die God wat deur die geloof in ons hart woon.”

Hierop kom die naaste wag en slaan haar met die vuur op haar mond om haar stil te maak. Dit weerhou haar egter nie daarvan om haar seuns steeds aan te moedig om aan hulle geloof vas te hou nie. Sy maan hulle ook om nie enige marteling of 'n pynlike dood te vrees nie, aangesien dit niks is in vergelyking met 'n ewigheid in die hemel saam met Jesus nie.

Nadat Publius Felicitas en haar seuns laat wegneem het, laat hy elkeen van die jongmenseen vir een terugkom om hulle persoonlik te ondervra. Maar ten spyte van sy beloftes en dreigemente is nie een van hulle bereid om hulle rug op Jesus te draai nie.

Gefrustreerd oor sy mislukking stuur hy 'n nota aan die keiser waarin hy skryf dat hulle almal hardnekkig aan hulle geloof in Jesus bly vasklou. Hierop beveel die keiser dat hulle almal deur verskillende teregstellers doodgemaak moet word, en dat Felicitas heel laaste

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# DIE KRAGONDERBREKING

**B**ekende woorde: “Ag nee! Alweer 'n kragonderbreking!” Ons kan byna nie bestaan sonder krag nie. By na geen werk kan sonder elektrisiteit in die moderne werksplek gedoen word nie!

Ons beleef baie frustrasies tydens kragonderbrekings. Baie van ons ouer garde sal onthou hoe ons op plase sonder krag klaargekom het, maar in ons alledaagse lewe sal dit chaos veroorsaak indien daar geen krag is nie en kan selfs ons land se nywerhede in duie stort!

Net so lewensnoodsaaklik is dit vir elke gelowige om aan God se Kragbron gekoppel te wees! Jesus het immers gesê:

*“Ek is die wynstok, julle die lote. Wie in My bly, en Ek in hom, hy dra veel vrug; want sonder My kan julle niks doen nie” (Joh. 15:5).*

In ons daaglikse lewenswandel het ons God as ons Kragbron nodig. Ook ons werk wat ons vir Hom moet doen hier op aarde, kan ons nie doen as ons nie by Sy Kragbron ingeskakel is nie! Reeds in Sag. 10:12 (Lewende Bybel) sê God: *“Ek sal My volk sterk maak, want Ek sal Self hulle krag wees, en hulle sal My aanbid. Ek, die Here, sê Self dit sal gebeur.”*

Dan sê iemand oor hierdie vers: **“God promises to strengthen His people, and reveals that this strength comes from God. When we stay close to**

**God, His Spirit enables us to do His will, despite the obstacles. When we stray from God, we are cut off from our Power Source”** (Life Application Bible).

Dit beteken dat ons geleidelik van God kan wegdryf sonder dat ons dit regtig besef. Dit is dan wanneer die vyand op ons toeslaan en 'n kragonderbreking teweegbring. En siedaar, ons probeer om met eie krag en met eie menslike vermoëns en menslike wysheid 'n oplossing vir ons probleme te vind!

'n Kragonderbreking het toegeslaan en veroorsaak dat ons in stikdonkerte sit. En steeds het ons nie 'n antwoord vir ons probleme nie. Dit is dán dat ons moet terugkeer na God se

Woord om die gebroke kragkoppeling te herstel! Ons moet die fout soek. Ons moenie probeer om ons probleme in eie menslike krag op te los nie. Die Groot Kragbron is tot ons beskikking!

In Ps. 18:17 staan geskryf: *“U, Here, laat my lamp helder skyn; my God gee lig as dit donker is om my.”*

Kom na Sy lig toe! Jy hoef nie langer in stikdonker te sit nie! Hy sal jou verseker help! *“Want geen ding sal by God onmoontlik wees nie”* (Luk. 1:37). En onthou, saam met Paulus kan ons sê: *“Ek is tot alles in staat deur Christus wat my krag gee”* (Fil. 4:13).

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## LET IT GO!

*“I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord Who heals you” (Exodus 15:26).*

After crossing the Red Sea, the children of Israel came to a place called Marah. The waters there were bitter. That is why the place was called Marah, which means “bitter”. The Israelites could not drink any of the water, so the Lord made the bitter waters sweet (Exodus 15:23-25).

Then, He brought up the subject of the diseases of Egypt and, for the first time, revealed

Himself to His people as “the Lord Who heals you”.

Why did the Lord suddenly mention the diseases of the world at a place called “bitter”? Egypt represents the world in the Bible. But what do diseases have to do with bitter waters? I believe that it is because He wants His people to know that a major cause of diseases in their bodies is harbouring bitterness and resentment!

Some years ago, a lady shared with me about her sister who had died of cancer at a young age. She said, “Pastor, a number of years before she passed



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on, she went through a very bitter divorce. She was very bitter toward her ex-husband”. Then, she asked me, “Is there a relationship between her bitterness and the cancer?”

I have studied the subject of healing for many years. I have read many books. I have listened to many sermons and I have sat under many healing ministries. And they all say the same thing: **If you have unforgiveness in your heart long enough, that unforgiveness can sometimes translate into a disease in your body. So, if you have been bitter about something or someone, it is time to let it go!**

Your health, joy and life are more important. If you are already sick and you know that bitterness has something to do with it, 'let it go!' See Jesus as your Healer. He is standing at your place of bitterness today and He is saying to you, “My child, I can make your bitter waters sweet. I am the Lord Who heals you.”

My friend, let it all go and let Jesus heal not just your diseases, but your broken heart too! Harbouring bitterness and resentment is just not worth your health, joy, and life!

- Pastor Danny Strydom  
079 407 1979

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matt. 11:28 - 30, NIV).*

**DRA JY 'N LAS WAT JOU WIL NEERBUIG?  
BRING HIERDIE LAS, HY VERSTAAN.  
GAAN NA JOU VADER, PRAAT SELF MET HOM  
BID TOT DIE LIG DEURBREEK.**

**HOU AAN MET BID TOT DIE LIG DEURBREEK  
SY WOORD IS EWIG, SY WOORD IS WAAR!  
DIS SY BELOFTES, HY KOM DIT NA;  
HOU AAN MET BID TOT DIE LIG DEURBREEK.**





# 'N LES VAN DIE PEERBOOM

“...en bly weg van alles wat sleg is... Mag God, wat vrede gee, julle volkome aan Hom toegewyd maak en julle geheel en al, na gees, siel en liggaam, so bewaar dat julle onberispelik sal wees wanneer ons Here Jesus Christus weer kom! Hy sal dit ook doen, want Hy wat julle roep, is getrou” (1 Thess. 5:21, 24).

Die digter, DJ Opperman, skryf in sy gedig “Ballade van die Grysland”, die volgende strofe:

*'n Knop het in my keel gekom  
die oggend toe die peerboom  
in die steenkoolwerf wit blom.*

Daar is min dinge so mooi soos 'n peerboom in volle blom!

In hierdie strofe kontrasteer die digter die skoonheid en reinheid van 'n peerboom met die swart, smerige en vuil steenkoolwerf waarin die boom staan. En dit het my aan die lewe van 'n Christen laat dink. Te midde van die sondige wêreld van moord en doodslag, gevloek en geskel, korrupsie en bedrog, leuens en geskinder, behoort 'n Christen rein en onbevlek te staan. Uit ons eie is dit

onmoontlik om nie deur die wêreld beïnvloed te word nie, maar deur die voorbeeld en lewe van Jesus en die krag van die Heilige Gees, is dit wel moontlik. “By beholding we become changed.” Deur te aanskou, word ons verander.

Waarop vestig ons ons aandag? Wat neem die meeste van ons tyd in beslag? Wat lees ons, waarna kyk ons en wat laat ons toe om ons lewens en karakters te beïnvloed en te vorm?

Kan ek en jy vanoggend ook soos die peerboom bo die gemors van die alledaagse lewe wat mens wil insluk, uitstyg en verteenwoordigend staan van die reinheid en skoonheid van Jesus se karakter? **Laat Hom vandag toe om in jou lewe te blom om rein bo die sonde te staan!** “*Ek is tot alles in staat deur Christus wat my krag gee*” (Fil. 4:13).

Kom bid saam: Hemelse Vader, baie dankie vir die lewe en voorbeeld van Jesus Christus. Help ons om deur Sy inwonende krag ook bo die sonde en besmetting van hierdie wêreld uit te staan. Dankie, Jesus. Amen.

-Oorgeneem



## Ke eng se se hupetsang Lefoko mo bophelong jwa gagwe? (What is choking the Word in your life?)



### DITEMANA

Setshwantsho sa mojawadi Foo a bua dilo tse dintsi nabo ka ditshwantsho a re: “Reetsang, mojawadi o kile a ya go jwala. Ya re a ntse a jwala, ditlhaka dingwe tsa wela mo tseleng; mme dinonyane tsa tla, tsa di ja. Tse dingwe tsa wela mo lekgwaraneng fa go se nang mmu o montsi teng; tsa akofa tsa tlhaba, ka di se na mmu o o boteng. Ya re letsatsi le sena go tlhaba, tsa swaba; mme ya re ka medi e tlhoka boteng, tsa omelela. Tse dingwe tsa wela mo mitlweng; mme mitlwa ya gola ya di hupetsa. Tse dingwe tsa wela mo mmung o o siameng, tsa ungwa, tse dingwe ga 100, tse dingwe ga 60, tse dingwe ga 30. Yo o nang le ditsebe a a utlwe!” (Matt. 13:3-9).

Tlhaloso ya setshwantsho sa mojawadi  
“Jaanong he, utlwang setshwantsho sa mojawadi: E a re fa motho a

utlwa Lefoko la puso, a sa le tlhaloganye, go tle yo-o-bosula, a phamole se se jwetsweng mo pelong ya gagwe; ke ene wa peo e e jwetsweng mo tseleng. Wa peo e e jwetsweng mo lekgwaraneng ke ene yo o utlwang Lefoko, a be a akofe a le tshole ka boitumelo. Mme ga a na modi ka kwa teng, ke wa sebakanyana fela; e re fa go tsoga patiko gongwe pogiso ka ntlha ya Lefoko, a akofe a kgopege. Wa peo e e jwetsweng mo mitlweng ke ene yo o utlwang Lefoko; mme tshwenyego ya metlha eno le tsietso ya khumo di hupetse Lefoko, le be le tlhoke leungo. Wa peo e e jwetsweng mo mmung o o siameng ke ene yo o utlwang Lefoko, a be a le tlhaloganye. Ke ene yo o ungwang, peo e nngwe e ungwe ga lekgolo, e nngwe ga 60, e nngwe ga 30” (Matt. 13:18-23).

### DIKAKANYO

Mo temaneng e e latelang re bona

gore Jesu o tlhalosa gore go na le dilo mo bophelong tse di hupetsang Lefoko. Temana ya re: “Wa peo e e jwetsweng mo mitlweng ke ene yo o utlwang Lefoko; mme tshwenyego ya metlha eno le tsietso ya khumo di hupetse Lefoko, le be le tlhoke leungo.” Mo Aforikaborwa go setse go nnile baruti ba ba rutileng Lefoko dingwagangwaga. Fa nka dirisa sekao sa Beibele ya Setswana. Beibele ya Setswana e sa le teng go tloga ka 1820. Go tloga ka 1820 go ne go setse go na le bajwadi ba jwala Lefoko. Fa re lebelela maungo a lefoko jaanong re bona eng mo Aforikaborwa le mo lefatsheng? Sontaga e nngwe le e nngwe batho ba ya kerekeng mme mojawadi a jwala Lefoko. Peo ya mojawadi e wetse mo kae mo baaging ba Aforikaborwa? Lefoko le ne la utlwiwa mme ditshwenyego tsa metlha eno le tsietso ya khumo ya hupetsa Lefoko. A re bone gore maungo a Mowa kgotsa a Lefoko ke eng? Bagalata 5:22-23 ya re: “*Mme leungo la Mowa lone ke lorato le boitumelo le kagiso le bopelotelele le bopelontle le molemo le boikan-yego le bonolo le boitshwaro le bophepa.*” A wena o letleletse gore setso, dipolotiki, ditshwenyego kgotsa tsietso ya khumo e hupetse Lefoko le maungo a mowa mo bophelong jwa gagwe. Mo bophelong jwa gago, mo tshimong ya gago go na le mafika afe a peo e ka welang mo go one? Go na le mehero efe gape e e ka hupetsang



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maungo a mo tshimong ya gago? A ga se nako gore o tlose mafika a mangwe mme o ntshe mehero mo tshimong ya gago. Ke eng se se go jelang kagiso? Ke eng se se go kgemang se se go hupetsang? Busetsa Lefoko mo bophelong jwa gago. Ja Lefoko! Tshela monontsha wa thapelo! Nosetsa ka metsi a a Boitshepo! Tlosa ditshwenyego le maaka a tsietso ya khumo! Kopa Jesu a go thuse mme o bone maungo a Mowa mo bophelong jwa gago.

### THAPELO

Ntate re kopa ka leina la Jesu gore o re thuse gore re tlose mehero e e kgemang dijawalwa tsa rona mme o re thuse gore re ntshe la mafika a a tshwenyang mo maphelong a rona. Re thuse gore re baakanye maphelo a rona le mmu wa maphelo a rona go amogela peo ya Lefoko mme re kgone go ungwa gore re bontshe maungo a Mowa gape mo re tsamayang teng, mo re phelang teng le mo setšhabeng sa rona. AMEN. O ka buisa gape thero ka mojawadi kwa lefelong la inthanete le le latelang: <https://www.virtualpreacher.org/sermon-notes/parable-sower-text/>



# “As jy maar net vir Jesus kon ken”

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moet sterf, nadat sy eers al haar seuns se teregstellings byge- woon het. In die daaropvolgende vier maande word hierdie vonnis- se voltrek.

Januarius, die oudste, is eerste aan die beurt terwyl die ander gedwing word om toe te kyk. Hy word met 'n sweep ge- gesel wat uit rieme bestaan waaraan klein

loodballetjies vasgemaak is. Hy word op sy rug, nek, sye en enige ander vlesige deel van sy lyf geslaan waar die folteraar met die sweep kan bykom totdat hy nie meer beweeg nie.

Dan volg Felix en Philippus. Hulle word met stokke doodgeslaan. Sylvanus word by 'n hoë krans afgegooi. Die drie jongstes, Alek- sander, Vitalus en Martialis, word

elkeen afsonderlik voor hulle ma gebring en onthoof. Heel laaste, met haar oë vol tranes by die pynlike aanskoue van haar seuns se teregstellings en die blye afwagting om binnekort saam met hulle voor Christus herenig te word, is Felicitas met 'n swaard onthoof.

Dis een ding om so sterk oor 'n saak te voel dat ons bereid is om

daarvoor te sterf, maar dis iets anders om so oortuig daarvan te wees dat ons ander daarvoor sal laat ly, veral as hulle ons eie kinders en familie is! “God het die wêreld so liefgehad dat Hy Sy enigste Seun gegee het, sodat dié wat in Hom glo, nie verlore mag gaan nie, maar die ewige lewe sal hê” (Johannes 3:16). [Fanaties vir Jesus, Vol. II, CUM 2002].



**T**here once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a small New England town.

One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old birdcage, and placed it on the pulpit. Eyebrows were raised in response.

Pastor Thomas began to speak...

"I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this birdcage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright.

I stopped the lad and asked, "What do you have there, son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you going to do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

The pastor was silent for a moment.

"How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh?? Why do you want the birds, mister? They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing!!! They ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor asked again.

The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?"

The pastor reached into his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand.

In a flash, the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot.

Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars, persuaded the birds out, setting them free...

Well, that explained the empty birdcage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story:

"One day Satan and God were having a conversation. God said to Satan, 'From where have you come?' Then Satan answered the Him, 'From roaming around on the earth and from walking around on it', and he was gloating and boasting. 'Yes, Sir, I just caught a world full of people down there. Set a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!'

"What are you going to do with them?" God asked.

Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them



how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you are done with them," God asked?

"Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

God then asked Jesus, "What shall We give to free these souls? What does justice demand? What does love demand?"

"Oh, You don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why will You take them? They'll just hate You. They'll spit on You, curse You and kill Your Son. You don't want those people!!" Satan shouted.

Jesus said, "I will give My blood, tears and My life!" Then Jesus became the sinless sacrifice and

paid the ultimate price on the cross - for you and for me!

The pastor picked up the cage and walked from the pulpit...

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What are you going to do with God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ on the cross? Are you going to choose Barabbas or Jesus? Accept Him or reject Him? Mock Him or Repent? Please accept Him today as your Lord and Saviour!

If you need help, please phone 079 407 1979. God bless you and your family.

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*Satan, the thief has only one thing in mind - he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect - Life in its fullness until you overflow... - JESUS in John 10:10.*

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# THE POWER OF THE TONGUE...

The Bible says a great deal about the tongue and the words of our mouths. The tongue holds the power of life and death: *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]”* (Proverbs 18:21).

The apostle James said that if any man can control his tongue he is *“a fully developed character”* and can also control his entire being. *“For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature”* (James 3:2). The tongue is a little member of the body, but it causes tremendous problems. Relationships often end because of things that are said or not said. People lose jobs, cause strife and misunderstanding, and embarrass themselves - all with that one tiny organ, the tongue.

No man can tame the tongue, so we need God's help! King David prayed that God would put a watch or a guard over his mouth: *“Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth: keep watch at the door of my lips”* (Psalm 141:3). He also prayed that the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart would be acceptable in God's sight: *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [firm, impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer”* (Psalm 19:14). David knew he could not control his mouth without God's help, and neither can we.

We should avoid all harsh, hard, unjust words: *“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, Here I am. If you take away from your midst yokes of oppression [wherever you find them], the finger pointed in scorn [toward the oppressed or the godly], and every form of false, harsh, unjust and wicked speaking...”* (Isaiah 58:9). Jesus said we must take His yoke upon us and learn of Him, because He is gentle, meek, and humble, not harsh, hard, sharp, and pressing (Matthew 11:29, 30). He teaches us that *“a gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life, but wilful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit”* (Proverbs 15:4). Even the tone of our voice is important because it reveals the condition of our hearts!

We can speak words of healing or words that wound; we can edify and build up or discourage and tear down. Words are containers for power and they carry either positive or negative power. The decision is up to us! Words are seeds that we sow and they definitely bring a harvest in our lives. Those who indulge the tongue must eat the fruit of their words, whether they are for life or death (Proverbs 18:21).

One of the things we should strive to do, is think before we speak. The Bible says that we are not to be rash with our mouths, but how many times do we say things and then think, “Oh, I wish I had not said that”? But then it is too late because the words are already doing their work. I recommend a thorough study of all these Scriptures and a sincere prayer asking for God's help to tame your tongue.

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# JY IS OP 'N SENDING!

Jesus het Sy dissipels met die volgende woorde uitgestuur: *“Moenie enige geld saamvat nie, of 'n reissak of selfs 'n ekstra paar sandale nie. En moenie enigiemand langs die pad groet nie”* (Lukas 10:4 NLV).

Jesus het drie dinge beklemtoon:

1) *“Moenie enige geld saamvat nie...” - moenie opgaan nie!* God sal diegene wat sê, 'Ek sal elke sent wat U meer as my behoeftes aan my gee, Here, vir U doeleindes gebruik,' weliswaar toets.

Dink aan die moontlikheid om voor die Regterstoel van God te staan met jou rykdom onbelê, jou taak onervul, en jou invloedseer vir Christus onbereik. Watter verskoning sou jy kon aanbied?

2) *“Moenie... 'n reissak [saamvat] nie' - geen ekstra bagasie nie!* God se Woord sê: *‘...kom ons stroop alles af wat ons spoed kan vertraag, veral die sonde wat so maklik 'n houvas op 'n mens kry. Kom ons hardloop met volharding op die baan wat voor ons uitgestrek lê, ons oë vasgenael op Jesus, die Een op Wie ons geloof vanaf die wegspring tot by die eindstreep steun.’* (Hebreërs 12:1(b) NLV).

Wát ook al jou aandag aftrek, kan jou beïnvloed, en wát ook al jou aandag hou, kan jou bemeester. Satan wil jou keer om jou Goddelike opdrag uit te voer; dus moet jy jou fokus behou!

3) *“Moenie enigiemand langs die pad groet nie' - moenie tyd mors nie!* Enige verhouding wat nie tot jou eindbestemming bydra nie, moet bevraagteken word. Paulus was onwrikbaar hieroor: *‘...as mense nie ons opdragte in hierdie brief gehoorsaam nie, identifiseer hulle. Vermy hulle...’* (2 Tessalonisense 3:14 NLV).

Dit is reeds laat en die nood is groot. Lank gelede, in sekere landelike gebiede van Amerika, is die skole vir 'n aantal weke wanneer dit oestyd was, gesluit, en almal het gehelp om die oes in te bring. Waarom? **DIE OES KAN NIE WAG NIE!** - Oorgeneem

## Faith, Hope, Love

One of the most memorable sermons was preached by the late Emil Brunner at the Fraumunster Kirche in Zürich, Switzerland. It was based on the phrase, "faith, hope, and love."

The points were these: Every man has a past, a present, and a future. Every man has a problem in his past, a problem in his present, and a problem in his future.

The problem in our past is sin, but God has an answer to that problem. The answer is faith - faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The problem in our future is death, but God has an answer to that problem also. The answer to that problem is hope - hope in Christ's return based on the fact of His historical resurrection and His promises.

The problem in our present is hate, and God's answer to that problem is love. It is the love of Christ lived out in the lives of those who trust Him.



# PRAY EFFECTIVELY

Pastor Bayless Conley challenges Christians to use the simple acrostic P-R-A-Y as a blueprint for an effective, fulfilling prayer life. You'll notice a difference in your daily life and discover great blessings God has waiting for you!

## PRAISE: The First Step in Effective Prayer

Praying consistently will change your life. In fact, many of the blessings God wants you to enjoy will never be realized unless you pray.

I think all Christians know they are supposed to pray, and all Christians want to pray. But many of God's people, if they are completely frank and transparent about the issue, would have to admit their prayer life is somewhere between mediocre and non-existent.

I want to share with you four simple points which I have put into an acronym: P-R-A-Y. If you can spell the word pray, hopefully you will be able to remember how to make your prayer life more effective, and you will be inspired to pray more consistently!

Psalm 100 helps us understand the first letter, "P", in the word P-R-A-Y, which stands for praise. Psalm 100:1-4 states it well: "Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His Name."

Verse 2 tells us: Come before His presence with singing. And in verse 4 notice the words "enter into." In other words, praise is how you are to enter God's Presence. It is the best way to begin your prayer.

When you want to come to God, you start with thanksgiving. You start with singing. You start with praise. Or, as The Message says, "Enter with the password: Thank you!"

Today, and every day, make praise the starting point of every conversation with God.

## REPENT: The Second Step in Effective Prayer

By repentance in prayer, I mean taking the time before God to

search your heart and repent of anything that has come between you and Him.

Psalm 19:12-13 expresses it well, "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression."

Verse 12 begins with the question, "Who can understand his errors?" The psalmist is telling us, "You will not always know when you do something wrong. You will not always know when you get into an area that is not right."

What David is pointing to are the secret faults and presumptuous sins which can still have dominion over you - even though you may not be aware that what you did was wrong. For example, sometimes we can allow attitudes to get into our hearts that we don't realize are inconsistent with God's character. Or sometimes we can do and say things that are detrimental, not only to us, but to others, and not really understand the damage we have done.

How do you deal with these sins? You come before God and say, "God, put the spotlight on anything in my life that has raised a barrier between You and me, and I will repent of it." So when you pray, ask God to reveal any sin in your life you may be overlooking. God will honour your heart of repentance.

## ASK: The Third Step in Effective Prayer

When your heart is clean, you can have confidence before God when you ask. As 1 John 3:21-22 says, "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

In Matthew 7:7-11, Jesus tells us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

Pretty clear, isn't it? God loves you and wants the very best for you. Be careful not to water down the words of Jesus, or somehow try and explain them away or complicate them. He meant just what He said.

## The Conditions for Answered Prayer

God wants you to ask. He really does. But there are some conditions He gives in order to answer your requests. In John chapters 14-16 we find a number of these conditions. We need to remember that these are Jesus' last hours with the disciples; and He wants them to understand how prayer really works. Over and over He emphasizes the need to ask, but His answers will be based on three conditions.

First, in John 14:13, Jesus says your request must glorify God, "And whatever you ask in My Name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My Name, I will do it."

Second, in John 15:7, He says your request must be consistent and in harmony with His Word, "If you



abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

And finally, in John 16:23-24, Jesus sets the condition that your request bring you joy, "...Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My Name He will give you... Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

Over and over, Jesus commands you to ask. But when you ask, make sure your request will glorify God, that it is consistent with His Word, and that it will bring you joy.

## YIELD: The Fourth Step in Effective Prayer

Psalm 37:4 provides us the "Y" in the acronym P-R-A-Y: "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

The Hebrew word for delight in this verse literally means to become soft or pliable. This means that "delighting" in the Lord is assuming a yielded posture before God. So the "Y" in P-R-A-Y stands for yield. The question is: How do you practice yielding to God when you pray? Yielding is when you stop talking, and you wait, listen, and seek to hear from God.

In my own practice of prayer, I will often bow before God and ask Him, "God, is there anything You want to say to me? Do You have any instructions for me? Is there anything You want me to change?" Then I silently wait for Him to speak to me.

As you assume this posture of being yielded and waiting quietly before Him, you will be surprised at some of the things that come to your attention: "You need to spend more time with your daughter," "Take your wife out on a date," "Bake your neighbour a pie and build a bridge over which the Gospel can travel," "Spend more time praising Me," "Show your gratitude and appreciation for those who have been helping you in your life."

You will indeed hear from God if you ask Him to speak into your heart. Then wait silently before Him.

Your prayers can indeed be effective if you commit to these four principles. That is how to P-R-A-Y!

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# The Face In The Picture

Not a fine work of art; the keen critic would have pronounced it a daub. It did not cost much money, and the frame was of plain, uncarved wood. But the picture told a story, and told it well. For the background a rough stone wall; above it a leaden sky; in the foreground a pale, weary-looking woman.

In her arms she held a sick boy. And just in front of him Christ stood; the patient, ever-loving Christ. His hand, not yet pierced, rested upon the head of the sick boy.

His eyes caught the upturned eyes of the lad, and in the faded eyes of the boy, the light was beginning to come back.

The picture hung in a hospital. On

a bed right opposite the picture, tossing in fever, was a boy of the slums. Born of drunken parents, the boy was born to a heritage of woe. He knew nothing of what the word "father" meant; he knew the "old man" well enough to keep out of his way; he carried marks of his cruel beatings on his face, and when the fever came, the policeman found him alone in the straw on the damp floor of his cellar. They brought him to the hospital, and hands, soft and delicate, ministered to him.

He grew better; the doctor said he would pull through. One morning when the nurse came, and pulled up the blind to let the light fall upon his face, she said, "Shall I read to you?" "No," said the boy, and his eyes sought the picture. "No, tell me about that picture; who is He?"

"He is the Christ," she said; and then with a prayer in her heart she told the story of His life to the boy, and as she closed she said, "Do you believe in Him?"

"I believe in you," said the boy, and the next morning he said to the nurse, "Tell me

more about Him." How glad the nurse was to tell him!

Her life had been one of trials, but now she was anchored in a haven of rest, and Christ's Voice had brought a calm to her troubled life. As she told the old, old story, the boy said, "You know Him, don't you?" "Yes, she said, "thank God I do." "And He loves boys?" "He loves everybody." "Rough boys like me?" "Everybody."

And so day by day, she talked of the Christ of the picture, and at last she said again, "Do you believe in Him?" And he said, "I believe," and two faces, bathed in tears, were lifted to the picture.

The boy went from the hospital carrying next to his heart a small Bible, and in his heart the Christ.

As the years rolled on, the nurse thought often of the boy, but she was shut away from the world, and her hours were long hours, so she heard nothing of him.

Finally, grey-haired and bent with age, she became ill and, at her request, they placed her in the bed opposite the picture of Christ and the child.

Many came to see her: old people whom she had nursed back to health; children who loved her because her love stood between them and their fears; white-capped nurses crowded around her, for her life had blessed them. The grey light of a newborn day stole through the window, and all was still in that quiet ward.

Around the bed stood the nurses, for she was dying. A young clergyman was called in from the next ward. He looked upon the face on the pillow, then his eyes sought the picture and, as he fell upon his knees, he said, "Thank God."

"Who are you?" she asked. The eyes of the dying nurse sought his. Her face was beautiful with a glory not of Earth, as she listened when he spoke.

"I am the boy to whom you told the story of the picture. My work is with the poor. We shall meet again."

"Lift me," she said. "Ah," he whispered, "you lifted me."

His strong right arm lifted her up. Together their eyes sought the picture. The first ray of the rising sun fell upon the face of Christ, and when he gently lowered the still face to the pillow, he knew that she saw Him, "face to Face."

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# TERUGHOU OF UITGEE?

Die Italianer Luigi Tarso is een oggend dood in sy huis aangetref. Daar was byna geen kos of geriewe in die armoedige ou huisie nie, maar ingeryg op die solder was daar 246 kosbare viole wat die ou man deur die loop van sy lewe versamel het.

Hy het al sy geld spandeer om die viole in die hande te kry, maar self soos 'n arm mens geleef. Vir baie jare het die viole in Luigi se armoedige huisie lê en stof vergaer. Die heel kosbaarste van al die viole, 'n Stradivarius, is na baie jare vir die eerste keer weer bespeel.

In sy verbete poging om die viole vir homself te bewaar, het Luigi die wêreld vir jare beroof van die wonderskone musiek wat uit die viole gehaal kon word.

Sommige Christene is net soos Luigi Tarso. Hulle versamel kennis oor Christus vir hulself, sorg dat hulle geestelik groei, maar hou hierdie kennis net vir hulself en gee dit nie deur aan die mense

om hulle nie.

God se Goeie Nuus mag nie opgegaar word soos Luigi se viole op die solder nie. Dit moet uitgedra word - aan alle nasies en volke, sodat almal die wonderlike musiek van Jesus se liefde vir hulle sal kan hoor!

Net voor Jesus se hemelvaart, is Sy laaste woorde aan Sy dissipels (volgelingen): "Gaan dan heen, maak dissipels van al die nasies, en doop hulle in die Naam van die Vader en die Seun en die Heilige Gees; en leer hulle om alles te onderhou wat Ek aan julle beveel het. En kyk, Ek is met julle tot aan die voleinding van die wêreld. Amen" (Matt. 28:19-20).

As jy 'n volgeling van Jesus is, behoort jy elke dag die Goeie Nuus van Sy redding deur genade en jou kindskap en verhouding met Hom met ander te deel. Dit sal daardie persoon se lewe aanraak en jou eie lewe verryk.

Dink byvoorbeeld aan die Joodse dogter wat deur die Arameërs uit

Israel ontvoer is en toe die diensmeisie van Naäman se vrou geword het. Sy het nie oor haar God geswyg nie, en toe sy van haar heer se melaatsheid hoor, het die brandende vlam van haar geloof haar gedring om hom te versoek om by die profeet Elisa uit te kom.

Die resultaat was opspraakwekkend! Naäman word genees en getuig: "Ek weet nou, daar is geen God op die hele aarde nie, behalwe in Israel" (2 Konings 5:15). Hy sou voortaan die ware God aanbid.

Om oor God se genade en goedheid te praat, behoort natuurlik oor ons lippe te vloei. Daar is 'n brief aan *Beeld* (5 Julie 2012) waarin Liezel Barclay van Centurion skryf dat Jan van Eersterust herstelwerk aan hulle huis doen en so tussendeur gee hy sommer raad oor die lewe ook. Volgens Jan kan enige mens vry wees om ver bo die wolke te



sweef.

Hy het aan Liezel oorgedra dat sy nie die leuens van Satan moet glo nie, maar in oorwinning kan lewe wanneer sy haar identiteit in God in oënskouw neem en Hom toelaat om Sy karakter in haar en haar man se lewe op te bou. Sy oordrag van die Goeie Nuus aan haar het haar met nuwe moed en dapperheid vir die lewe gevul!

Kom ons tree vandag op soos die diensmeisie van Naäman en soos Jan van Eersterust en raak mense se lewens aan met die Goeie Nuus van Jesus Christus!  
- Oorgeneem



# Steps to Peace With GOD



## Step 1 God's Purpose: Peace and Life

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life - abundant and eternal.

### The Bible Says...

"...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).  
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).  
"...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundant" (John 10:10b).

Since God planned for us to have peace and the abundant life right now, why are most people not having this experience?



## Step 2 Our Problem: Separation

God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him, but gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own wilful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

### The Bible Says...

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).  
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).



People  
(sinful)

Our choice results  
in separation  
from God.

God  
(holy)



## Step 3 Our Attempts

Through the ages, individuals have tried in many ways to bridge this gap... without success...

### The Bible Says...

"There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death" (Prov. 14:12).  
"But your iniquities have separated you from God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).



There is only one remedy for this problem of separation.

Good works

Religion

Philosophy

Morality

People  
(sinful)

God  
(holy)



## Step 4 God's Remedy: The Cross

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem. He died on the Cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and people.

### The Bible Says...

"God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together" (1 Tim. 2:5).  
"For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18a).



God has provided  
the only way...

We must make  
the choice...

Christ

People  
(sinful)

God  
(holy)



## Step 5 Our Response: Receive Christ

We must trust Jesus Christ and receive Him by personal invitation.

### The Bible Says...

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20).

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His Name" (John 1:12).



Are you  
here...

or here?

People  
(sinful)

Christ

God  
(holy)



## Step 6 God's Assurance: His Word

If you pray the prayer (next block)

### The Bible Says...

"For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

Did you sincerely ask Jesus Christ to come into your life? Where is He right now? What has He given you?

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast" (Eph. 2:8,9).

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the Name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:12-13).

Is there any good reason  
why you cannot receive  
Jesus Christ right now?

## How to receive Christ

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Receive Him as Lord and Saviour).

## What to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,  
I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Saviour.  
In Jesus' Name.  
Amen.



Liefdevolle HERE,  
Maak my oë oop  
sodat ek U kan aanbid.  
Maak my hart oop  
sodat ek U kan liefhê.  
Maak my lippe oop,  
sodat ek U kan loof en prys.  
Hou my geduldig en volhardend  
sodat ek kan deel in U oorwinning.  
Gebruik my, my VERLOSSER,  
vir enige doel en op enige  
manier wat U sou wou.  
Gee my 'n rein hart  
sodat ek U kan sien;  
'n nederige hart sodat ek U kan hoor;  
'n hart vol liefde sodat ek dit kan  
uitdeel aan ander om my.  
Maak my 'n instrument van  
vrede, hoop, geloof en vertroue.  
Dankie, FIEER, vir al die  
seëninge langs my pad!  
Amen.



# Lee's Story

In North Korea there was room for only one god - the "Great Leader" *Kim Il Sung*. It is estimated that some two hundred thousand people were languishing in prison camps spread around the country, and tens of thousands of these were Christians.

Author *Soon Ok Lee* met with some of these captives during her own six years in prison. In her book, *Eyes of the Tailless Animals*, she writes that imprisoned Christians, who worked all day as slave labourers, were forced to keep their faces down-cast, eyes on the ground. It was forbidden for them to look up toward the sky for one reason only. Their captors knew that they believed in the God Who created heaven and Earth.

During her imprisonment, Lee was not a Christian, and she saw many Christians die. "Yet they never denied the God Who is in heaven. All they had to do was say they don't believe in religion, and they would have been released."

One night in February 1992, Lee witnessed a gruesome scene. The imprisoned workers were almost done for the day, and she saw eight Christian prisoners carrying a big kettle holding molten iron. "An officer called to them, using vile words," she writes. "Tomorrow is the day of re-education training. As you know, it is held because of your stubbornness... Tomorrow is 'cleaning the mind' day. You will go and tell everybody that there is nothing in heaven to believe in; there is no God. Otherwise you will be killed. Understand?"

"When none of the eight prisoners said a word, the man began to yell at them. He became furious and started cursing. At the top of his voice, he screamed: 'You sons of b---es! All eight of you come here and put your faces down to the ground!' The Christians followed his orders but remained silent. Other prisoners were called to the scene. They were forced to fill buckets with molten iron from the oven and pour it over the kneeling Christians. If they refused, they would die the same cruel death."

Lee goes on to describe how she saw the bodies of the eight Christians shrink and shrivel from the melted metal's intense heat. She and the other prisoners screamed in horror as the eight martyrs died.

"I looked at their shrunken bodies and wondered in my heart, 'What do they believe? What do they see in the empty sky? What could be more important than their lives?'"

Lee did not understand why these people were not afraid to die.



"Their unbelievable faith brought a big question into my heart, 'What did they see and what am I missing?'"

Her question was answered after her miraculous release from prison in 1992, after which she put her faith in Jesus Christ.

She came to know the God Who lives in heaven but also, through His Holy Spirit, lives in the hearts of His followers on earth. She discovered that Christians have hope, no matter what their circumstances.

[From: *Singing through the Night*, Anneke Companjen, Open Doors International, 2007].

## Prayer: A Habit Worth Dying For

Nathan Hale, a great American patriot during the Revolutionary War, was captured and hung by British soldiers. His now famous final words were, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." He was willing to die for his nation and its freedom.

During the final days of World War II, it was apparent that the Japanese were fighting a losing battle. Yet many of their pilots, dubbed "kamikaze," willingly flew suicide missions. There was great honour in dying for a cause. The pilots were willing to die for glory.

Not long ago, a mother in Philadelphia went back into a burning building to rescue her children who were trapped inside. After saving two, she died in the flames trying to save the other two. The mother was willing to die for her children.

In the ancient empire of Persia,

a law was passed making it a crime punishable by death to pray to anyone but the emperor. One aged government official refused to obey the edict. It was his habit to pray three times daily to the one true God. As a result, he was cast into a den of lions. Even though God saved Daniel, he was still willing to die rather than give up his habit of prayer (Daniel 6:3-11).

How important is prayer to you? Is it a habit worth dying for? Or, would someone need to pass a law demanding daily prayer or a trip to the lions' den to get you into the habit of prayer? People are willing to die for that which is of great importance to them.

Prayer should be that important to us! It is our link to God. Without the lifeline of prayer, we grow spiritually weak. Do not neglect the privilege that God has given to us as His children to pray! (e-sword)

CLEANSSED, THEN USED

Before God can use us, He needs to cleanse us. In Isaiah 6:1-9, Isaiah realized that he had a sinful, unclean mouth that needed to be dealt with. I believe that because Isaiah's heart cried for change (verse 5), God sent help. The coming forward of the seraphim with a coal of fire is recorded in verse 6 as an instantaneous happening, but answers may not always come so quickly to us. We all would prefer miraculous deliverance, but most of the time the Lord puts us through a cleansing process. Notice that God forgave Isaiah's sin and then issued a call: "Who will go for Us?" (Isaiah 6:8). Isaiah responded, "Here am I; send me" (verse 9). Isaiah's heart wanted to serve the Lord, and God knew that. God will always look for someone who has a perfect heart toward Him, not necessarily someone who has a perfect performance before Him. When the Lord has a person's heart, He can always change the behaviour.

This truth should encourage those of us who want to be used by God, but who often feel that we just have too many flaws. God uses "cracked pots", as the saying goes. We come to Him as we are, and He moulds and makes us into vessels fit for His use (2 Timothy 2:21).

After Isaiah's mouth had been cleansed, God called him, saying, "Go and tell this people..." (Isaiah 6:9). The call, the anointing, and the appointment can occur in different time periods, but no matter how they take place or in what order, the process of preparation is as important to us today as it was to Isaiah long ago. One thing is sure: When God calls us into His Presence, He is going to deal with us, and we must let Him do that. He is doing a good work!

[The Everyday Life Bible with Notes and Commentary by Joyce Meyer, Faith Words, 2006].



# Offerberg

"Abraham,  
Neem jou liefling, jou enigste  
Jou dierbare, jou beste  
Jou hoop, jou erfgenaam  
Jou vreugde, jou bestaan  
Jou naamdraer, jou kosbare  
Jou langverwagte, jou onvervangbare...  
En gee hom terug aan My."



in stille, stomme gehoorsaamheid - Soos 'n skaap was Hy in skeertyd  
saal hy die esel op - Met eselsvul gaan Hy ook op  
gekloofde hout het hy op Isak gesit - Die Timmerman het onder kruishout geswik  
vuur in hand en vuur in hart - Die Godsywer bring 'n diepe smart  
beur hul voort na pynlike Moria - Al langs Via Dolorosa na Golgota  
Na die offerberg.

Die vader van baie nasies neem sy seun - die Vader van die ligte gee ook Sy Seun  
sy enigste - Sy Enigste

God sal - God het - 'n Lam voorsien!  
Vir Homself, vir ons; wat tot verlossing dien.  
Heilige Verlies, heilige wins:  
Die Koringkorrel sterf, 'n nageslag vind guns.

Nou bring ek my skamele kroon,  
my vasklou, my hoon,  
my skatkis, my troesou  
my tere en my boekhou  
my seldsame, my skone  
my bemindes en my drome  
my was en my is  
my lewe en my kis  
my word en my wees  
en my weerlose gees  
Uwe is dit nou  
in U hand sal U dit hou  
Daar sal dit saad skiet  
Daar sal U U seën gebied.

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## Die Plek om Gelukkig te Wees

Die plek om gelukkig te wees is HIER. Die manier om gelukkig te wees, is om ander mense gelukkig te maak. - Robert Green Ingersoll

Almal soek geluk. Ons verwag dit en voel dit kom ons toe. Ek lees onlangs in 'n verhaal dat daar twee soorte geluk is: dié wat aan jou gegee word, en dié waarvoor jy moet werk. Wat 'n groot waarheid! 'n Ander onvergeetlike wysheid wat ek gelees het, hou ook 'n fyn vermaning in: **blom op die plek waar jy geplant is!**

Ons dink so dikwels: as ek nou dít of dát kon hê, sou ek gelukkig wees. As ek daar gebly het, sou ek gelukkig wees. Natuurlik is daar dinge van buite wat die lewe van 'n mens kan versoet: 'n mooi omgewing, goeie hulpmiddels by die verrig van 'n taak. **Maar geluk as sulks kom van binne. Dit kan nie gekoop word nie en beloof ook nie om te hou nie. GELUK IS JOU INGESTELDHEID TEENOR DIE LEWE.**

[Met Goue Ink geskrywe, Junita Joubert, Daan Retief Uitgewers, 1986].

"You have put more joy and rejoicing in my heart than [they know] when their wheat and new wine have yielded abundantly" (Ps. 4:7, Amplified Bible).

"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore" (Ps. 16:11, Amplified Bible).

Jer. 20:11

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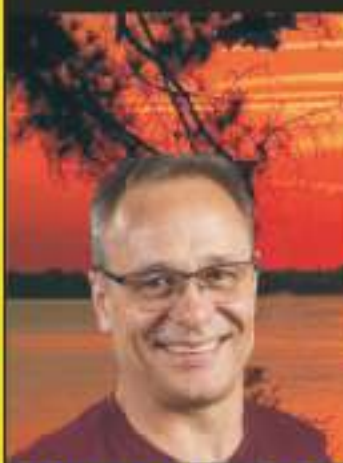
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