



The Worker

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A Different Kind of Courage

By King Duncan

The father of Origen, a third century theologian, was arrested for being a Christian. Origen, then only seventeen, was aflame with the desire to follow his dad and share in glorious martyrdom. His mother pleaded with him not to go, but the headstrong boy did not want to listen to reason. His quick thinking mother did what she could - she hid his clothes. Though Origen stormed and protested, she wouldn't reveal where they were hidden. He couldn't leave the house, and so he was unable to volunteer for martyrdom.

Isn't it interesting? Origen was brave enough to be martyred, but not brave enough to go outside naked. Stepping outside without clothing would have sped up his arrest and imprisonment, but it was a step he was unwilling to take.

In a sense, I suspect that talking with a friend about our faith is for many of us the equivalent of going outside naked. It makes us uncomfortable. We feel exposed. We declare that we will give our lives for Christ if He should ask it, but to risk a bit of embarrassment for Him seems to be beyond our level of discipleship. How sad. The disciples were willing to forsake everything, including the esteem of their friends.

- via the Main Street Monitor, weekly bulletin of the Main Street Church of Christ, Manchester, TN.

Are You Patient?

By Cecil May III

James begins and ends his epistle with the topic of patience. "The testing of your faith produces patience." (1:3) James asks us to consider the patience of Job. (5:11)

Be careful when you do consider the topic of patience. Due to current usage of that word in our language, you may have the wrong notion of what the Bible is encouraging. Therefore, you may miss what God is really looking for in a patient disciple.

In the modern use of the term, I am a patient man. If I go to a doctor's office for a ten o'clock appointment, find the office full of others who have ten o'clock appointments, and am kept waiting until eleven o'clock, I handle that very well. I am prepared to wait for I expect it. I generally carry a newspaper, making sure that I have my pen so that I can go to work on the crossword puzzle. When I am eventually called from the waiting room and my weight and blood pressure are taken by the nurse, my weight may be up, but my blood pressure remains that of a person of calm demeanor. That is what we mean by patient.

Another person may boil. They may complain (loudly so that the doctor's staff is sure to hear) about how "my time is as valuable as doctor's time!" The person may just leave in a huff when their patience runs completely out. That is what we refer to as impatient.

God was thinking of something slightly different, though, when he instructed us in his word to learn patience. As a matter of fact, depending on what English translation you use, you may even find the thought expressed as endurance or perseverance. The idea is to be able to remain faithful, even when life is not fair; to stick close to God even when sticking doesn't seem to be beneficial; to be steadfast even when reason tells you to cut and run; to keep trusting in the face of abuse; to keep looking to Jesus no matter how distracting the world around you becomes. Dr. Phil always wants to know about our behavior, "What is your payoff for that?" Patience means that you keep behaving as Jesus would behave, if the payoff is delayed, or even if it looks like payday will never come.

How was your 2013? Was life fair with you? Did doubt attack? Were you abused even when you were doing what was right? Did the world seductively reach out to you? Oh, but you are still here. You still wear the name of Christ. That is patience.

When 2014 is over and done are you determined that you will still be here then, too? If your determination holds, that is patience.

- via The Encourager, the weekly bulletin for the Calvert City Church of Christ, Calvert City, KY.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins

Opening Prayer Rick Martin

Scripture Grover Blanton

Sermon David Wright

Lord's Supper

Message David Blackwell

Attendant Jeremy Montgomery

Attendant Art Patrick

Closing Prayer Hayward Blanton

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale

Bible Reading Matt Johnson

Selection 17

Prayer Clint Smith Jr

Sermon Singing Emphasis

Closing Prayer John Keaton

If you are unable to serve,

Call Art Patrick 293-4745 or

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AM & PM Services

Announcements Leon Stocksdale

Lord's Supper Joe Sweeney

Offering Hank Tincher

Usher Jerry Montgomery

Count Offering Harold Tincher

Assist Count Hank Tincher

Last Sunday

Contribution Attendance

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First Things First

[David Wright](#)

A schoolteacher pours big rocks into a jar. Then she asks her class if it is full. The students say yes. Then she picks up a container of pebbles and pours them into the jar. Again, the teacher wants to know if the jar is full. This time the students are absolutely certain. The jar of rocks is full. But now the teacher takes up a bag of sand and pours in its contents. The grains sift down into the crevices among the rocks and pebbles.

An interesting thing about this little experiment is that it fails to work unless the big rocks go in first. Similarly, my life is a failure unless I put first things first. In the familiar parable of the sower, Jesus says that some “seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them” (Matt. 13:7). And what does this mean? “As for what was sown among thorns,” the Lord explains, “this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful” (v. 22).

The sown-among-thorns Christian is a jar of pebbles and sand. He has no room in his full life for large rocks, for the big things that truly matter—dedication to prayer, daily Bible study time, regular church attendance, participation in fellowship, personal evangelism, and teaching his children about God. He is too occupied with daily problems and too busy chasing after pleasure and material possessions to have any room left for a genuine relationship with Jesus and his church.

When a disciple of Christ does put in the big rocks first, the pebbles and sand manage to find their way into the jar too. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus urges his followers to “seek first [God’s] kingdom and his righteousness.” If they obey him, “all these things” will be theirs as well (Matt. 6:33). In other words, anyone who honors God will receive both the good things that last and the provision of everyday needs. Only the life devoted to Christ is truly full.

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Acts 1:1-8

The Outpouring of the Spirit (a.m.)

Singing Emphasis (p.m.)

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:13-20

Prayer List: MARTIN BONNEY, Larry Coulter (Lou Ann), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Steve A. Hueston (Harold), RON IVERSON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THRESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Lynn Tincher (Fern), Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Stephen Blanton, Scott Viers, Zach West, Jeremy Whitlow

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The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday January 27th at 6 pm. Please come join us and sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

Clint and Debbie’s Fellowship Group will meet February 2nd, after the morning worship service. The theme is soup and salad; don’t forget desserts.

The monthly leadership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 28th at 6:45 pm.

Reminder: The Building Committee is asking parents to keep their children indoors before and after services until the construction project is completed. This request is intended to protect our children from injury. If a child manages to get into a construction area (either inside or outside the building), adults are urged to bring him to his parents. And parents are encouraged to take no offense if this happens. None is intended. All the children at Hamburg Pike are a wonderful blessing to the church. And we want them to have a place to run and play. This desire has shaped the entire project. The requested restriction is inconvenient but only temporary. Thank you for your cooperation.

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