

Campus Chronicles

EPIC Bible College



Have you registered for Spring Quarter?

Over 200 of your fellow students have—and classes are filling up fast. Several have even been closed. Don't miss out on a course you need for your degree.

Are you Graduating?

Check with your Advisor on your status. You may be able to walk in June with your degree or certificate. Petitions to Graduate are due by March 2nd.

Fabulous Outpouring of Support for EPIC

We are at \$386,000 (which includes many pledges) of our \$486,000 goal. HALLELUJAH! As we finish finals, please continue to fast, pray, give, and tell others about the “EPIC Miracle for EPIC Bible College!”

It is amazing how so many of our staff, students, alumni, friends, and area churches have responded to God's Spirit to give financially with commitments that vary from \$21 to \$50,000 to this life-changing ministry. Since EPIC is not underwritten by any church or denomination, the key to occupying our new 30,000 square foot building is to first achieve \$486,000 for the down payment and some building updates. This figure does not include new classroom equipment, the library expansion, nor all the new furnishings needed.

As you can see on the [EPIC website](#), this miracle is dependent upon fostering contacts and petitioning contributions. I pray the most EPIC of blessings upon you as we bring glory to God through the completion of the first part of this Miracle.



How You Can Help:

- *Fast & Pray
- *Donate
- *Invite others to give

Ron Harden

God Rules & Reigns, by Paulina Quesada

Our Almighty God is the ultimate King and He rules and reigns the universe. His great supremacy is to be worshipped and glorified by all men. One of my favorite stories in the Bible is the one about King Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel. First, we need to understand that anyone in power—even if they are in sin and reject God—are allowed into their position by God. God blessed King Nebuchadnezzar with a beautiful empire, but continued into his sin and fell deeply into the sin of pride. This egotistical behavior resulted in being the direct target of God's impending judgment. The king had the misconception that his own greatness—and the support of pagan gods were actually responsible for his great and successful kingdom.

King Nebuchadnezzar knowingly chose to exalt himself above God. [Remember the statue everyone was supposed to bow down to?] God dealt with him in the most severe way and brought him down low in a humiliating fashion. His pride was his greatest sin, for it is an abomination unto the Lord and breaks God's first commandment (to have no other gods before God Himself, Ex. 20:3).

The king's downfall began when the Nebuchadnezzar wrote a royal decree to be read to every person in his kingdom. It stated, "that God who took him from where he previously was to where God wanted him to be." He appeared to brag and boast about God, saying how great are His signs, wonders, and that His kingdom is everlasting. In reality, it was all about the king wanting to be in control over everyone and even above God. In other words, the king's repentance never penetrated his heart, and it barely scratched the surface.

This public testimony of faith in God revealed his hidden motives. Within the week, the Lord disturbed his mind with a dream of madness. This dream filled the king's heart with great fear. Then God brought Daniel—in His perfect strategic timing --to use for His glory and honor. Daniel's unique understanding, wisdom, and godly characteristics were visible in the king's sight, above all others in the kingdom. After the king explained his dream Daniel was

troubled in his heart for he knew the true meaning and the fate of his king, but in the midst of it all Daniel displayed great compassion towards his friend and reluctantly chose to give him the alarming interpretation.

The king had seen a vision that reflected the tearing down of his life and kingdom; this prophetic warning to the king, was intended to save him from destruction of things that were going to happen over a period of seven years. It is to understand that God was trying to teach the king a lesson. Clearly, God gave was giving the king a chance to turn his life around, but the king became deaf and blind to God's warning. He became intoxicated with himself and the splendor of the kingdom he built and as the king spoke out with such pride, he heard a voice confirming his impending judgment. In a moment, the king's mind was diminished and reduced to the mind of a beast. In the end, God had the final word and it was God who fulfilled the prophecy and judged him.

After seven years of physical and mental torture, Nebuchadnezzar raised his eyes toward heaven and praised the Most High God. In an instant, his sanity and physical appearance were restored. Even his throne and kingdom was still intact and restored to his control.

God looks directly into our hearts and allows us to feel and see warnings. Unfortunately, we often refuse to acknowledge the warning, and then He begins to prune us and deal with our pride. God is faithful and rich in mercy—especially when He displays sovereignty over us in spite of failure. God rules and reigns. We find out in the end that our accomplishments and titles do not matter in the larger picture of what God is trying to do in our lives: preparing us for eternity.



To Serve, Not to be Served

By Timothy Wellington

While I sit in a coffee shop contemplating the things of God, I am humbled by thoughts of so many who have suffered in the service of humanity for the glory of the Lord in order to build the Kingdom.

In Mark 10:44-45, it says, “and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

God’s mercy is wonderful and amazing. His amazing grace is reflected in Christ’s Ministry and what He came to do. Christ came to serve in human form, to suffer, and to be crucified for our sake.

Let us read and study the word, taking a trip back in time, and then humble ourselves as we look at those who have served their fellow man, through serving God. We can say thank you Lord, for those who have gone before in pain and suffering in the spirit.

Thinking about those who were persecuted, is very humbling for me. Jesus Christ taught us so much, and that teaching can be summed up in the New Commandment He gave: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you will have love for one another.”

Think back to a few of the Lord’s servants: Martin Luther in the 1500’s who said, “Here I’m, and here I stand”; Rev. Billy Graham spoke to large crowds with a great, simple invitation to “come” to Jesus Christ. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached the word, petitioned with his words to unite a racially divided America and ultimately paid with his life on April 4, 1968. [I don’t know about where you were at that time, but I

was serving active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps and had just arrived home from Camp Pendleton, California.]

In January, the birth, life, death and legacy of Dr. King were celebrated. Yet, many are unaware of the affect of his accomplishments in leadership and servanthood. In one of his sermons, “The Drum Major Instinct,” Dr. King, speaking from the tenth chapter of Mark, he commented how many of today’s problems result from, what psychologist Alfred Adler called, *The Drum Major Instinct*. It’s the urge to think of one’s self as a leader, as greater than others. In his message, Dr. King conveyed the ideal that Christ shared: that truly being great and powerful is offering service to others. Dr. King, didn’t care about being powerful, but his focus was to **love, serve, and to offer kindness and compassion.**

From the original Ten Commandments written in stone, to the epistles (letters) that make up much of the New Testament, we are encouraged to love God and love others, and it has been said that we (Christians) are the only Jesus many people will see on this earth. Unlike the Lord’s original commandments, we are not written in stone, but we are epistles (living letters), and just like the Bible, we are a love letter from God to His children: A love letter He wants all to read before the return of His Son.

I am humbled knowing that Jesus Christ sits as THE example for us. We may not have been around when Jesus physically walked this earth, but the spirit of Jesus Christ gives us great joy in our salvation and faith in knowing He—the LORD OF LORD’S and KING OF KING’S—promised to return.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIELD MINISTRY REPORTS ARE PAST DUE

Your Field Ministry Reports are past due. Turn them in to your Academic Advisor. Don't let an "F" sneak onto your report card.

MINISTER IN NEW YORK CITY with KLOVE

KLOVE Christian radio station will soon be broadcasting in New York City for the first time. You can join them in inner-city outreach Summer 2011. To find out more information go to KLOVE.COM.

WANTED:

Bible study teacher needed for retirement home. Day and Time: To be arranged – Saturdays or Sundays

Location: Eskaton Roseville Manor, 1725 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville (Near intersection of Fiddymont and Pleasant Grove)

Please help with this MUCH NEEDED ministry opportunity. Contact: Linda Stevens or Joleen Anderson (916) 771-8900.

EPIC INDOOR SOCCER

Congratulations EPIC team for an exciting season so far: 2 Wins, 1 Loss, and 1 Tie!

Come on out Saturday night and cheer on your EPIC Indoor Soccer team to their next victory.

Saturday, Mar 5, 8:45 pm

Saturday, Mar 12, 8:00 pm

Saturday, Mar 19, 5:45 pm

Saturday, Mar 26, 7:15 pm



Games are played at ISA2000, Aldona Lane off Auburn Blvd, between Orange Grove and Myrtle. [about 5 minutes from EPIC].



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