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My Hero

By: Sonia Kotko

I have a hero and he was my grandfather. He never knew it, but I looked up to him. I watched what he did and how he did it, and it impacted my life more than he ever knew. He was the one who started the family in being obedient to the call of the Lord. When we lived with him there was never a morning that I did not see him immersed in God's word. That came first before anything, even before sleep. He'd be up at 5am, sitting at the kitchen table with his several cups of coffee, napkins, pen, paper and of course, several different bibles surrounding him. Once he sat down, there was no getting up for at least a minimum of two hours. I even saw him sit there at the table until noon on occasions.

When we walked into the kitchen, it was as if we were not even there. No "Good morning, how are you girls doing?" Absolutely nothing, just complete concentration on the word of God. He also attended church every

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Be Full of the Consciousness of God

*Submitted by
Stephalyn Cherry*

From the *Destined to Reign Devotional* by Joseph Prince.

You are probably familiar with the story of how David, with a slingshot and a stone, killed Goliath, a 10-foot-tall Philistine warrior. But have you ever wondered why David succeeded while the others in the army of Israel did not even dare to face Goliath?

David's secret was that he was only conscious of victory and not defeat, because he knew a God who had rescued him time and again.

You can just imagine him saying, "One day, I was taking care of my sheep when a lion came and took one of them. I was not willing to settle for that! I went after the lion, caught it by its beard and smote it. The Lord delivered me from the lion's mouth. On another occasion, a bear came and took one of my flock. I went after the bear and smote it. So the Lord delivered me from the bear too. This same God, who delivered me from the paws of the lion and bear, will also deliver me this Philistine" (1 Samuel 17:34-37).

David was conscious of what God had done for him. He knew that God was for him, loved him, favored him and would give him victory again. My friend, you can also remind yourself that the same God, who did tremendous things for you in the past, will do the same for you again.

Be like David, who was conscious only of God's goodness and faithfulness. Don't be like the army of Israel. The men were conscious of the negative words of Goliath. I believe that they must have talked about his threats, repeating his words to one another, and as a result, filled their hearts with fear (1 Samuel 17:11, 24).

"Beloved, don't feed on the negative words of man or the devil. It will only cause you to be anxious and fearful. Feed on God's Word by reading the Bible and listening to messages about who you are in Christ and what He has done for you. Pump yourself up with God's Word until you are full of the Spirit and consciousness of God, so that you might know the things that have been freely given to you by God!"



Coalition to Stop SB48

According to this law, the public school curriculum must be revised to promote the roles and contributions to society of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons to children as young as Kindergarten. Parents have no right to exempt their children from sexual orientation curricula, even though parents are legally responsible for their child's development and protection.

SB48 will take effect January 1, 2012, unless stopped by the electorate through an initiative process.

Please visit the official website, www.StopSB48.com, for more detailed information.

America, Hear the Voice of Your People

By Cassandra Friday

“You can’t make everyone happy all the time.” We’ve all heard the expression at least once—most likely in a pep talk from a friend or parent. The question is: does this concept apply to areas of life other than personal relationships? What about the government and their relationship with the people of the country?

The American government is defined as a democratic-republic. In other words, it is a government whose power lies within the people through elected agents that were voted into office by the people. However, these elected agents are never going to be able to please everyone all the time. Obviously, there are some individuals who didn’t even want certain agents in office in the first place. Nevertheless, what should these elected men of power do once they are in office? Our hope is that they would, frankly, do their job: represent the people and their wishes. This means continuing to listen to the voice of the people. Forgetting to do so is where our true problems begin.

Politics has always been a controversial subject, whatever the issues of the day may be. Today we deal with prolife versus prochoice, homosexual marriage versus traditional marriage, government involvement versus privacy, liberal versus conservative, and democrat versus republican. These are the same issues that government officials are making decisions about—for the people, by the people—and those decisions are affecting the people. So what do we do when they stop listening to the public and start following their own agenda? Simple answer: we make our voice heard.

In everyday conversation, many avoid the topic of politics. It is too controversial; you don’t want to offend anyone. Honestly, however, there is always going to be someone with a different opinion. The important thing to remember is that *you are entitled to your own opinion and it is perfectly respectable to voice that opinion*. Everyone has their own voice, even when it comes to political matters. Don’t be afraid to let yours be heard; even if it means not being able to make everyone happy all the time.



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Sunday faithfully, whether he was sick or not. Nothing kept him from the house of God.

So, whenever I look at my Bible, I can picture my grandfather holding one and always having one within arm's reach. He had one in every room of the house, in the truck, and even on the picnic table outside. I could never read a word of it because it was written in Russian. I may not have been able to read it, but I understood that the word of God, no matter what language it was in, was very important to my grandfather. He even wrote his own manuscript with God's word in it and smuggled it into Russia for others to experience what he was able to experience freely here in the United States: God's word and what it meant.

My grandfather has graduated at the top of his "earthly" class and is now enrolled in the heavenly realms with our God. "Congratulations Grandpa for a job well done. It is because of you that a seed was planted in me and now I have the same joy that you had when you were here with me. I get to be part of God's kingdom and serve Him too. Thanks. Love, your granddaughter."

This has now been passed down through five generations: from my grandfather, to his son (my father), me, my children, and my first grandchild. I have plans to keep passing it onward to my future grandchildren by being an example. It is because of his obedience and living a life full of godly examples that I am where I am today.

Are you living a life of godliness or are you just passing the time? Who will your children or grandchildren look up to? Who will they call their hero for showing the way to Christ? Let it be you. You may not know that you are setting the example, but remember they are or will be watching, you even if you don't know it.



Important Dates

Sept. 23 - Last day to withdraw from school for Fall Quarter.

Sept. 30 - Evening CL&M class.

Oct. 10-14 – Returning Students' Chapel Registration.

Oct. 14 Friends & Alumni Celebration Banquet

Oct 17 – Open Registration.

Oct. 21- Field Ministry Reports are due.

Oct. 28 - Evening CL&M.

Nov. 1-7- Finals week – No chapel during Finals!

*In the words of our own Dr. Hartley:
"The calendar is your friend."
So pay attention to*

Accepted for Who They Are

By R.J. Young

A man walks into the church smelling like he hasn't had a shower in two weeks.

A woman climbs out of her car in the church parking lot wearing enough makeup to last the clowns of Barnum and Bailey Circus six months.

A low rider pulls into the parking lot, the stereo blaring some form of urban expression, unintelligible to the untrained ear. When the driver gets out, he's wearing a giant gold medallion.

A man in a flowing cloak, with black slacks, a black shirt, a pale face, and black eyeliner, steps onto the church property.

What do each of these people have in common? Each one is being him or herself, and none are breaking a single biblical command. They also catch the eye of the typical churchgoer.

Our great commission tells us to go into all the world and make disciples. When any of the people listed above, and a great many other categories of people, walk into a church they are apt to get one of two responses. Some churches (and I

pray it is very few) will over-look the newcomers. They are different; they don't fit into the mold. *Maybe if I ignore them, they'll go away.* The problem with this attitude is obvious because, sadly, they usually do go away.

The second group of churches will see these people as the children of God. These newcomers are welcomed into the church, and hopefully ministered to. The unfortunate truth of the matter is, however, many times it is assumed that these are hurting individuals who need God in their lives. What's wrong with making that assumption? While we certainly do need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, we also need to realize that these people may already know Christ as their personal savior, and are just looking for a place to worship. Too many times in our churches we lead people to the Lord, and then expect them to change to fit our mold of Christianity.

I would like to know where in the Bible it says that Christians have to bath regularly. The guy that walks into church smelling has not broken any Biblical command by not bathing. Where does it say that our music has to be calm and intelligible, and that our vehicles cannot be modified? Where does it say that a woman cannot choose how to do her makeup? Or, that a man can't wear make-up or black clothes, or a cloak (which in times past was considered normal)? In these descriptions, none of these people have broken a biblical command. So, if they know the Lord as Savior, why can't the church let them be who they are, and accept them with the personalities God gave them? When, and only IF, God wants to change them, it is up to Him—not us.



Announcements

JOB POSTINGS

The Luis Palau Sacramento Festival is hiring a Church Relations Associate. (Please see www.palau.org). The position begins immediately and ends at the end of June 2012.

The purpose is to work with local congregations, organizations and civic agencies; and to lead, serve and bless the leaders as they equip their congregations and people to implement the Festival campaign.

For a complete job description and the qualifications for this life changing position, please email jenny.whiteman@palau.org.

Valley Hi Covenant Church is looking for a full-time Minister of Youth and Children. Interested applicants should electronically submit a resume and letter of interest that highlights your qualifications to Sherry Christopher at office@valleyhicov.org. The initial filing date is September 16, 2011. For more information, please view the website at www.valleyhicov.org.

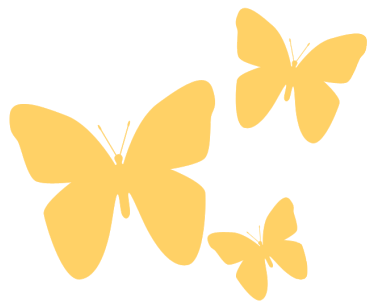
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