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David's Devotional D - Day

June 6th, 2024, will be the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Why is it called "D-Day"? The "D" simply stands for "Day". It was a place holder for a date on the calendar. The date was originally planned for June 5th but had to be changed to June 6th due to weather.

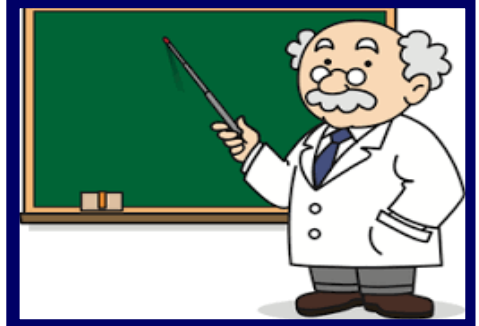
The Allies during World War II invaded five beaches of Normandy, France (*Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword*). Thousands died that day fighting for our freedom. By August 1944, all northern France had been liberated, and by the spring of 1945 the Allies had defeated the Germans. Historians often refer to D-Day as the beginning of the end of World War II. We should celebrate D-Day!

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There is another "D-Day" coming. We are not told the date, so we could put the "D" to stand for that unknown "Date". On that day Jesus will come in the clouds (**Mark 13:26**). There will be a great separation – right & left, sheep & goats, good & bad, lost & saved, etc.

Jesus died on Calvary on a certain date to set us free (**Luke 23:46**). It was the beginning of the end! The end will come when He returns on a certain date to take us home! We should celebrate D-Day!

David Conley



An Interesting Quote:

"If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt, it is mine alone."
 Dwight Eisenhower

"But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load." Galatians 6:4-5

Victory on D-Day was not guaranteed!

Dwight Eisenhower prepared a draft speech in case there was a defeat. In this draft, he took full responsibility!

If we been baptized into Christ, added to the church, and walk in the light with Him, we shall have rejoicing! Victory is guaranteed!

However, if we refuse to obey the Gospel, there will be no rejoicing. We will bear our own load! David Conley

Did You Know?

Weather Forecasts are only valuable if we use them wisely.

The Allies & the Nazis were watching the weather in June, 1944. The Nazis decided the weather would be too bad in the first part of June for the Allies to invade. Many left their positions. The Allies only had a small window of opportunity. Though they postponed D-Day for 24 hours due to winds and cloud cover, they attacked anyway!

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Ecclesiastes 11:4

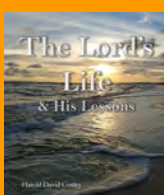
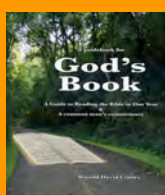
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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



The Belt Range

All eight of us would sit in the living room to watch Television.

Watching Hee Haw on the black and white T.V. could get pretty crowded in that small room. It could also become hostile! Since there was not enough seating on the couch and chairs, the three boys usually lay in the floor. Our feet would point toward the T.V. and our heads propped on one hand with the elbow against the floor. When that arm would go to sleep, we rolled over and propped on the other one. Simple. Except when, during the roll over, we accidentally punched the other. The potential for a fight would arise very quickly.

Daddy generally sat in the floor with his elbow resting on the couch. The other hand rested on one knee. In this hand he always had a belt. The buckle was in his palm. He wrapped it once around the back of his hand. The rest of the belt hung loosely toward the floor. Bear in mind, Daddy had a very large waist. From where he sat, his belt was long enough to reach any of us! If you were in that living room, watching T.V., you were in the "Belt Range"! One false move and, without warning, you would feel a painful sting on whatever part of the body was the most accessible. Sometimes, in order to give one of us a deserved "Pop", he would have to extend the belt over another one. The belt would often strike both at the same time! We not only had an incentive to behave ourselves, we wanted the one next to us to keep out of trouble! We never objected to getting the undeserved strike. It would only result in getting another "Pop" of our own!

I'm afraid people today feel there is no "Belt Range". Let's remember what God said in **Numbers 11:23** *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not."*

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Disgraced



Disgraced means to be humiliated or to lose favor and esteem! To be put down by others and suffer shame!

There have been times in all our lives that someone has said something or done something to us that has made us feel disgraced. Perhaps they told a lie about us or called us a bad name. Maybe they mocked us or showed disrespect to us or our work.

What if someone slapped us? What if someone spit on us? Few people would endure this if they had the power and strength to stop it! Often "bullies" pick on younger kids. The kids were simply too weak to stop the humiliation that the "bully" was dishing out.

Jesus, our Lord, who is mightier than any one of us, allowed himself to be disgraced! When we think of the crucifixion, we usually think of the physical pain Jesus endured. What about the greater pain of humiliation and disgrace?

The crown of thorns caused Him to bleed, but the mockery of the soldiers bowing the knee to Him broke His heart! The whip across His back tore the skin, but the slap on His face tore His heart! Nails in His feet and hands sent pain through the body, but the spit on His face sent pain through His heart! The spear through His side caused blood and water to gush out, but the jeering of the crowd looking at his humiliation caused His heart to break!

Yes, the pain was excruciating, but the disgrace would have been unbearable by mere men! We men would have fought back if we had the strength to do so! We would have reached a point where we would have stood it no longer! Jesus had all the power to fight back, yet he endured the disgrace so He could give Grace to us! Without His DISGRACE we could never have His GRACE!

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher watched a First Grade Teacher explain to one of her students how important it was to avoid strangers. "What if a stranger offers you candy?" she asked the student. "No way!" replied the child. "I am not supposed to take candy from strangers." The teacher was delighted at his answer. To be sure he understood the concept she asked, "What if a stranger said she was a friend of your Mother and was sent to pick you up?" The student did not hesitate, "No way! My Mother has no friends!"

The preacher thought about **I Peter 3:15** "... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you ...!"