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David's Devotional

Do We Have The Father

Two little girls sat by the door waiting for their father to come home from work. The oldest saw him first! Dashing from the room she screamed, "Daddy's home!" The youngest was much slower. Her little legs just couldn't carry her as fast as her heart wanted her to go.

The oldest sister burst out the front door and within moments was clutching her father's leg. "I got Daddy!" she exclaimed. As the youngest waddled down the walk she heard her sister call out again, "I got Daddy!"

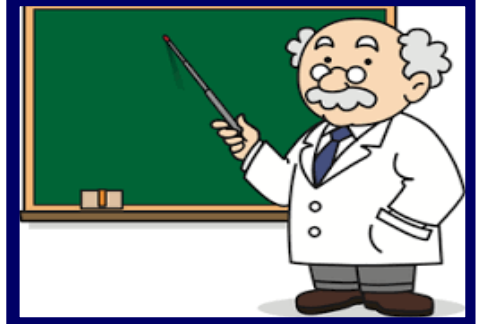
When the smallest child finally reached her father, he leaned forward and picked her up in his arms. The little girl looked down at her older sister and said, "You may have Daddy, but Daddy has me!"

When we think of our relationship with God, we may be like the older sister and rejoice because we "have" God. This may make us feel confident. However, when we realize the truth that God has us, we can have comfort!

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost." **Luke 23:46**

Take comfort and know that our Father has us!

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An Interesting Quote:

"Courage doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Courage means you don't let fear stop you." **Bethany Hamilton**

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." **Deuteronomy 31:6**

If we trust in ourselves and our ability to do things, we will soon discover we are unable to go forward due to lack of strength or a flaw in our character.

However, if we trust in God, who is all powerful and has no flaws, we can go on!

He will never fail us or forsake us!

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Did You Know?

Blake Williams & Bill Monroe

Blake Williams played Banjo with Bill Monroe. He worships at the Cherry Creek Church of Christ in Sparta, TN.

Blake loves good humor and smiles! it was a pleasure to meet him during their Gospel Meeting (July 17th-21st, 2022).

This goes to show us that when we go and support our sister congregations in their Gospel Meetings, Singings, and other efforts, we never know who we will meet!

It may surprise us who our brothers and sisters in Christ are! Meet them!

What Happened?

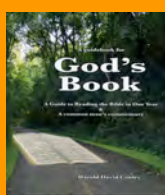
We were blessed to be a part of TWO Gospel Meetings in July, 2022



Liberty Church of Christ & Cherry Creek Church of Christ.



It was a blessing to have Don Blackwell with us at Liberty. Debra & I met some wonderful folks in Sparta, TN



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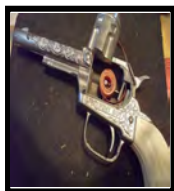
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Once Upon A Time ...

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



Don't Shoot Your Daddy

Do you remember cap guns? Mine was a white handled silver pistol. You could pull the trigger and the hammer would snap against a flat metal spot.

If you threaded a roll of caps in the gun, it would feed a little ribbon of gunpowder dots through as you pulled the trigger. When the dot was between the hammer and the flat metal spot, there would be a small explosion! Most of the time they were "duds", just a fizzle sound with very little smoke. Occasionally, there would be a shot that could be heard around the world! The smoke would bellow, and the bitter-sweet smell would burn your nose a bit!

Mama would go to town every other Saturday to buy groceries. There were too many of us to carry all at once, even if she wanted too - which I doubt! Half would go with Mama, half would stay with Daddy at home. The half that went to town was in for a treat! A regular hamburger, small fry, and small coke! I don't think they called it a "Happy Meal" back then, but it sure made us happy! Since we only went every other trip, each of us got to go once a month. It was worth the wait!

It wasn't my turn to go to town. I knew that, everyone knew that, but I wanted to go! Daddy calmly told me that I was not going. I turned to him with fury in my eyes, pointed my cap gun at him, and pulled the trigger! It was a good one! One of the best pops I ever got out of that old gun! Before the smoke cleared, Daddy was all over me! The "pops" on my backside from his belt were much louder than the pops from my gun!

I had been shooting Dale all day. I had shot Daddy many times before when we played Cowboys. What was the difference this time? Why did he whip me?

Daddy knew the difference - my thoughts! After he was finished with me - I knew the difference too!!!

He knew this great truth: **Proverbs 4:23** *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."*

It's Just A Fly!



Summertime brings out the flies! They can aggravate us!

A man had been working hard all day in the field. Deciding to take a short break, he sat down in the shade of a tree. A fly kept buzzing around him upsetting him very much.

When the pest landed on his arm the man decided to do away with him! Taking aim, he slapped his arm with magnificent force! His arm immediately turned red and ached as the fly flew away uninjured.

Soon the fly was back. Once again the little beast rested upon the fellow's arm. *"I don't think I will try to swat you again"*, said the man, *"I've learned that you only injure yourself if you give too much attention to despicable enemies!"*

Sometimes the people or things that aggravate us and steal our joy are just pests! If we give them too much of our time and attention, we often end up hurting ourselves!

Jesus put it this way, *"... neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."* **Matthew 7:6**

Spend more time on things that bring us joy and that allows us to encourage others!

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher was happy to hear the children's Bible class learned that God made us from dust and we shall return to dust. It is a fact. One of the children ran to the preacher and told him, *"I looked under your desk! There is someone either coming or going under there!"*

The preacher thought about Ecclesiastes 12:7 *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."*