



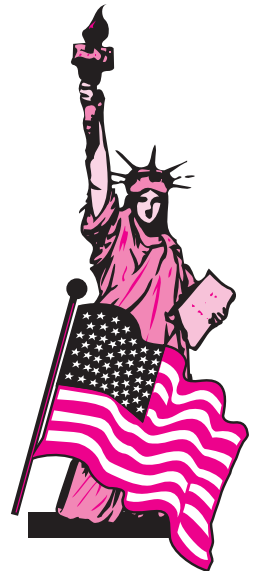
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*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."*

Mark 1:3

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## A CALL FOR GODLY DADS

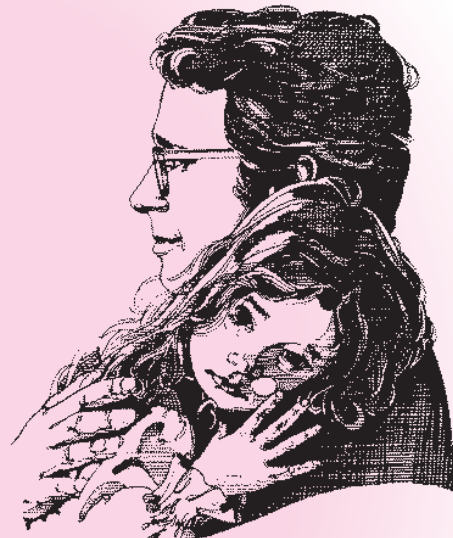
### THE HEART OF A CHILD

Whatever you write on the heart of a child,  
No water can wash away.  
The sand may be shifted when billows are wild,  
And the efforts of time may decay.  
Some stories may perish,  
Some songs be forgot;  
But this graven record-  
Time changes not.

Whatever you write on the heart of a child,  
A story of gladness or care,  
That Heaven has blessed, or earth has defiled,  
Will linger unchangeably there.

Who writes it has sealed it forever and aye,  
He must answer to God on the judgment day.

*-Author unknown*



### "I'LL BE LIKE YOU!"

His little arms crept round my neck,  
And then I heard him say  
Four simple words I can't forget,  
Four words that made me pray.  
They turned a mirror on my soul,  
On secrets no one knew;  
They startled me; I hear them yet:  
Said he, "I'll be like you!"

*-Author unknown*



# MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting: it has been found difficult and left untried.” G. K. Chesterton was accurate in that many just do not want to try. But thank God for those who yield and allow Christ to do the work in them. For me personally and in the life of others, it has been a joyous thing to see our Lord transform the bitter into sweet, the unforgiving into the forgiven, and make beautiful that which had been scarred by sin. From the home front to the regions beyond, it is regularly my blessing to meet young and old who know this blessed walk of faith. Last month we honored our Moms, and this month we do the same for our Dads. Again an added blessing is to see godly parents trusting and

serving the Lord. Across this land and around the world we have a precious family of faith. God bless you all.

Throughout 2006, a brief account is given each month tracing the heritage of this ministry and sharing the vision to do God’s will presently. Elsewhere in these pages we continue to testify of God’s continued blessing upon The Voice in the Wilderness. This is not intended to credit any man, but to give glory to our Lord for the great things He has and is doing!! Also I must say “thank you” for your partnership and participation in this faith ministry. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated.

If time permits before this edition goes to press, an update will be given on the Aquila/Priscilla Ministry in Venezuela. The Lord has greatly used those who have

contributed toward this effort. It is a privilege to be a part of God’s work around the world. Pray for a fruitful and safe mission in Venezuela.

In closing, permit me to say Happy Father’s Day to my Dad and to our readers as well. Let your light shine even brighter. Marriage and the family is under tremendous attack. We need men to stand in the gap. May God bless us all as we contend for the faith. Amen!

Happy Trails!

For Christ and Souls,

RLW



P.S.: Dads - Colonial Williamsburg uses the motto “That the future may learn from the past.” As dads, may we glean wisdom from the past to impart to a new generation of leaders in the home and church. May God help us all!!

The Voice in the Wilderness is a nonprofit, independent incorporation, founded by Rev. Dr. J. Royce Thomason D.P.D. Ph.D., evangelist and medical missionary. The organization is dedicated to the spreading of the whole gospel to the world, especially in foreign lands. The program consists of building mission stations, supporting American missionaries and native pastors by partnering with the local church in various areas of ministry and preaching Christ to the lost. We are supported by the gifts of those who care. Contributions to The Voice in the Wilderness for projects or to support the ministry of a missionary will be used as indicated by the donor following approved policies and procedures. Gifts are tax deductible and should be made out to The Voice in the Wilderness. The Voice in the Wilderness Magazine is a fundamental publication, published each month in behalf of the work of the Lord and preservation of the liberties of our United States. Printed material from other sources does not necessarily imply an endorsement from this ministry. There is no subscription charge; all interested people of good will may have a copy sent regularly to their address simply by requesting it. Address all correspondence to: The Voice in the Wilderness, PO Box 7037, Asheville, NC 28802.

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Thank you!

"THE ROD AND REPROOF GIVETH WISDOM: BUT A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS MOTHER TO SHAME." PROV. 29:15.

## Everybody But Daddy

*This is a reprint of a sermon published by Bro. Royce June 1999.*

Text: Mark 1:19-20, "And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him."

There is not much said in the N.T. about Zebedee. He is like a character in a play who makes his appearance and then is soon gone out of the picture. His sons left the ship, left the firm, left father and went with Christ.

The Bible does have a lot to say about the 2 boys after they left their father to become fishers of men. Jesus surnamed them "Boanerges" which means "Sons of Thunder." There must have been some storm in their characters. They called Bro. Lester Roloff "Stonewall Jackson" because he had the spunk and intestinal fortitude to stand up to anyone who challenged him. Zebedee's sons must have had some what of the same spunk and grit. The Zebedee family was very famous except for daddy. All we actually know about him is that

he was the father of two great and famous sons.

James and John became two of the right-hand men of Jesus Christ. In Mark 14:3, Jesus goes into the garden to pray but he takes only James, John and Peter all the way with Him, the others were left behind a short distance. When Jesus went into the room to raise Jarius' daughter from the dead, He took only James, John and Peter. On the Mt. of Transfiguration, He took James and John with Him. James Zebedee became the first Apostle martyr. John Zebedee was the only disciple that stood by the cross of Jesus, the others scattered. Before Jesus died, John was appointed by Him to take care of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John must have been a good runner, for when the news got out that Jesus was gone from the tomb, John out ran all the others to be the first to peek into the tomb now emptied of its prey. John became a great writer. Probably the most tender Book in world literature bears John's name, the Bible Book of John.

Where was daddy when all these things transpired? He was probably still mending his nets. May I draw my conclusions about him? I am sure that he and his wife were good parents who metered out strong discipline. There was probably a razor strap hanging behind dad Zebedee's door and it was probably used frequently.

"The rod and reproof giveth wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15. I am sure Jesus would never have depended so heavily on them had they not been well trained in matters of responsibility and dependability. When God called Abraham to be the father of a great nation He said, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him and they shall keep the ways of the Lord." Yes, Zebedee must have had some fine traits, but when Jesus came along, the boys left all to go with Him and daddy stayed behind to fish. He had a business to look after, he was a hard working man, so he said "good-bye" to the boys.

One thing we can say for sure of daddy Zebedee, he did not hinder the boys from going with Jesus, nor did he hinder his wife from serving the Lord. She too chose

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"To become a father is not difficult, but to be a father is." -Unknown



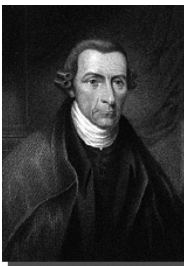
# AMERICA'S *Founding* FATHERS

As we thank our fathers this month for the sacrifices made for us, let us not forget the foundations laid for our land by America's *Founding* Fathers.



**Samuel Adams**  
"He who made all men hath made the truths necessary to human happiness obvious to all... Our forefathers opened the Bible to all."

["American Independence," August 1, 1776. Speech delivered at the State House in Philadelphia]



**Patrick Henry**  
"It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on

religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." [May 1765 Speech to the House of Burgesses]



**John Jay**  
"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest

of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." [Source: October 12, 1816. The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay, Henry P. Johnston, ed., (New York: Burt Franklin, 1970), Vol. IV, p. 393.]



**James Madison**  
"A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our

names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven.' [Letter by Madison to William Bradford (urging him to make sure of his own salvation) November 9, 1772]



**Benjamin Rush** – Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them...we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government; that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible; for this Divine Book, above all others, constitutes the soul of republicanism." "By withholding the knowledge of

[the Scriptures] from children, we deprive ourselves of the best means of awakening moral sensibility in their minds." [Letter written (1790's) in Defense of the Bible in all schools in America]



**Noah Webster** – Founding Educator  
"In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free

government ought to be instructed... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."

[Source: 1828, in the preface to his American Dictionary of the English Language]



"The Bible is the rock on which our Republic rests." – Andrew Jackson



**George Washington** – Father of our Country  
"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and Bible."



"'Tis a wise father that knows his own child." -William Shakespeare



The Voice IN THE Wilderness

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

## FORWARD, ONWARD, UPWARD

Over the past few months, we have briefly reminisced over the wonderful blessings our Lord has so graciously bestowed upon The Voice in the Wilderness. We are thankful how our Saviour has used Bro. Royce and you in a partnership to carry the precious good news around the world. My wife and I came to work with The Voice in the Wilderness in 1996. It has been amazing to see God's hand upon this ministry. Even when hostile opposition openly declared intent to destroy The Voice in the Wilderness, it was quite apparent that was not the Divine plan.

So here we are after 10 years, still amazed at our Lord's protection, provision, and preservation. Praise His Holy name!

For this edition, permit me to share further the vision we are thrilled to be a part of in the days ahead. The lifeline of The Voice in the Wilderness is this little publication. Thousands each month are challenged and blessed by *The Voice in the Wilderness* paper. I personally began subscribing in the 1970s, and have used *The Voice in the Wilderness* in sermons, Sunday school lessons, and other aspects of my ministry. To all those who financially make it possible to continue this printed missionary – Thank You So Very Much.

Every month, The Voice in the Wilderness ministry mails out support checks to missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers serving in the U.S., Belize, India, Mexico, Moldova, The Philippines, Uganda, Venezuela and other countries. We are starting support of a new church plant in Alberta, Canada, and Asheville, North Carolina. Praise the Lord for the part you have in supporting these brothers and sisters as they go with the gospel.

By the time you receive this edition, Steve and Rebekah Lilly, Lord willing, should be serving in Venezuela through the Aquila/Priscilla Ministry (APM). They will assist Pastor Paez in the local church ministry as well as teach in the Bible College. Watch for additional reports on this thrilling opportunity. Again, a big thank you to all those who have provided the finances for this missions project. APM will prove to be a tremendous help ministry for pastors and local churches. Pray for fruit in Venezuela. I am scheduled to preach in Venezuela and also travel to India later this year. Your monthly support enables The Voice in the Wilderness to carry on a multi-faceted outreach. In an upcoming issue, we will highlight CrossVue School

of Missions. This is a new door of training opportunities the Lord has opened for The Voice in the Wilderness. I am sure you will be delighted at the prospects. Pray, Pray, Pray! You are a vital part of this partnership and Vision. God Bless!

*Still onward, forward, upward  
Will be my marching song.  
We're in his blessed keeping,  
No ill can do us wrong.*



*The Aquila/Priscilla Ministry requires a great deal of preparation time. On the field, classroom instruction along with student materials are organized in advance. Teaching English as a second Language not only allows the national to broaden his ministry, but the classes are also used as tools to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many will come to take advantage of the English classes and in turn will learn Scripture and stories from the Word of God. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit will use this opportunity to reach many for Christ.*

*Along with all the study and preparation comes time to pack all the essentials for daily living in Venezuela. Since 9/11/2001 airline restrictions make it more difficult not only to travel overseas, but to carry needed materials and luggage. It takes a lot of thought and planning to make sure all the needed tools and supplies are available and at hand. Thank you again to all those who have contributed financially to make APM possible. We trust you will continue to pray for much fruit and success.*



“Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys.” Anonymous

# NEWS BITS

## FROM HERE AND THERE

### PRO-HOMOSEXUAL SCHOOL BILLS-

In California, the state legislature is considering two bills that would change the way students are taught. Both bills, AB 606 and SB 1437, would help support the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender way of life. SB 1437 would teach students the "historical contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, and the bill prohibits any textbook or instruction which reflects adversely on LGBT persons." The president of Pacific Justice Institute, Brad Dacus, said, "California law recognizes the importance of parental rights and local control in education. This is not the time to retreat from those principles in order to placate special interest groups." [www.pacificjustice.org](http://www.pacificjustice.org) 4/11/06

### BID FOR US SECURITY-

On April 11, the Department of Homeland Security started taking bids to see who could help them control the 6,000 miles of border. They are looking for someone who could help upgrade sensor and surveillance technology and provide unmanned aerial vehicles and computers. "We're trying to procure for CBP (Customs and Border Protection) a comprehensive tool kit to allow us to gain control of the border, a

tool kit comprised of technology, infrastructure and people intercept, arrest and deter illegal aliens," said Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Michael Jackson. The Department is currently looking at 400 companies to tender their proposals by May 30. *The Washington Times* 4/17/06

### RED CROSS, RED CRESCENT, RED CRYSTAL-

The Red Cross, in order to gain entrance into Israel, is adding another symbol. Most of us know it by the cross symbol, but other countries know it by the crescent symbol. Since both symbols (cross for Christianity and crescent for Islam) are offensive to the Israelites, The League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are adding the symbol of a crystal. Because the Star of David would be offensive to the Islamic countries, the International Red Cross hopes that the crystal is a compromise that all nations can live with. *Midnight Call* 5/06

### DATE THE DATE-

Last year in Israel, a 2,000 year old date seed was planted. The seed was found close to the southern end of the Dead Sea. After being stored for 30 years, Elain Solowey of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies tried to grow three of the

seeds. The seeds germinated and now are producing fruit. *Zion's Fire* 3/06

### LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD-

Little statements by news commentators and government officials continually remind us, the Bible student, that the "One World" is coming. With the increase in gas prices, America's dependence on foreign oil and the BIG MONEY BROKERS make it clear this imminent prophetic fulfillment. In several other countries gasoline cost is \$6 and \$7 per gallon. One writer stated there is a push to make America like the rest of the world. From the exportation of the U. S. job market to our own governments sell out to illegal immigrants, this gas price fiasco emphasizes the "One World" push. Look up church. That DAY approaches.

### "TOLD TO BE QUIET"-

*The Washington Times* (4/24/06) gives us an update on the South Dakota abortion ban. The most vocal supporters of the ban are women who previously had an abortion. Leslee Unruch, president of Abstinence Clearinghouse, said, "The women are coming forward. They're feeling like there's hope." A South Dakota state task force composed almost

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"One father is more than a hundred school-masters." -George Herbert



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2,000 statements from women who had abortions. 99% of the women described their abortions as “pain, emotional damage, and health problems and shouldn’t be legal.” Karen Bodle, who was one of the 2,000 who told her story, said, “It’s not a popular voice [ . . . ] but it’s one that needs to get out. I was in denial over the truth of abortion for over 20 years.” She went on to say that she feels that she was “lied to and deceived” and “I believe that information still is denied to women.” Jan Nicolay of the South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families is spearheading a ballot effort to overturn the law. “On any issue, there can be people who say it has affected them negatively [ . . . ] We can line people up on both sides. That’s not the point of discussion. The point is you’ve taken away my right as an individual to decide what I think I should do-with my doctor and my family and my minister.” Cynthia Collins, who had her first abortion when she was 19, said, “We were sold a bill of goods that abortion is a good thing, and when we find out that it’s not, we’re told to be quiet.” {Editor: “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” I Cor. 6:19}

**IT TAKES MORE DAYS TO PAY TAXES-** Big Government is growing by 3 days over last year and 10 days over 2004. This statistic came as a result of a yearly study done by the Tax Foundation. “Tax Freedom Day” is the day when we

as Americans will stop funding our local, state and federal governments. This year the day was April 26; and is figured by dividing the per capita total tax burden by per capita income. According to the report, it will take more work days to pay our taxes than to pay for food, health care and transportation combined. The top ten states where the tax burden is the heaviest and the number of days to be free are:

1. Connecticut (132)
2. New York (129)
3. New Jersey (126)
4. Washington (124)
5. Minnesota (123)
6. Massachusetts (122)
7. Maine (121)
8. Rhode Island (121)
9. California (120)
10. Illinois (120)

*Human Events 4/24/06*

**CORRECTION OF SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TESTS-** Students who took the SAT’s last October may want to check their scores. The College Board said that over 4,000 students received the wrong scores, most of which should have been higher. If you have not received a notice yet about the change, keep checking your mail box. By the way nearly 600 scores should be lower, but the Board said that it will not lower those scores. *World 4/1/06*

**SHAH’S SON SEEKS REVOLT-** Reza Pahlavi is the son of the late Shah of Iran living in the United States due to being exiled from his native country. He believes that the current government of Iran

will lead the country to destruction. So instead of seeing his country invaded by the United States and other countries, he has contacted some elements of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and is trying to stage a revolution. Mr. Pahalavi sees this as the best way to preserve his country. If the revolution is successful, he hopes to establish a constitutional monarchy. *Human Events 5/1/06*

**POWER OF THE PRESS-** Arizona State University recently did a study that said that terrorists use the press and public relations as a weapon. Steven Corman, director of Consortium for Strategic Communication at ASU and a Defense Department consultant said, “People are surprised the jihadis think of the media as a weapon. Jihadis pursue these strategies using sophisticated, modern methods of communications and public relations. There’s evidence in the documents that jihadis segment audiences and adapt their message to the audience.” Just look at the media and how they broadcast an audio or video message by Osama bin Laden and Abu Musab Zarqawi. Mr. Corman has made recommendations so that the US can increase its reliability with the Muslim peoples. They include to “draw attention to terrorist messages that contradict Islam, deconstruct idealized historical concepts, systematically disrupt Internet operations and seek assistance from sympathetic American Muslims.” *The Washington Times 5/1/06*



“My best training came from my father.” - Woodrow Wilson

# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## AND COMMENTS

### **ATHEIST GOES TO CHURCH**

- In Chicago, Atheist Hemant Mehta auctioned his church attendance on eBay. Mr. Mehta said that he would attend Sunday services for every \$10 that was bid. The winning bid was by Jim Henderson who is president of a Christian organization called Off the Map. Mr. Henderson paid \$504 to ensure that Mr. Mehta would appear in church. Churches in the Chicago area can contact Mr. Henderson to have Mr. Mehta attend their services. *World* 4/8/06

### **ATTEND CHURCH, LIVE LONGER-**

Dr. Daniel Hall of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center recently discovered in an analysis of data that people who attend church weekly could add up to three years to their lives. "Our culture, particularly our medical culture, tends to have a strong secular bias. This data shows in ways that are unquestionable that there's something going on in people's beliefs and practices that makes them healthier. To ignore this phenomenon would be foolish." Dr. Hall compared the lifetime cost of exercise, statin drugs and churchgoing. According to Dr. Hall, the cost of the drugs were about \$10,000 per year where as the cost of church going per year was \$7,000. His findings were corroborated by the University of Colorado. *The Washington Times* 4/10/06

### **MUSICAL UNITY-**

A recent survey shows that Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists like the same songs. The Christian Copyright Licensing International released their top 25 by denomination in July of 2005. The top five songs chosen by the Catholics were: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High", "Shout to the Lord", "Open the Eyes of My Heart", "Come Now Is the Time to Worship", and "Here I Am to Worship." The top five for Southern Baptists are: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High", "Shout to the Lord", "Here I Am to Worship", "Open the Eyes of My Heart", and "Come Now Is the Time to Worship." *Midnight Call* 5/06 {Editor: Is there any question now that we are living in the days of Laodicea?}

### **RIDE FOR "EQUALITY"-**

Currently there is a bus traveling from New York to Los Angeles carrying 32 young adults. This bus is intending to visit a total of 19 colleges, 16 of which are evangelical Christian, to "confront" the students and faculty about their stand on homosexuality. The ride is called "Equality Ride" and is sponsored by a group called Soul Force. The group has already tried to visit Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., and Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., but was denied access to the campus by both. At these institutions, some of the members

of Soul Force were arrested. Jerry Falwell, chancellor of Liberty, said that the group could not come on campus because of an responsibility to their student's parents "not to expose their children to a media circus that might present immorality in a positive light." He also commented that the group was hosted by the university last year, because Soul Force founder Mel White helped Mr. Falwell write a book about ten years ago. *World* 4/1/06

**BIBLE READING-** Commencing on April 30 and ending 90 hours later, the Bible will be read aloud from the first "In" to the last "Amen" on the West Lawn of the U. S. Capitol. The U. S. Capitol Bible Reading Marathon is in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. *The Washington Times* 4/24/06

### **CHURCHES UNITE -**

"Monday's ['Religion News Service'] reports that the largest-ever church unity group was launched on Friday: Leaders of the 34 U. S. church bodies have officially launched the broadest-ever Christian unity organization in America history, and said fighting poverty will be its first priority. Christian Churches Together in the USA was formally inaugurated on Friday (March 31) after a three-day

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"A wise son maketh a glad father." -Proverbs 10:1



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meeting outside Atlanta. A public kickoff is scheduled at the group's scheduled meeting next February. The loose knit group brings together five Christian 'families' who have long been divided by historical and theological differences, including Catholics, mainline Protestants, evangelicals and Pentecostals, historically black churches and Orthodox churches. Together, the five 'families' represent more than 100 million American Christians. The nation's largest Protestant body, the Southern Baptist Convention, has said it will not participate." *www.thebereancall.org* 4/25/06

**RUSTY SPEAR**- Yvonne S. Waite said: "In my opinion, the movie, THE END OF THE SPEAR is 'rusty!' Why do I say this? Let me explain. It is not 'rusty' because the cinematography was poor. On the contrary, I understand it was absolutely beautiful and professionally done. It wasn't 'rusty' because the acting was unprofessional. NO! I understand it was excellent. But there was one basic lack in the movie's Christian testimony for other reasons. To put it in a nutshell, there are two major flaws in the production of that Hollywood movie. There may be more, but this is all I am aware of. Even though I did not see the movie, I know that the Every Tribe Entertainment film's portraying of the slaying of the five brave missionaries, fifty years ago in the rain forest of Ecuador, has two failures. The first is

the way of salvation was not clearly given. If it was, it was so unclear that an unsaved friend of mine, who saw the movie, did not get the salvation message at all. She thought the message was to save the rain forest. The other 'rusty' reason is that the movie star, Chad Allen, who portrayed the martyred Nate Saint as well as the adult son, Steve Saint, is an outspoken, self proclaimed gay-rights activist. -I do not think that the Nate Saint, missionary pilot of 1956 would have wanted his name associated in any way with approval of the homosexual lifestyle. I may be mistaken, but I don't think so." *via Hite's Newsletter*

**CONNECTING TEA**- A group of 130 members of a religious group called O Centro Espiritua Beneficiente Uniao do Vegetal that live in parts of New Mexico, California, and Colorado, claim they connect with God through a hallucinogenic tea. The group had a case brought against them, because the tea contains an illegal drug called DMT, and it made its way all the way to the Supreme

Court. This is the first "religious-freedom" case brought before Chief Justice Roberts. Mr. Roberts, writing the opinion for the court, said that the government failed to prove that drug laws should be enforced over the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. *Hite's Newsletter*.

**ISLAM SACRED**- Also from *The Berean Call* (4/27/06), we find that Comedy Central's show South Park was supposed to make fun of the prophet Mohammed. Just before the image appeared, a disclaimer appeared across the screen, "Comedy Central has refused to broadcast an image of Mohammed on their network." When questioned if this was just a joke or a decision by Comedy Central, the response was, "Comedy Central censored the image." {Editor: Comedy Central and South Park have a history of making fun at Christianity and Bible-believing Christians. But when Islamic fundamentalists cause uproar, they back down. Let us be bold about our stand for Christ!!}



## MEMORIAL GIFTS

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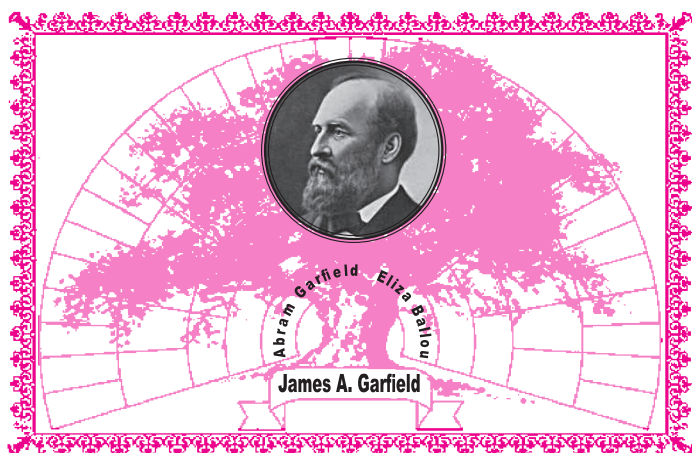
**In Memory of ANNA KATE WILLIAMS**

Given By: Willis, Sheila & Alexandra Williams

We would like to express our thanks to those who have given a memorial gift to The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc. Ministry. These names will be added to a plaque and displayed in our office. If you would like to honor a loved one, please send a Remembrance Memorial Gift or a Living Memorial Gift with the person's name (legibly printed). Your gift will be listed in an upcoming issue of this publication.

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"A man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season." - Unknown



As a young man, James A. Garfield was given by a dear friend the following guidelines for life:

1. Never be idle.
2. Make few promises.
3. Always speak the truth.
4. Live within your income.
5. Never speak evil of anyone.
6. Keep good company or none.
7. Live up to your engagements.
8. Never play games of chance.
9. Drink no intoxicating drinks.
10. Good character is above everything else.
11. Keep your own secrets if you have any.
12. Never borrow if you can possibly help it.
13. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.
14. When you speak to a person, look into his eyes.
15. Save when you are young to spend when you are old.
16. Never run into debt unless you see your way out again.
17. Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue.
18. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.
19. If anybody speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one believes him.
20. When you retire at night, think over what you have done during the day.
21. If your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the culture of your mind.
22. Read the above carefully and thoughtfully at least once a week.

# Think About It!

Character and discipline with commitment to work at life reflect the advice that young Garfield received. It is easily observed when God's people are determined to live and do right. Lord, give us a church full of men with the backbone to live and do right.

Jonathan Edwards, one of the greatest minds God has given America, lived in the state of New York. He was a Christian and believed in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union, men have studied 729 descendants. Of this number came 300 preachers, 65 college professors, 13 university presidents, 60 authors of good books, 3 United States congressmen, and one Vice President of the United States; and barring one grandson who married a questionable character, the family has not cost the state a single dollar.

Now, Max Jukes lived in the same state. He did not believe in Christian training. He married a girl of like character. From this union, men have studied 1,026 descendants. 300 of them died prematurely. 100 were sent to the penitentiary for an average of 13 years each. 190 were public prostitutes. There were 100 drunkards. The family cost the state \$1,200,000. They made no helpful contributions to society.

No rocket science here. Godliness is of great profit. We can be different and we can make a difference. Think about it!



## ON THE LIGHT SIDE

The kindergarten teacher was showing her class an encyclopedia page picturing several national flags. She pointed to the American flag and asked, "What flag is this?"

A little girl called out, "That's the flag of our country!"

"Very good!" the teacher said. "And what is the name of our country?"

"Tis of thee," the girl said confidently.

"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty." -Unknown

# INVADED



## America Under Invasion

Mexican radio stations along the U.S. border are announcing for their people to come across. The broadcast says the time is now, the border is open and they are to cross into the United States. The pledge is to take America without firing a shot.

For years The Voice in the Wilderness has stood as a watchman on the wall. Repeatedly, warnings have been given about the violation of our own immigration laws. Yet Christian business owners and churches have continued to be a part of the problem. Pastors with Spanish ministries have won countless Mexicans to Christ, established Spanish speaking churches in America, and yet have not biblically dealt with the illegal aliens in their own congregations. Often divorce, remarriage, illegitimacies and other complicated issues that would be firmly confronted in English speaking congregations are overlooked by American pastors in their Hispanic churches.

Thousands, yea millions, are illegally flooding across United States borders. Now, they are demonstrating and demanding their rights. They are having babies, and taxing the medical, social, and education systems of this nation. In the midst of it all, politicians are trying to change the laws and sell the U.S. out to an illegal invasion. Wake up America! Phone, write and e-mail your representatives. Sign petitions and surveys in protest of this wholesale betrayal of our country. If we do not take a stand, the America that immigrants have dreamed of, will no longer exist. The freedoms so cherished will vanish – having been destroyed by those who begin their journey here by breaking the laws that preserve the very liberties that make this the land of opportunity and hope.



## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

Thirteen Stars and Thirteen Stripes. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress selected the Flag of the United States. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Proclamation making this day “National Flag Day.” Continuing the tradition, President Dwight Eisenhower signed the Joint Resolution of Congress (Public Law 396) on June 14, 1954, adding the phrase “One Nation Under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eisenhower stated:

*“From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country’s true meaning....In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America’s heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country’s most powerful resource, in peace or in war.”*



“He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father’s wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father’s care. “-William Penn – Founder of Pennsylvania



# Dear Fellow American

“Direct my thought, word, and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by thy Holy Spirit....Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ.” This was the prayer of the first U.S. President. George Washington recognized his utter need of divine presence and power in private and public life. It is the duty of every blood bought child of God living in these United States to pray for God’s help in keeping one’s own heart right. Then we are scripturally bound to pray for our country. I Timothy 2:1-4 records these words of Paul:

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Mary Washington said, “Remember that God is our only sure trust.” These are indeed perilous times. God’s people must turn to the Lord for help. The Apostle was specific in the way to pray for men and rulers.

1. **SUPPLICATIONS** - *Supplications are expressions of great and urgent needs. In that hour of crisis will God see His people in supplication?*
2. **PRAYERS** - *Prayers indicate the continual close communication maintained by the child of God with the Heavenly Father.*
3. **INTERCESSIONS** - *Intercessions are those specifics brought to the throne of grace.*
4. **GIVING OF THANKS** - *The giving of thanks is a sword of victory plugged into the vile heart of Hell, when God’s people lift up their voices in thanksgiving and praise.*

Dear fellow American, let us go together into the place of prayer. It is there our Father will give and do what none else is able. Can we sign off on the commitment exhorted in I Timothy 2:1 & 2? Let us make this our proclamation of prayer:

*I, the undersigned with supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority lift my heart to God daily beseeching His divine intervention and blessing. It is my privilege and duty to pray and then stand as a witness for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

I hereby affix my signature \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the Year of Our Lord 2006.



May God be our helper! Amen  
(Sign and place in your Bible.)



“Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!” --Lydia M. Child

## Two Souls With But A Single Thought, Two Hearts That Beat As One



Paul Harvey was 80 years old at the time. I cannot remember what anniversary it was for him and his wife, but he told how after all their many years of marriage they both went out independently of each other and bought a wedding anniversary card. On that special day each lovingly presented the card they both thought best expressed their love for each other. To their

surprise they had purchased identical cards for each other. Paul Harvey told that cute story on his radio broadcast!

Now Mr. Harvey, the Williamsons have one up on you and your wife. You see, Ronnie and Terry celebrated their 33rd year of marriage on May 6, 2006, and they are nowhere near 80 years old; but after 33 years they too purchased, without each other's knowledge, identical anniversary cards. It is indeed amazing after all these years how couples think so much alike. Yes, there is a oneness. God help us in our homes and churches to have marriages where minds and hearts are one in Christ.



### Nuggets of Gold

1. There are four steps to accomplishment: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently.
2. A few Christians give the impression that they have been baptized in vinegar.
3. Children disgrace us in public by acting just as we do at home.
4. The heaviest burdens in life are the things that might happen but don't.
5. The computer is a great invention. There are as many mistakes as ever, but now they're nobody's fault.
6. The church is paralyzed with timidity and gradually dying of dignity.
7. Never put a question mark where God has put a period.
8. Christians are the light of the world, but the switch must be turned on.
9. Most failures are experts at making excuses.
10. Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

### ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. For facilities, they had to use an outhouse, and the little boy hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and stank all the time. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the water.

One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen, so the little boy decided today was the day. He got a long pole, wedged it under the frame, and pried. Immediately the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away.

That night, his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking, the little boy asked "Why?"

The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it, son?"

The boy answered, "Yes."

Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth."

The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in that cherry tree!!"



"Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a dad." -Anonymous

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Christ. I have seen many men who did try to hinder their children and their wives from following Jesus. I could name many.

Now there was nothing wrong with what daddy Zebedee was doing. He had a job to do, nets to mend. He evidently was a good provider for his family. We don't want to pick on him by giving so much time to his business, he evidently missed the fellowship with Christ that his family had. His sons knew Christ, mom Zebedee knew Him, everybody but daddy. Many churches I hold meetings in look like a widow women's church, mom is there with the children but dad is elsewhere. He is fishing, playing golf, watching a ball game or maybe just taking it easy at home, he is not with his family in church. Am I talking to any dads like that?

Louisiana's former governor Jimmy Davis sent me a tape entitled "What a Price We've Paid." The words go like this:

*"There's a new car in the drive,  
Our house has been modernized,  
By the standards of the world we've  
arrived.  
You work nights, I worked days, the  
children went their ways,  
We've made it but what a price  
we've paid.  
What price we've paid, the price  
we're paying,  
I wish we'd done things different  
yesterday,  
I wish we'd taken time to smell the  
flowers,  
Now they're faded, we've made it  
but what a price we've paid."*

This has been, and is today the sad lament of many a father (and

mother as well) who has been too busy mending nets (or whatever they have been doing) and lost their children. Poor Daddy Zebedee missed hearing the Sermon on the Mount. The boys heard it; mom heard it, everybody but daddy. He missed seeing all the miracles Jesus performed. Mamma saw many of them, the boys saw all of them but daddy missed out. Dad Zebedee missed seeing the empty tomb. The boys were there, but daddy was still mending nets evidently.

Dad, life is more than making a living, it is also getting ready for eternity.


Many things men and women are busy at are legitimate and important but the harm comes when those things keep us from serving Jesus.

Sad fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, when wealth accumulates and men decay.

It is highly important that a man provides for his family. The Scriptures declare that the man who fails to do so is worse than an infidel. However, most important of all is that he should be a Christian and set a godly example for his children to follow. He is (or should be) the head of the house, he has a tremendous responsibility. The man should be the first in the family to head for Christ. His wife changed her name to wear his, his children wear his name, what an honor is his, but – oh – what a responsibility is his also.

Today's Zebedees are the men who never lead a family altar in their homes. Their wives may go to church, their children may go, he gladly provides a way for them to do so and is perfectly willing for the family to be partakers of things

holy and eternal, but he is too busy. I have known families like this. In some cases I know of, some of the sons were even in the ministry and dad was proud of his boy and would not lay a stumbling block in his way. That was fine for son, but dad had other loves. I have even known of cases where the father died without ever being born again, everybody in the family Christians, everybody but dad that is.

We need revival in this land of ours. We need a revival in W. D. C. We need revivals in the churches but most of all we need a revival in the American home. We have five great institutions in the land, the church, the government, the business world, the educational system, and the home. Let all of them fail but the home and if it remains strong, it will eventually rebuild all the other institutions. However, if the home falls, down goes the school, the church, the government, the business world and all else. That is why the devil is aiming his choice weapons at the American home today. Dads, mend your nets, make a good living but don't let that keep you from following Jesus. Again, life is more than making a living, it should also include getting ready for eternity. 

## **ON THE LIGHT SIDE**

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

"One night a father overheard his son pray: 'Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is.' Later that night, the Father prayed, 'Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.'" - Anonymous



# THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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## GOSPEL ABC'S

**A**ccept the Bible's written assessment: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10

**A**dmit man's attitude: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

**A**cknowledge your own aversion: "For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..." Romans 5:10

...**B**y one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Romans 5:12

**B**ut what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach;..." Romans 10:8

**B**elievest thou this?"

**C**onfess with thy mouth...

**C**all in Faith...

**C**ommit your heart, your all..." Romans 10:9, 13

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner and Jesus died on the cross, shedding His blood and rose from the grave for me. Forgive me of my sins and thank you for salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."

## A Matter Of Prayer

When you are weary in body and soul,  
Cumbered with many a care,  
When work is claiming its strength-taking toll,  
Make it a matter of prayer.

When you're discouraged, distraught or dismayed,  
Sinking almost in despair,  
Remember, there's One who will come to your aid,  
If you'll make it a matter of prayer.

And when you are lost in the world's tangled maze,  
When life seems a hopeless affair,  
Direction will come for all of your ways  
If you'll make it a matter of prayer.

- Author unknown

## My Debt

When I stand before the throne,  
Dressed in beauty not my own;  
When I see Thee as Thou art,  
Love Thee with unpinning heart;  
Then, Lord, shall I full know-  
Not 'till then-how much I owe.

Chosen not for good in me,  
Wakened up from wrath to flee;  
Hidden in the Saviour's side,  
By the Spirit sanctified.

Teach me, Lord, on earth to show

By my love how much I owe.  
-R. M. McChayne

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