



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Ruby Brad. Young child. Suffering with aggressive cancer.

Kevin Collins. Donna's cousins husband. Hospitalized following a car wreck.

Renee Collins. Cousin to Donna Patrick. Recovering from a car accident.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Linda Hughes & Family. Aunt to Donna Patrick. House fire.

Nadia Hurley. Friend of Brad & Jordyn. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson (Mark's stepson.) Had colon removal surgery. Isn't doing well.

Rita Lawless. Recovering from cancer surgery.

Jimmy Ligon. Recovering from neck surgery.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgery on March 20th.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Recovering from a recent fall.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Harold Pigg. Liz's brother. Recovering from a heart attack.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

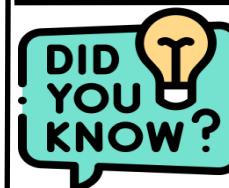
Thomas Turner. Son of a friend of Brandi.

Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Recovering from a mild stroke.

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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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Ladies Fellowship:

9:30a.m.

Ladies Class: 10:00 a.m.



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Commitment

In the book, *Driven from Within*, Michael Jordan (Hall-of-Fame basketball player) recounts an event from his life that exemplifies just how committed he was to the things that were important to him.

Jordan asked to borrow a jacket from a friend before they went out to have dinner together. He was told where he could locate a closet and thus find a jacket. Jordan disappeared. When he returned, he was carrying an armful of jackets, shirts, shoes, etc. Jordan dumped the pile on the floor and disappeared again. He returned with a butcher knife and proceeded to cut the gear on the floor into thousands of pieces. He then gathered up the mess and carried it out to a dumpster for disposal.

The clothing that was destroyed was all made by Puma. As most of us know (as so many of us men have owned at least one pair of Air Jordan high-tops), Michael Jordan endorses the Nike brand. He told his friend, "Don't ever let me see you again in anything other than Nike. You can't ride the fence."

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While we may question his methods, we cannot question his commitment. He demonstrated total commitment to the company he endorsed.

God longs for radical commitment from you and me. Keeping with the above illustration, Kyle Idleman has said: "He doesn't want us to just make room in our closet for Him; He wants the closet to Himself."

We must smash and destroy our idols (1 Kings 15:12-13; 2 Kings 11:18; 18:4; 23:19-20). We must get rid of those things that are weighing us down and distracting us from our goal (Heb. 12:1-2).

May we be fully committed to God, His Kingdom, and His cause (Matt. 6:33; 16:24-26)!
—Bart Warren

***Giving God the Glory***

"The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of my salvation, the God who executes vengeance for me, and subdues peoples under me. He delivers me from my enemies; surely You lift me above those who rise up against me; You rescue me from the violent man" (Psalm 18:47,48).

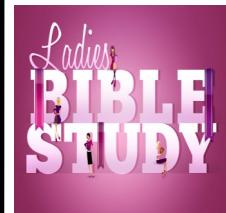
Recalling all that God has given causes David to say in praise, "The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock." These words are written to extol God, who is the One behind all his successes. David prays, "Exalted be the God of my salvation," because He is the One who has done it.

What does God do for David? He is "the God who executes vengeance," the One who wins the battles and annihilates the foes. He is the One who "subdues peoples" and puts them under David.

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January Birthday!
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Ladies' Bible Class!
Ladies, join us for our Thursday Ladies Bible Class. Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m. Class @ 10:00 a.m.



January Men's Breakfast!
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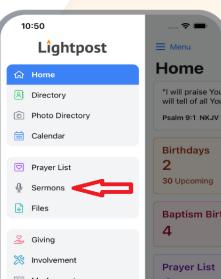
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They were also hard-hearted and indifferent, as shown in John 19:23-24, where they cast lots for Jesus' clothing. This act was foretold in Psalm 22:18. Jesus forgave these men (Luke 23:34)!

Mary. Also there at the crucifixion was Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus (John 19:25-27). The Bible doesn't say much about her state of mind, but every mother can easily understand the pain she must have felt looking upon her son hanging on that cross, slowly and painfully dying.

Priests. These men were full of hatred toward Jesus (Matt. 27:41-43).

Thieves. Two robbers were crucified on either side of Jesus (Matt. 27:38). One was full of blasphemy, the other humility, admitting his own guilt (Luke 23:39-43).

Centurion. Though he was part of the soldiers, this man made a startling admission. His state of mind was acceptance that Jesus was the Son of God (Mark 15:39).

You. Not literally, of course, but representationally. Jesus bore your sins in His own body on the cross (1 Peter 2:24). As He hung there dying, surrounded by heartbroken supporters, vicious gawkers, grim soldiers and proud religious leaders, He did so as a perfect offering to God for each one of them, and for each one of us. Since He died for you, will you live for Him? —Matt Clifton



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God brings subjugation to his foes but leadership to David. For emphasis, he says, "He delivers me from my enemies." Then he prays, "Surely You lift me above those who rise up against me." God gives him victory over the enemy. "You rescue me from the violent man," David says. Evil, vicious men seek his life, but God enables him to overcome them.

God raised David to a place of international eminence. Foreign nations were subject to him. When they heard of his power, some immediately submitted to him. Others tried to stand against him but faded from opposing him like a flower without water before the sun. They soon came out of their strongholds and laid down their armor before their conqueror.

Key Thought: With David, we can praise God for what He has done for us. We can use the "therefore" of 1 Peter 5:6-7: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." —Eddie Cloer

***A Deer and a Blind***

It was early Saturday morning. The alarm clock went off and I jumped out of bed, excited at the opportunity to do a little deer hunting. I threw on every article of clothing I found that was camouflaged, grabbed my bow, and headed to my blind (small camouflaged tent). It was a perfect morning. It wasn't too cold, and the wind was not blowing. I got to my blind just as the sun was coming up. It wasn't very long until the first deer approached. It was a young doe. I watched that young whitetail for nearly 30 minutes. She kept looking my way, sniffing the air, and stomping her front foot into the ground in an attempt to get me to move. She was quite the vigilant deer.

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I just sat there, bow in hand, enjoying the morning company. I don't believe she ever saw me, and she remained ever cautious as she walked past me and ultimately out of sight.

Deer are amazing creatures. They seem to always know when the enemy is near. So should it be for the child of God! Our enemy, Satan, disguises himself much the same was as deer hunters do. Paul writes, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13-14). Indeed, Satan is a great deceiver (Rev. 12:9). That's why it's imperative that God's people be ever cautious and alert. Paul again writes, "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thess. 5:6). We're to be strong and gird ourselves in the Christian armor so that we might be able to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Eph. 6:16). Don't be fooled: Satan is lurking; thus, be ever vigilant (1 Peter 5:8).

—Terry R. Townsend

***Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?***

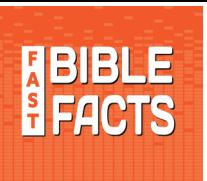
It was a fact that Jesus was innocent. The Roman governor in charge of Judea, Pontius Pilate, so stated himself after having examined Jesus personally (John 19:4). It is also a fact that Jesus never even committed a single sin (Heb. 4:15). And yet, they fashioned the crown of thorns and placed a purple robe upon His shoulders in mockery, and delivered Him to be crucified. He bore His cross to a place called Golgotha, where they crucified Him (John 19:17-18). The Bible tells us about the state of mind of some of the people who were there.

Soldiers. These Roman men oversaw the crucifixion. They were of cruel mind (Mark 15:16-20), mocking Him even as He hung on the cross (Luke 23:36-37). **"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" Continues on Page 6...**

BIBLE Quiz**Bible Quiz: Matthew 22:1-14**

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!

1. This parable is set during a ___ feast.
2. "See, I have prepared my ___; my oxen and ___ cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding."
3. "But they made ___ of it and went their ways, one to his own ___, another to his business."
4. "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not ___. Therefore go into the ___, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding."
5. True or False: Jesus said few are called.

***Did You Know This About 2 Thessalonians?***

This is Paul's shortest letter written to a congregation, and he continues his teaching on the end times.

Something that is unique about this letter is that Paul uses one Greek phrase that is not used anywhere else in the New Testament, and one word that is used only one other time.

Both of these are used in the same verse: 1 Thessalonians 2:3.

One of the words is the Greek "*apostasia*," translated "falling away" in the NKJV.

The other is "*anthropos tas harmartias*," which in English is "man of sin."

Both of these are in relation to things that must happen before the Lord's second coming.

—Matt Clifton

