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Putting Regrets and Disappointments Behind Us

The name Pete Best might not initially jump out at you, but the phrase “The Fifth Beatle” might jog your memory. Best was the original drummer for The Beatles, and was fired on August 16, 1962, by the other members of the group shortly after signing their first recording contract.

Decades later, Best couldn’t stop pondering his fate. He once commented, “I still feel shocked. I’ll never know why it had to happen to me.” He claimed he was fired because of his popularity and good looks, but the band said it was because of personality clashes and dissatisfaction with his drumming skills. Whatever the case, his megastar near miss would haunt him for years.

Dealing with disappointment is tough. Things don’t always go as we would hope in life. Solomon once wrote, “I returned and saw under the sun that—The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all” (Ecc. 9:11).

Disappointments will come to all! What matters most is how we deal with setbacks. Instead of wallowing in regret, Christians should always remember that “godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6). If we put God’s kingdom first and work toward righteous goals, we can always be assured that the Father recognizes our contributions (1 Cor. 15:58), even if the world doesn’t.

We can put disappointment and regrets behind us and “press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). So trust God, press forward, and be thankful for His many blessings.
—Matt Clifton

God's Well Never Runs Dry

The “dog days of summer” is a phrase many people use to describe the hottest, most draining stretch of the season. The heat feels heavy, energy runs low, and even simple tasks can feel harder than usual. While the Bible doesn’t use that expression, it does speak often about weariness, dryness, and God’s faithful care in every season of life.

In Psalm 63:1, David writes, “O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.” That is more than a description of desert heat—it’s a picture of spiritual need. Just as the body longs for cool water in the deep summer, the soul longs for the living presence of God.

Jesus extends this promise in John 7:37–38, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” He does not merely offer relief from physical discomfort but refreshment for the inner life. The world can leave us weary in every season, but Christ offers living water that renews the heart.

Even in times of exhaustion, Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that “those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.” Notice the promise is not that we will avoid weariness, but that we will be renewed in it. God meets His people in the heat, not just after it passes.

So during these long summer days, when the air feels still and the pace slows down, let it become a reminder rather than just a complaint. Let it point you back to the One who refreshes the soul. God brings rest to the weary spirit.

The dog days of summer may drain us, but they also invite us to draw nearer to the Lord who’s well never runs dry.

—*BulletinDigest.com*

Shake It Off and Rejoice!

In Acts 13, Paul and Barnabas took their preaching tour through Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:14ff). There they reasoned with the Jews for two consecutive Sabbaths. They got mixed reviews; while the Gentiles and some Jews begged to hear more (Acts 13:42), many of the Jews were very upset (Acts 13:45). As a result, Paul and Barnabas were run out of town. In reaction to this, Paul and Barnabas “shook the dust off from their feet” and left for Iconium (Acts 13:51).

By today’s standards, many would deem their efforts a failure. After all, they caused division amongst some, converted few, and left while the town was in turmoil. Chances are, if you or I were with them, we would have been quite disappointed, depressed, and despondent over the results. But when we next catch up with them in Acts 13:52, we find Paul and Barnabas (and the disciples they were with) being “filled with joy.”

“Shake It Off” Continues on Page 3...



Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:27-31

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. The soldiers stripped Jesus and put a scarlet __ on Him.
2. They twisted a crown of __ and placed it on His head.
3. They mocked Him, saying, "Hail, __ of the Jews!"
4. True or False: After mocking Jesus, the soldiers left the scarlet robe on Him as He was led away.
5. They led Jesus away to __ Him.

"Shake It Off" Continued from Page 2... Why would they be in such a good mood? My guess is because they had the joy of salvation, and when you have that you can rejoice no matter what external circumstances exist and no matter what happens to you (see Habakkuk 3:17-18).

Earlier, Peter and the rest of the apostles had a similar experience with similar results. They were beaten for preaching Christ. When they were released, they rejoiced in the fact that they were counted worthy to suffer in the name of Christ (Acts 5:40-41). In each instance, they had preached the gospel, they had given it their all, they had honored the Lord, and they knew they were saved -- how could anything they did even be considered to be a failure?

In Paul and Barnabas' actions in Acts 13, we get one of the great principles of the positive Christian life. No matter what happens in life, no matter what horrible circumstances exist, you can still "shake it off" and rejoice! If you are a Christian and if you live and profess the gospel, if you truly give it your all, if you honor the Lord, then no matter what bad or disappointing things in life happen, you can shake it off and rejoice, because you are saved!

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy" (1 Pet. 4:12-13).

—Edd Sterchi

Declare God's Glory

According to tradition, Psalm 96 was written by King David. Non-inspired historical writings say that David composed this hymn to be sung when the Ark of the Covenant was brought back into Jerusalem after it had been captured by Israel's enemies (see 1 Chronicles 16:8-36).

Psalms 96:3 commands us to "Declare God's glory among the nations and His marvelous deeds among all peoples." This psalm urges us to declare God's glory and his marvelous deeds to all nations and all peoples. This verse is a command to sing and declare God's greatness, not just among one's own people, but across the world. It highlights the importance of sharing God's salvation and praising his name with all people.

Our God is a wonderful Lord who does great deeds because He loves us.

Sing His Praise!

—Larry Fitzgerald



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. Friend of the Patrick's. In need of kidney transplant.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery.

Kaitlyn Donovan. Velvet & Kevins granddaughter. Recovering from a car accident.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Upcoming surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Stanleytown Health and Rehab, room 224-B.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease is getting worse.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



5th Sunday Potluck

We will be hosting our 5th Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon today following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please stay and enjoy some fellowship and food.



Sept. Birthdays!

1ST	ALAN BEAVERS
3TH	DAVID PALMER
15TH	NANCY BEAVERS
22ND	GARY HOLLANDSWORTH
26TH	CAROL PACE
27TH	RITA LAWLESS



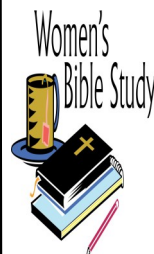
Sept. Anniversaries!

10TH	DONN & KITTY SHUMATE
14TH	JAY & SHELIA MARTIN



Pizza-Movie Night

Our September Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, September 5th! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



Women's Class

Our new semester of our Women's Bible Class will begin on Thursday, September 10th!

Coffee & Donuts @ 9:30 a.m.

Class @ 10:00 a.m.



Men's Breakfast!

September 26th!
Join us at 9:00a.m.
at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch

Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, September 27th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



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