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*So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

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Knock Knock

By Jack Coy

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Rev 3:20

This scripture is usually referred to as Jesus knocking at the door of the unbeliever. But, the verses before and after are addressed to the church of Laodicea, which had become lukewarm and self-sufficient. As believers have we left Him outside our door? He is waiting there, listening, watching. He is desiring intimacy with us. But, He is a gentleman and will not step inside unless we give Him permission. The door does not open from the outside, there is no handle there. He waits patiently with love in His heart. He takes notice of everything that's going on in our lives. He understands our daily struggles. He knocks a little more, why does He wait? He has the power to kick the door in.

In our world today, the powerful, those in authority, think they can take what they want. But Jesus, the Savior who showed the world True Love, offers all opportunity for a second chance, or a third..

He sees our enemies and those who are against us. He is willing to fight for us, if we ask. He watches the changes in our nation and it saddens His heart. He sees your tears and our confusion. He hears our prayers and knows our concerns. Ask Him in to comfort you and give you peace.

A link in reference to "Come as You Are" from the cover page:

<https://youtu.be/r2zhf2mqEMI>

David Crowder stated to The Christian Post, "What I love about 'Come As You Are' is that it makes room for all of us. It feels like it throws the doors wide open."

Dear Family,

Jack is doing well after his back surgery on August 16th. We appreciate your continued prayers for his healing. TO God BE THE GLORY!

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EZEKIEL THIRTY-FOUR

(Fulfilled in these last days)

G.W. Pendleton

We were sheep that were scattered
In the mountains and hills away.
Some were sick, some were feeble.
Some were hungry, dying that day.
Driven away from the shelter,
We had no shepherd, and we had no fold.
There was no one to love us then.
We were left to die out in the cold.

We had seen the feeble devoured,
As helpless, they lay outside.
We have heard their cries for mercy,
As they struggled and finally died.
Many were the bleeding among us
That the wild beast preyed upon.
We were victims of sin and division
And wondered "Oh Lord, how long?"

Our hearts were so heavy and lonely,
As we sought for a Shepherd true,
To lead, guide and feed us,
In a way a good shepherd will do.
Not to fleece us, not to starve us,
Nor to let us go astray;
But to save us from all condemnation
And to show us the narrow way.

One day the message was given
To our hearts and souls in need.
It was word from the King of Kings
To forsake all human creeds.
He spoke words of tender comfort.
He bound up the broken and lame.
He fed us in His green pasture
And put all other shepherds to shame.

The food we eat is like honey.
His fellowship, oh, it's so grand.
The water of life is so precious,
And it flows freely thru the land.
Oh, I'm glad I found the fair Shepherd,
And His Church, ever so bright.
Now I'm free from all division,
And I'm walking in the light.

Oh, if you are a sheep in the mountains,
May every man deliver his soul?
Come on back home to Zion,
To the Shepherd and His fold.
Lay aside every weight, every burden,
And patiently run the race.
And when this life is over,
We shall see Him face to face.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

Ezekiel spoke of various trumpets and angels that were sent to warn the people. If the message was heeded, they would be saved; if not, they would be lost. (Ezek. 33)

We now live in the late evening time. Christ will soon come. He is gathering His Church together, pleading for us to stand United in Him!

"Ready or Not," He is coming. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." (Rev 1:7)

"In the days of the voice of the SEVENTH ANGEL, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Rev 10:6,7)

Prophecies are being fulfilled. Revelation is now Mystery made known. The two cries of "Babylon is fallen" have been heard. God's people will be delivered. The true Church of God has made herself ready to meet the Bridegroom. He will take his bride away to be with Him forever. The world will be destroyed by fire. The wicked will be cast into hell.

Therefore, this is why we publish the Seventh Trumpet.

IS JESUS STILL YOUR LIGHTHOUSE?

John Wallin



Jesus is and always will be the constant source of light. He is the creator of all things. He is the light that darkness cannot overcome.

The Bible says in Matthew 4:16, "The people which sat in darkness saw a great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up." Today we have the greatest light to follow, and that light is Jesus and His Word. But the troubling thought is that so many still sit in darkness! They don't want the light because the light only shows the truth or will lead them to the truth. People don't want the light; it will expose their sin. But I want Jesus to be my forever lighthouse and the Truth.

In John 8:32 Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 1:4-5, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." We all need the light to shine from Heaven for us in order to navigate through this dark spiritual world where people have turned away from the Light of God and the Truth; from the very One Who has no darkness at all.

Jesus is the point of reference to whom all can come if they choose. His light never grows dim. It never goes out. It shines brightly so that a wandering soul can find the way to safety; so that one can find comfort and hope in knowing the Savior is always watching for someone to save and rescue. Praise God! I'm glad Jesus is my lighthouse. David said in Psalms 121, "The one who watches over Israel never slumbers nor sleeps."

A lighthouse is placed at the highest point of the land that is closest to the sea and its potential danger. It notifies sailors that there is land or danger nearby. They may be approaching rocks, reefs or shallow waters which must be navigated with caution. The lighthouse is also a comforting sign that calm waters of a welcome harbor are close at hand.

The lighthouse stands alone and tall in both light and darkness. Along with its beacon as a focal point symbolizing strength and guidance, it directs us to a safe harbor, Jesus. I thank God that He is, and always will be, my Lighthouse! ■



- LIFE -

By F.G. Berg

Edited by his

Granddaughter Juanita
and Grandson Tim

Note from Juanita: My mother's father came to America, landing on Ellis Island in 1892 with his parents and 4 brothers. It was a hard life that they had to endure, in Germany and when they had to start over in a new country. We can only imagine their struggles, but they placed their devotion in God, and He led them through the dark days.

Thanks, Grandpa, for the testimony of faith and endurance you left behind!

"Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Psalms 90:12

Our life is of great importance. It has a purpose, it is valuable. We were created in His image, Gen. 2:7, "God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." He wants to be glorified through our lives, "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory." Isaiah. 43:7.

In this life we are subject to time. With giant leaps time leads us to eternity. Our life is limited, indefinite and insecure. Throughout David's writings, he spurs us on and encourages us to make the best of our time so that we may honor God. Our lives are in His hands.

David describes the inadequacy of man by comparing us to withered grass, a flower in the field, smoke, a hand, a shadow. "As for man, his days are like grass" Psalm 102:11; "As a flower of the field, so he flourishes." Psalm 103:15; "For my days are consumed like smoke." Psalm. 102:3; "My days are a handbreadth." Psalm 39:5; "Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away." Psalm 144:4; "My days are gone like a shadow" Psalm 102:11.

We have no promise of the future, we are strangers in this land. This present life is not our future goal. Our goal is beyond the grave, in Heaven or in Hell. Our destiny is the result of our own choices.

When we go on a journey, or we want to go on a trip, we also take precautions and preparations. We are travelers on this earth, on a pilgrimage from this time to eternity. We will be accountable for our life, for what we have done. We all have duties, tasks, and privileges; there is no time to waste. We are reminded that during this short duration, we must learn how to prepare for eternity, to prepare to meet our God. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not." Galatians 6:7-9

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Phil. 2:12

Our life here is the result of our own choices. It will be just what we make of it, whether successful or a failure, our future destiny will be the result of our own decisions. We can give our lives to Christ and settle our future destiny. Through His death on the cross, He gave us an opportunity to be blessed with a Heavenly destination.

David says in Psalm 25:4, Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths." Psalm 27:11, "Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies"

Now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2. "If you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." The long eternity is ahead of us, the main point is, are we ready?

God warns us through circumstances, sickness, illness, death, through His Word, through the Holy Spirit, through our conscience, through the preaching of the Word. The time of grace is limited, it does come to an end.

Paul says: "Quench not the Spirit" 1 Thess. 5:19. He loves you and is calling you. By postponing our answer, we risk finding a closed door. Then it will be too late. If we continually resist responding to His Spirit, the time may come when we will call, and He will not answer. ■

“I’m Right Here”

Elwynna Adcock



Where do I start.? The beginning? 86 years ago. How about this week? Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Bud and Elwynna (me) live in a community that God arranged for us, along with our daughter, Tammy, and our son-in-law, Randy. Long story! Anyway, Tammy comes into my room where I am still in bed, just waking up. She says “Mom, Dad just threw up. He’s having dry heaves and has 101° temperature. I called the VA hospital, and I am taking him there.” And she was gone.

I got up and showered, called my dear friend Sandra, and asked her to take me to the hospital. When I got there, Bud looked pretty bad. They had admitted him and started an IV. His face was swollen and red. His white blood count was around 14,000 and his left hip was hurting him a lot. He could hardly lay still. The doctors were talking about giving him some morphine. They all left the room to arrange an x-ray. His pain level was getting to be around nine or ten. Randy and I were sitting there praying and looking at him. What could we do?

I got up, walked over and put my hand on Bud’s forehead, and began to pray Jeremiah 30:17 from the Amplified Bible. “For I will restore health to you, and I will heal your wounds says the Lord because you called to me.” I got through the first prayer and started to repeat it. I looked up and said “God I know you were here.”

A few weeks ago, I was sitting in my worship chair in my blue room. This is a

place where I meet with God at times. (I wish I could say every morning, but not quite there yet.) As I sat there, I began to yell, “Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!” three or four times. When I stopped and listened, He said “I’m right here!” Well, as I was praying for Bud, I said “I know you were here, God.” I began to pray the scripture again. I got out a word or two and looked down at him and guess what? Sound asleep. Pain gone.

A little later, they came in to get Bud for an x-ray and we told them what happened. One of the nurses said “I’ll take you with me to all the rooms.” One second ago, he was hurting so much; now sound asleep. Nobody wanted to wake him to take him to x-ray; but finally, they did. His pain was gone and has not returned to this day. This is Friday and he is home on antibiotics and doing well.

Praise the Lord!
To God be the glory!

FAITH

F-orsaking

A-ll

I

T-ake

H-Him

GRACE

G-od

R-eaching

A-ll

C-Condemned

E-Everywhere

JESUS CHRIST

J-ust as true in all His ways

E-ternally the same

S-aving all who call on Him

U-nlocking every chain

S-howing light unto the blind

C-aring for the soul

H-aving great compassion

R-eaching down to those below

I-nviting whomsoever will come

S-haring life, by giving life

T-eaching all to love.



*In Memory
Nancy
Edwards
1940-2021*

by Juanita Coy

I am a better person in Christ because of this lovely lady and her husband, Paul. Their quiet, glowing, loving spirit has blessed me throughout my life.

Paul, Nancy and their family attended the church in West Frankfort where Dad pastored in the 70's. When he resigned as pastor there because of continuous heart problems, their family helped us move.

Paul brought Dad to Arkansas in the back of his station wagon. In the May-June 2016 issue of the Trumpet, I wrote concerning my personal thoughts about Paul and Nancy. She helped me share their story as well, of the sadness they had experienced: "In 2 months and one day we had lost 2 of our sons. I believe what mothers fear most is the loss of their child. I know I thought that I could not get through such a loss -- and on my own I could not. I can't explain this, but I felt as if someone was standing behind me with their arms wrapped around me, supporting me." (You can find it on the Seventh Trumpet website.) Paul was on dialysis for many years before he passed away in 2020. Throughout their struggles, they continued to share Jesus with everyone. I will never forget Nancy's beautiful voice as she sang "One Day at a Time" while I played the piano for her.

Please remember their daughter and son-in-law, Jane and David Watson, and son Daniel and the remainder of their family.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

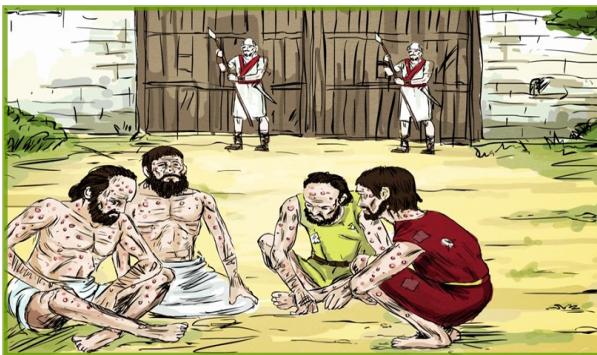
by Ila Mae Holloway-Jordan

Through the green pastures and through valleys dim
A shepherd is leading his sheep.
Through the heat and the cold, they follow him.
O'er paths that are rugged and steep.
One sheep is weary, wounded, and sore,
But he knows the shepherd is strong.
For when the journey is too much for him
He is lifted and carried along.

I too, little sheep, know that life can be sweet.
When the Shepherd is always ahead:
Tracing the path of His blood-stained feet
To follow wherever He lead.
When the path became rugged and too steep for me
I begged to stay with the throng...
But I didn't know how sweet it could be.
To be lifted and carried along.

He said, "The journey is too great for thee,"
But how could I stop and rest,
'Til in tender compassion He lifted me.
And told me to lean on His breast.
Soon I shall take up my journey again.
And my voice will be lifted in song.
But 'til then I'm content to lie still in His arms.
And be tenderly carried along.





"And there were four leprosy men at the entering in at the gate: and they said one to another, why sit we here until we die? If we say, we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us we shall but die." II Kings 7:3-4

A common misfortune had brought these men together: they all had leprosy. They ate and drank and lived together without any argument over what they believed about religion. One reason they could do this, is they all came together as men in need of God. When people gather in this need, it is natural to worship God together. Let's look at some truths revealed in this text. I noticed that these men all knew they were going to die, one way or the other. They never asked God to heal them, just feed them. Like most of us, they wanted to continue to live as long as they could. They weren't welcome in the city because of their leprosy. They couldn't come near anyone, anywhere, by law. All they got was food from the mercy of others, or the scraps off the ground to eat like animals. There was a great famine, and

the Samaritan residents were dying of starvation daily. The gates were blocked off, and guards were posted keeping the lepers out along with the Syrian army that was surrounding them. As the four men began to look at their situation, they said, "Why sit we here until we die?" Notice they said, "until we die." They knew they were going to die; they had been given a death sentence with their leprosy. They didn't want to just sit there and wait till death took them. What a message to those of us who are just about out of faith or at the end of our rope. We may feel there is no hope for us. As the Lord God lives, there is! God did not just make us randomly, he breathed life into us and gave us an eternal soul. We will exist millions of years from now. Have you ever thought what a blessing it is to wake up and have another day of life? God not only gives us life, but He also sustains our life until we return to Him.

In Philippians 3:10, Paul says he counted "all things but dung, that I might know Him and the power of His resurrection." He was talking about the things like his education and status in life, his accomplishments. He says when you put it all together, it means nothing without the

God of all life. The question is do you have any life in you? Is Jesus living in your heart? Is He your life and hope? Look at these lepers, they were in the middle of a battle between Israel and the Syrians. They didn't want to just sit there and die on the spot. They wanted to take a chance that somehow God would supply their need for food even when it appeared impossible. God is still working miracles on our behalf, day after every day He gives us. Not only did the lepers face a crisis, we do as well. I wonder why people go to services time after time, just sitting there in church doing nothing? When we enter the doors where we worship, we feel the place we sit is ours. To stay really alive, we must break out of the mold we are in and bring others to Christ. These lepers had to take a risk. They said let's go to the Syrian camp and seek food. If they kill us, we're going to die anyway. We're all going to die sooner or later, so let's march forward for God; take a risk and see others saved to please God. It takes faith to move into the unknown. Sometimes I have been like the man in Mark 9 "Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief. Lord, do something to help boost my faith." Notice these men went together. We can do together what we could never do apart. God is not the God of a divided church.

Let's look at some of the results these lepers harvested. When these men walked out on faith, God went before them. Philippians 3:9 "God will supply every need." As these lepers walked toward the Syrian camp, God made a noise that sounded like a great army, causing all the Syrians to run off, leaving everything behind, their animals, weapons, money, and food. The lepers went into one tent after another, gorged themselves, grabbed silver, gold, and clothing and hid it, then returned for more. When they took a risk and put their

faith in God, they found more than they could use. I have noticed in the day we live, a lot of people have a case of "small-itis", never wanting to grow, just be what they are and nothing more. If that is what God wants for you, well and good, but maybe God wants you to grow. Jump out and take a risk and see what God will do in your life.

Another area of life that requires faith is abundance. If you are going to invest in something, focus on eternal things. God doesn't need your money, He's well supplied. As we give and take it freely, with God directing us, He blesses and increases it. Notice how the lepers learned the miracle of sharing. They started out gluttonous and greedy, trying to stuff themselves and hoard their new-found wealth. They had way more than they needed. After realizing this, they went back and told the hungry people in the city about God's great work. When the Israelites followed them out to help retrieve the goods and bring them back to the city, miraculously no one caught leprosy. When God gives us something, it won't hurt us. Notice how He took the four most despised, impoverished people in town and used them in a great way. You may be saying "I can never do this thing or the other". Maybe you are limited, but God can still use you to bring forth a message of hope to your city, your town, and your congregation.

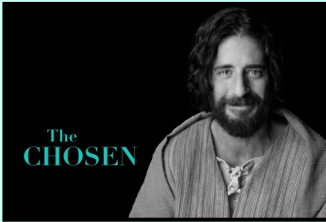
If you are willing to take a risk and decide to step out on faith once again, God will go before you, as He did these lepers.



"The Chosen"

A personal invitation for you to
listen and be drawn close.

Gail Stoddard



Perhaps the most extraordinary effect of "The Chosen" is that one cannot watch it without being led deeper into the Bible itself. A friend was quick to verify in scripture that Peter did indeed have a wife, as the movie portrays. I looked up in a Bible resource* the names Mark, Luke, John, and Nicodemus. The probable author of the second gospel was John Mark, an occasional associate of Peter and Paul who wrote Peter's account. John Mark assisted the disciples on the missionary trips by planning for travel, food, lodging and doing some teaching. Luke was a fellow laborer of the apostle Paul, and a physician by profession. The original 12 disciples were specifically chosen because the Lord, with His timeless vision, had a deep insight into their character. He knew they would serve His purpose of bringing the message of salvation to the world regardless of the self-denial and suffering true discipleship would exact.

The anguish the movie reveals upon Nicodemus' face at not accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him led me to the same respected source*. It contains an account of the Christian tradition holding that Nicodemus was baptized by Peter and John, suffered persecution

from hostile Jews, lost his membership in the Sanhedrin, and was forced to leave Jerusalem because of his Christian faith. This genuine searcher of truth proved Jesus' observation: "The human mind is drawn to the light."

And so are each of us as Jesus followers, carefully chosen. Oh, that we be ever mindful of our Christian influence upon the surrounding culture, faithfully drawing some into also following Him for whom our heart beats. Individually, and as a body, we keep built up and building out, remembering ultimately it is the Holy Spirit who chooses the Chosen.

Dallas Jenkins is a writer, surrendered to Jesus, on a mission of drawing the viewing world (two billion yet to be reached for Jesus) to the light. Each time you view "The Chosen" anew, consider yourself forever changed, for the Lord's creative genius knows no bounds. His relentless love takes us to new levels of His grace.

*Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Herbert Lockyer, Sr., General Editor, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1986

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THIS IS THE DAY

Sharon Hall



Do you remember Matthew 18:3?
If you do, you will know why this is a
really good message for each of us,
and for this and every day.

**GO LOOK IT UP; REFRESH YOUR
MEMORY!**

“Verily I say unto you,
Except ye be converted,
and become as little children,
ye shall not enter into the kingdom of
heaven.”

Our great-grand-daughter was here
a couple of days, and I am still finding
some of her left-behind hidden treas-
ures.

I found two of her "Care Bear" coins
hidden under the desk pad
here on my desk. She had
some "very important" work
to do at great-grandma's
desk... so she said!

Let me share the messages
from her coins left behind...



Care message from Cheer
Bear: "Care out loud, Say it, Show it,
Share it! Hug a friend to cheer them
up!"

Care message from Care Bears:
"Tell someone they inspire you!" You
will have to think about this one and be
ready to tell them how they inspire you
AND MEAN EVERY WORD!

As I go about my daily chores, I en-
joy finding these little treasures left
behind. Our LORD did tell us how we
must come to Him; in "simple faith,
believing and trusting in His Truth and
Love."

STOP whatever you are doing! Take
a moment to listen to our LORD as He
reminds you of HIS Love for you! HE
cares out loud, HE says it, shows it,
and shares it with each of us every day
and throughout the nights. He has
promised to never leave or forsake
those who come to HIM.

Let me leave you with a song to
sing... The older I get, the more I must
"Lean on HIM". So, I sing very loudly: "I
am leaning on the everlasting arms."

It is okay to sing **LOUDLY** -
I have my speakers turned off!



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