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We continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the  
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

## Destruction of Excuses

### A Message for Adults

Week of Sunday 2 July, 2017 A.D.  
(Anno Domini – In the year of our Lord)

Sunday 8 Tammuz, 5777

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- Jehovah blessed me, and kept me. Numbers 6: 24 KJV
- Jehovah made His face to shine upon me, and was gracious unto me. Numbers 6: 25 KJV
- Jehovah lifted up His countenance upon me.  
Numbers 6: 26 KJV
- Jehovah let peace rule my heart. Colossians 3: 15 KJV
- Monday, 12 June 2017, a day Jehovah made; I rejoiced and was glad in it. Psalm 118: 24 KJV
- In Jehovah, do I put my trust; let me never be

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ashamed: He delivers me in His righteousness.

Psalms 31: 1 KJV

- My bride had received news that another of her classmates had been called home, and the funeral service was immediately after visitation that Monday. My bride wanted to pay her respects so I drove her to the chapel. The loving remembrance for the classmate declared she had entered this life June 1954 and entered eternal life June 2017.
- *Whispers From Heaven* was her memorial:

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When I left this world without you  
I know it made you blue.  
Your tears fell so freely,  
I watched, I know this is true.

While you were weeping  
Days after I passed away  
While all was silent within me,  
I saw you kneel and pray.

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From this wonderful place called Heaven

Where all my pain is gone,

I send a gentle breeze to whisper,

"My loved ones, please go on."

The peace that I have found here

Goes far beyond compare.

No rain, no clouds, no suffering

Just love from everywhere.

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You need not be troubled  
Just stay close to God in prayer  
Someday we'll be reunited  
My love, His love surrounds you always,  
Everywhere!

- Might I walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1: 10 KJV

- By faith Abel offered a more excellent

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sacrifice, witness he was righteous, in respect of his gifts: though he was dead. Hebrews 11: 4 KJV

- Might all things be added to me when I seek first His kingdom, and righteousness.

Matthew 6: 33 KJV May my offering be pleasant unto Jehovah, in righteousness. Malachi 3: 3 KJV In gladness, blow the trumpets over my offerings, and sacrifices, memorial before Jehovah.

Numbers 10: 10 KJV A devout man, fears God with all his house, gives much alms and prays always, memorial before God. Acts 10: 2-4 KJV

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- Afterward, we traveled to visit my bride's sister, my sister-in-law. A recent widow, adjusting to life without her husband of 40+ years. She is kept company by immediate family. A daughter and son visit every weekend from out of state, while a granddaughter spends the summer with granny while completing her CNA. Honor widows indeed. If any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. Timothy 5: 3-4 KJV  
Praise the LORD!



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- My bride and I continued our journey, stopping in unannounced, to visit dear friends, husband and wife. Through family business I had known the husband since our teenage years. People benefitted from our efforts. We left our mark by the projects we helped construct. Our families have known each other as brothers and sisters in Christ many years. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.  
Proverbs 5: 18 KJV Declining health necessitated the wife, a nurse, to become his primary care giver.

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As young men, thou gird thyself, and walk whither thou would: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. John 21: 18 KJV My brother had recently fallen three times because of errant medication dosages and was bruised and battered. He walks a very careful path to balance the powerful medications adding days to his life. His path is fraught with labs to monitor medications, side effects; anxiety,

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depression, and diminished physical capability. The hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Acts 13: 11 KJV

- Having arrived home, my bride and I were fixing supper when our brother in Christ walked in. His family being sifted like wheat had been a wonder to us. His million dollar smile, warm embrace, and news that the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon

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them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His precepts to do them. Psalm 103: 17-18 KJV A young man being king and priest to his family brought rejoicing to our hearts.

- **Text:** Romans 10: 17 KJV

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- The scheme of this verse is faith and trust. The

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first objection is "You cannot call on God unless you believe in Him. You cannot believe in Him unless you hear about Him. You cannot hear about Him unless there is someone to proclaim the good news. There can be no one to proclaim the good news unless God commissions or dispatches someone to do so." Paul tells the Jews you cannot say there was no messenger; Isaiah describes these very messengers; and Isaiah lived a long time ago. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet

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of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Isaiah 52: 7-8 KJV Then Paul tells the Jews they did not accept and obey the good news from God, they were running true to form; history was repeating itself. Who hath believed

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our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Isaiah 53: 1 KJV

- Paul sets two things side by side; first everything is of God, and second, everything is of human choice. It is a dilemma of human experience and there is no resolution to it. We know that God is behind everything; and yet, at the same time, we know that we have free will, and that we can accept or reject the offer of God.
- Bringing good news I want everyone to drink it

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in. Yet, we all know that you can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.

*You are invited to join us!*

*We continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

*We study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.*