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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer TRUANT

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- Why was Jesus raised from the dead?
To make you alive, you were dead through your trespasses and sins, wherein you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now works in sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 2: 1-2 ASV

- Few Christians have tried to raise the dead, though it was a command from Jesus. Twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged them, saying, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the

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lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give. Matthew 10: 5 & 8 ASV

- The thief comes that he may steal, and kill, and destroy. John 10: 10 ASV
- Scripture provides detailed resurrection testimony.
- Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in, and shut the door upon them, and prayed unto Jehovah. He lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon

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his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: he stretched himself upon him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. The child sneezed seven times, and he opened his eyes. II Kings 4: 32-35 ASV

- Jesus was by the sea, one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; said, my little daughter is at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay hands on her, that she may be made whole, and live. Mark 5: 21-23 ASV
- As Paul discoursed, a certain young man named Eutychus, borne down with deep sleep;

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fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him. Make no ado; life is in him. He broke bread and ate. They brought in the lad **alive**. Acts 20: 9-12 ASV

- The key is knowing God's will about whom to raise from the dead. Resurrection is unique to our faith and can not be explained away. In the world of emergency medicine management of cardiac arrest or drowning manifests the resurrection protocol. Some have faith their

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salvation is eternal and not everyone wants this protocol. The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and greater works than these will he show him, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth the dead and giveth them life, even so the Son also giveth life to whom he will. For neither doth the Father judge any man, but he hath given all judgment unto the Son; that all may honor the

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Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life.

John 5: 19-24 ASV

- **Text:** Matthew 24: 3-6 ; 11-14; 21-24 ASV

As Jesus sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be

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the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Jesus answered them, take heed that no man lead you astray. Many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray. Many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. Because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that endureth to the end, shall be saved. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for testimony unto all nations; for then shall be great tribulation. Such has not been from the beginning of the

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world until now, nor ever shall be. For the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, here is the Christ, believe it not. False Christs, and false prophets, shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray. If possible, even the elect. And then shall the end come.

- **Text:** Luke 16: 22-31 ASV

It came to pass, the beggar died, and was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom [paradise]. The rich man died and was

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buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. He cried, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame. Abraham said, Son, remember you in thy lifetime received good things, and Lazarus evil things: but now here he is comforted, and thou art in anguish. Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they that would pass from hence to you may not be able,

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and that none may cross over from thence to us. And he said, I pray father, that thou would send him to my father's house; I have five brethren; that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham said, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. Nay, father Abraham: if one go to them from the dead, they will repent. If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead.

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- **Text:** Revelation 11: 3-14 ASV

Two witnesses, shall prophesy a thousand two hundred threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth. Fire proceedeth out of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; if any man shall desire to hurt them, in this manner must he be killed. These have the power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every

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plague, as often as they shall desire. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that cometh up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do men look upon their dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. And they that dwell on the earth rejoice

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over them, and make merry; and they shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. After the three days and a half the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them that beheld them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in

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the earthquake seven thousand persons: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second Woe is past: the third Woe cometh quickly.

- **Text:** Revelation 20: 4-6 ASV

I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a

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thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

- Many resurrections have been prophesied. You know these are the will of God.

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- **Text:** II Thessalonians 3: 6-16 ASV
- Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which they received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labor and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you: not because we

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have not the right, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you, that ye should imitate us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. And if any man obeyeth not our word by this epistle, note that man, that ye have no

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company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. And yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

- Some of the church of God at Thessalonica took a wrong attitude of the Second Coming.
- Paul is addressing those that had given up work, abandoned everyday routine, waiting for Christ to return.
- The greek word translated disorderly means to play truant, as in an apprentice's contract in

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which the father agrees that his son must make good any days on which he absents himself from duty or plays truant.

- The situation exists in school attendance today.
- Thessalonians in their excited idleness were truant from duty and labors of discipleship.
- The Hebrew nation glorified work by the proverb; "He who does not teach his son a trade teaches him to steal."
- Paul was trained as a Rabbi and Jewish law

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laid down that a Rabbi take no pay for teaching.

- Jesus, carpenter of Nazareth, made ox yokes.
- The Hebrew believed a scholar lost something when he became so academic and withdrawn from life he forgot how to work with his hands.
- Paul builds on the proverb quoting the golden rule of work; "If a man refuses to work neither let him eat."
- Those who disregard instruction cause disorder, and must be dealt with by the community.

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- They are not to be dealt with as enemies; they are to be advised as brothers.

Proper admonition when others err: an aged man should be entreated as a father, younger men as brethren, aged women as mothers, and younger with the pure feelings one has for a sister. I Timothy 5:1-2 ASV

No accusation was to be received, unless it was sustained by two or three witnesses.

I Timothy 5:19 ASV

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No one guilty was to be spared. All who sinned were to be publicly rebuked. I Timothy 5:20 ASV

- When Christian discipline is necessary it is to be given not in anger, still less in contempt; it is always to be given in love.
- The Second Thessalonian Epistle begins with praise and ends with a warning. Paul urging them to keep calm, to mind their own business, and go on working with their hands.
- He told them in effect, the best way Jesus Christ could come upon them was that He find

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them quietly, efficiently and diligently doing their daily job.

- The thought that Jesus Christ will someday come, that life as we know it will end, is not reason for stopping work; it is reason for working all the harder and all the more faithfully.
- It is not hysterical and useless waiting but quiet and useful work which will be man's passport to the kingdom.
- Commend Christianity by the diligence of life.

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A tree is known by its fruits; when we prove we are better workmen, truer friends, kinder men and women, we demonstrate Christianity is the best of all faiths and produces the best of all men. Our duty is not to draw from community but to add to community.

- There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shores the children play, as

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children played when our Lord was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surfaces when He spoke His parables. And on a rolling plane not far away He fed five thousand people. The River Jordan gives this sea life with sparkling water from the hills. Men build their homes near to it; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

- The River Jordan flows south into another sea. Here there are no fish, no fluttering leaf, no song birds, no children's laughter. Travelers

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choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy over the water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.

- What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan! It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie! It is the same. This is the difference! The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the water from the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another comes out. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income

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jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

General Creighton Abrams, Commander in Chief Armed Forces in Vietnam

*You are invited to join us
Sunday morning we gather to celebrate the
Lord's Supper and worship at 10:00 am.*