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THE ICE CREAM CONE

A Michigan woman and her family were vacationing in a small New England town where Paul Newman and his family often visited.

One Sunday morning, the woman got up early to take a long walk. After a brisk five-mile hike, she decided to treat herself to a double-dip chocolate ice cream cone.

She hopped in the car, drove to the center of the village and went straight to the combination bakery/ice cream parlor.

There was only one other patron in the store: Paul Newman, sitting at the counter having a doughnut and coffee.

The woman's heart skipped a beat as her eyes made contact with those famous baby-blue eyes.

The actor nodded graciously and the star struck woman smiled demurely.

Pull yourself together! She chided herself. You're a happily married woman with three children, you're forty-five years old, not a teenager!



The clerk filled her order and she took the double-dip chocolate ice cream cone in one hand and her change in the other. Then she went out the door, avoiding even a glance in Paul Newman's direction.



When she reached her car, she realized that she had a handful of change but her other hand was empty.

Where's my ice cream cone? Did I leave it in the store? Back into the shop she went, expecting to see the cone still in the clerk's hand or in a holder on the counter or something! No ice cream cone was in sight.

With that, she happened to look over at Paul Newman. His face broke into his familiar, warm, friendly grin and he said to the woman, "You put it in your purse."

◆ *Received from Jim Sparks*

WHO IS RICH?

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

◆ *Received from Kathleen Mulkins*

THE MOUSE TRAP

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?", the mouse wondered.

He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house!"

There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap . . . Alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey.



The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. But, alas, the farmer's wife did not get well, she died.

So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon. And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember --- When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT) *Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.*

◆ *Received from Mary Noland*

GOD'S WIFE

An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, "My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!"

"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes.

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, you will be more comfortable now."

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face with tears in his eyes, asked her, "Are you God's wife?"

◆ *Receive from Marlina Mulkins*

ONALASKA'S HAPPENINGS

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
 EVENING SERVICE 5:00 PM

MONDAYS

"JACOB'S DOZEN"
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
 2:00 PM

TUESDAYS

AL-ANON MEETING
 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY
 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

LADIES LUNCHEON
 12:00 NOON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

REST HOME SUNDAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

OCYC NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

AMERICAN LEGION
 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER

21st

SENIORS ON THE GO
 12:00 NOON

PNA EVENTS

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN
CONNECTION RETREAT**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 16th & 17th
 AT DOUBLE K CHRISTIAN
 RETREAT CENTER,
 EASTON, WASHINGTON

THE BALL GAME

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League base ball game that was being played in a park

near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

"We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile.



"Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face...

"Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

◆ *Received from Marlena Mulkins*



A good day for rice. The recipe said wash thoroughly before steaming the rice. It seemed kind of silly but I took a bath anyway...I can't say it improved the rice any.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

On Sunday, October 9th, we will be holding our Annual Business Meeting following the Morning Service. We will be electing Council Members, Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Head Usher, PNA Representative and Alternant PNA Representative. We are still looking for those who are willing to serve in these positions. If you are willing to serve please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee; Stan Bushnell, Jack Elefritz or Don Smoots.

ONALASKA FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

We will also be asking for the approval of the Congregation to begin aggressively pursuing the building of a new church on Leonard Road.



THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Bob Gass Ministries:

"The greatest power you have over anyone who hurts you; is the power of forgiveness. When you say, "I forgive, and no longer hold it against you", both sides are set free from the negative bond that exists between them.

But there's more; we also free ourselves from the burden of being the "offended one". As long as we don't forgive those who've wounded us we take them with us, or worse, carry them like an albatross around our neck. One of our great temptations is to cling in anger to our enemies, then define ourselves as being wounded by them.



Forgiveness, therefore, not only liberates the other party, it liberates us too. It's the way to true freedom. Now, forgiving doesn't always mean forgetting. Though we forgive somebody, the memory of what they did might stay with us a long time. We can carry it in our emotions as a scar, or even in our bodies as a physical sign. But forgiveness changes how we remember. It turns the curse into a blessing. When we forgive our parents for their divorce, our children for their

lack of love, our friends for their unfaithfulness in time of need, our counselors for their bad advice, or our boss for treating us unfairly, we no longer have to experience ourselves as the victims of events over which we have no control. Forgiveness allows us to take back our power and not let the events embitter, limit, or destroy us."

◆ *Receive from Kathleen Mulkins*

TWO FROGS

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead.

The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump out of the pit with all of their might. The group of frogs kept telling them to stop because they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The second frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out.

You see this frog was deaf, unable to hear what the others were saying.



He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches a lesson...."You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say. What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words" (Proverbs 18: 20-21).

There is the power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift him up and help him make it through the day. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill his joy. Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path.

◆ *Received from Joe Downs*



Psalm 57:1 *Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.*

Psalm 91:4 *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

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Last month's winners of candy bars, were Ruth Bushnell, Kathleen Mulkins a friend of Kathleen's, Betty Collier. They come up with the correct answer. The answer is found in the fourth chapter of Second Kings and is Elisha and the Shunammite woman.

Here is this month's quiz.

God called me out and told me to go

Anoint three men that you should know.

Two to be kings and one was not

The hand of judgment was their lot.

*I was to anoint them one day,
The farmer I anointed right away.*

God told me of the judgment they would bring,

One a farmer and the other two as king.

*Now in the book you will see,
Two were anointed but not by me.*

One was anointed by my servant you know

And with the anointing his tears did flow.

My servant's servant anointed the other man

He told him to run away as fast as he can.

Now all four names I need to know

If in your hand a candy bar would go.

GLADYS DUNN

Gladys Dunn recently moved to a retirement community in a small town. One beautiful Sunday morning she walked to the church not far from her apartment. She was in awe of the lovely structure, as well as music from the choir. She wasn't too impressed, however, with the sermon. She thought it was rather uninspiring, and as she looked around the church, she noticed many of the parishioners nodding off.



When the reverend finished he encouraged the congregation to greet those sitting next to them. Gladys turned toward the man on her left, who had fallen asleep and was stretching trying to wake up. He smiled at her, and Gladys returned the smile.

She politely offered her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn."

"You and me both!" the man replied.

◆ Received from James Sparks

NEEDING A PUSH

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door.

The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" Comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing set," replied the drunk.

