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God, my heavenly Father, my Dad, mine everything

By Ute Galloway

Over the last couple of weeks, as I am sitting in the Truth Project and am learning once again to look at the Bible and know that it is as plain as day (not a book which needs a lot of explanations or formulas) I found myself getting closer to my Dad, as in my heavenly Father. What an incredible experience it was last week as I was sitting in our Dome rental in the Busick, NC mountains reading through our Bible study material in the morning that the same feeling was driven home again. WOW, that is My Dad!

We were reading in Josh Mc Dowell's Youth Devotions on May 29th entry, which made me sit up and then repeated it to my husband who had the same reaction as I did, "Wow that is cool!"

The scripture reference, which went with this reading, is Genesis 2: 7

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

While you think about the above statement, we all have read it many times, let me show you what Josh Mc Dowell's words showed my family, and hold on to your socks, for sometimes it takes a different perspective to really get it.

Two Angels sat in the heavens their legs dangling over the edge of the firmament, as God began his work of creation.

They watched God separate the waters into clouds and oceans "Ooh" said the first angel "Aah," said the second. Then, as they watched, God caused dry land to arise out of the oceans. Next, the bushes and banana trees arose. Then, God flung the sun and the moon into place and spattered the sky with stars. The angels clapped and cheered.

The display in the heavens was hardly finished when the voice of God thundered, monkeys climbing and bees buzzing. Then God's voice thundered again, and the second angel pointed. The first angel's gaze followed the direction of the gesture. There, in the lush garden God had created, particles of dirt and dust were swirling together... into the form of a man.

Suddenly, the second angel bolted upright with a jolt. "Did you see that?" "See what?" the first angel asked. "You were in my way!" "HE -He breathed into it! He breathed the breath of life into His new creation. He breathed his own life, His own spirit, into the man!"

The two angels looked at each other, their eyes wide with amazement. The first angel swallowed loudly. "Wow," they said in unison.

This is pretty awesome. God gave to us humans something He gave to no other part of his creation: He made us in His image and gave us each a spirit that is like His own spirit, In fact, that's why God values our life so highly, because He is the source of the life that is in every human being on earth.

And if God values your life – and all human life—so much, we should honor it and respect it too

So what do you think about our Heavenly Father now? I know what I am thinking - WOW!

It showed my family how important we really are to Him, not just a creation, but to give us His spirit. He bent over and breathed Life into us, a handful of dust! If He loves us so much to do that, how can we show Him our love? Think about that.

Fathers

Sent in by David Seeley

What can I say to fathers? I have no clue how to be a father. I don't have any children. I guess I can look at my dad as a good example. He was a loving and supportive father. He provided for the house. He did all the things that dads do around the house, but he was still a man. He surely was not perfect and made his share of mistakes. I have to turn to my heavenly Father for my example.

One thing that my heavenly Father put on my heart is the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. You can read the story Jesus said, but I'm going to change it a little for this letter's purpose. The father had a son. He was a faithful son and tried to please the father. The son had life and tragedies happen to him. He became very bitter and angry with the father, so bitter that he began to hate his father. Murder begins in the heart and if you hate someone you are in danger of judgment, read Matthew 5:21-26. The son ran into a far place, far away from the father, so he thought. The son did everything to spite the father. He intentionally set out to break the father's rules.

The son lived this way for some years. He was having fun in his sin. However when the son was alone at night and the fun was over for the day, his heart was hurt and empty. He did not have the peace that passes all understanding, the joy that he only got from being in the father's presence, or that connection with the source of his life. His heart was stone cold.

After some time, the emptiness was overwhelming to the son. He wanted that connection to his source of life, which was his father. The father tried to communicate with the son, but the son ignored him because he felt he could not come back. No matter how much the father told him he could. He could not bring himself to the father because of how dirty and shameful he was. Finally, after sometime the son realized that it was better in his father's house than in a place far from the father.

The son began to return to the father's house and the father saw him even when he was still far away and he came running to his son. The father embraced the son, loved on him, and cleaned the dirt off him. The father gave his son his peace, joy, and reconnected that lifeline. The father knew that he had a lot of work ahead of him with changing his son's stone cold heart, but he was willing and able to do it. He was happy because his son was dead and now is alive.

Focus on one verse, "But when he [the son] was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." (Luke 15:20) This is the only place in the entire Bible that God is depicted as running. God does not have to run to anything, but he runs to the sinner. He then shows the sinner His love and His compassion. "But the father [God] said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15:22-24) This is my example of how to be a father, with unconditional love.

If you don't know the Father or you have run away to do your own thing. Come to Him. He is not angry, He loves you and wants to clean you up and put the ring on your hand and the sandals on your feet. He is looking for you because He wants to run to you and give you His peace, joy, and the connection to the source of life. Ask the person sitting in front of you to pray with you, they will do it because the Father came running to them at one time or another.

From a Father who has lost his child

By Butch Heitling

Jill and I got married in 1973 and we had our two kids Zachary in 1976 and Rebecca in 1980. This is the story about Rebecca.

Rebecca was born with a rare birth defect of her thyroid, which was disconnected from the pituitary gland. The good thing was, that in 1980 it was mandatory to have your children TSH tested. This is how we even found out that there was a problem, and Rebecca was put on Synthroid to help to correct the problem with medication.

At that time, we ended up taking her to a Doctor in Tampa, who had four children he was working with. They spread the hard cases out all over the state and our doctor was in

Tampa. Rebecca was the only child he was not able to cure. We felt very frustrated; however, we also were happy that the problem was caught in time so she did not undergo any deformity or mental retardation.

Things were going good until Rebecca turned 14 years old. She started not being able to keep her food down, and she started to exercise extremely. She turned anorexic; this is what started our first journey with her to Georgia. We took her to an eating disorder clinic and we stayed there for three months. The entire time we ended up fighting with the insurance company, because they did not want to pay for the stay or the treatment. They called it a mental not a physical illness, hence it was not covered.

We kept her there as long as we could afford it, then we had to bring her home. She continued to decline. When we brought her home, we thought we could handle it ourselves, but we could not. In 1994 when she was in seventh grade, we took her down to South Florida. Jill had found this clinic in south Florida, where we all underwent some major counseling, teaching us how to handle the situation and how to help her. However, the clinic was not able to help her either; we also had to continue to raise money to keep taking her to these different clinics. That is when we told her story in the Lake County news papers, and out of this the company I worked for at the time ended up paying for the stay up in Canada. The problem was that the Canadian Clinic was fighting to stay open, since the government worked on shutting them down.

Now Rebecca was 18 – 19 years old when we had to bring her back home. We tried to get her into other clinics, but without money they turned us away. Rebecca passed away at the age of twenty.

I am telling you this story, so that any other Dad out there who has a child who is really sick remembers a few very important things: First, God still loves you, He will be there for you no matter what.

Secondly, remember that you still have to take care of other things in your life, and if you do have them that there are other children in your life who need you as well.

Finally, remember God is still smiling at you; you are not alone. My thanks go out to George and Corrie and the McCory's. Without their grief counsel we would never made it.

God thank you for watching over me and that you will do this for every Dad who has gone through or may have to go through what I had did.

Something to Think about

By Ron Richardson

Genesis 1:26 “And God said, ‘Let Us form man in Our own image...’”

As you may know, I am working on a translation of Genesis from the Septuagint Greek text. A couple months ago the Tuesday morning men’s Bible study discussed the image of God. Some of us left with no clearer idea than we had when we arrived (speaking at least for myself). When I came to this verse I was compelled to study the image of God because I felt it is necessary to footnote such a topic.

The results of this study did not fit the mold of contemporary theology that believes the body is part of the image. I quote Dwight M. Pratt on "The Inward Man", with whom I agree, "Briefly stated, it is mind, soul, spirit—God's image in man—man's higher nature, intellectual, moral, and spiritual."

In order to further define "What is the image of God?" first let's consider, "What is a soul?"

Hebrew, *Nephesh* modified by *chay* or *chaim* (pl.) is translated living soul, or living creatures. Both words mean created things, beings, or creatures; both are applied to either animals or man without distinction. *Chay* is an adjective while *nephesh* is a noun. They both refer to living or life.

The distinction between animals and man (human beings), comes from the words of God, "Let Us make man in Our image." This distinction is not the soul, itself. The soul is what makes each individual of a species distinct from others of its own kind. We do not mark this distinction in wild animals that we do not view closely, but we can see individualistic preferences and behaviors in domestic animals. How our pets interact with their human owners, other humans, and other animals make up part of what we call personality. The nature of a man exists in his soul. Adam was created with a sinless, perfect nature.

Animals have individual tastes and preferences, dominance, or a place in the pecking order, just as humans do. What sets us apart is complex, and yet simple at the same time. The soul of man is imprinted with God-like desires as well as animalistic desires. We abhor evil whether it befalls ourselves, mankind, or the animal world.

But that alone does not prevent us from perpetrating evil. God has also given us a mind impressed with a conscience to govern our actions. Animals act instinctively, man acts by reason. The mind governs our abilities: our ability to think, learn, and retain knowledge, wisdom, and understanding; our talents and abilities to work and produce something of value; and our abilities to communicate and to teach what we have learned to others.

The mind and the soul overlap in the emotions and in respect to self-awareness. We can prioritize our desires. The mind can govern the emotions, and soulish desires can be brought under the control of the mind, at least temporarily. When under the control of God's Spirit, our spirit can do a much better job of this than our mind can do.

The third part of us that defines man is that spirit, which God created within us. Before the fall of Adam, this spirit was in close communion with God on a daily basis. After the fall, the spirit within man died and lost the ability to communicate with God as He designed it. We say we are born with a dead spirit because it requires regeneration, or rebirth, to regain the possibility of communicating with God. This second birth is what Jesus refers to in John chapter 3, as he talks with Nicodemus. We call rebirth being born again, and salvation because it also saves us from eternal punishment for sin, separating us eternally from God in the Lake of Fire we call Hell. It is also deliverance from the power of sin in this present life.

Our spirit is ungoverned by God's law from the time we are conceived until we turn over control of our life to God. In this respect our spirit is our life. For our entire life we will be unable to follow God's law in the way He requires. But when we turn control of our life over to God, His Holy Spirit comes to live within our bodies with our spirit, and enables us to live a life that is pleasing in His eyes.

It is the union of these three, the mind, the soul, and the spirit of a human being, that make up the true individual of our species, the inner man. The body merely houses the true human being. After our bodies die, a spirit that has experienced the second birth gives life to the soul, and the mind continues to function apart from and without the limitations of the capacity of the brain. This three part union is what is meant by the image of God, and the complexity of the union is what makes it so difficult to understand. Another thing that can add to our confusion is that this inner being is sometimes, but not always referred to as the heart of man.

Since these areas of our nature are bound so closely together that they overlap, one sometimes is referred to as the other. This is

especially noticeable in the use of the word heart in the Bible. Sometimes it means mind, sometimes soul, and sometimes spirit rather than all three. This is a good thing in that it helps us understand the nature of God more easily. God is one Being in that He is of one mind, He is one Spirit, yet has three distinct personalities. He has the Father personality, the personality of the Son, and that of the Holy Spirit who comes to live within each believer. These three are so closely united that in some instances they share the same name of God. In the Hebrew there are both singular and plural names for the one true God.

We call this unity of the three personalities as one God, the Trinity. The ancient theologians called God a Tri-Parte Being, which has a wrong implication. It may help to understand this unity better by saying He is a Triunity. Each of His three natures exist totally, independently, and undiminished as God, whereas the three parts of our being cannot do so. Each of these members of the Trinity also exist together as one God without gaining any attributes that any member of this Triunity possessed individually.

So then in the creation of man, we have the first picture of what God is like. When Moses recorded Genesis Chapter One, he was not dreaming up a God who would appear to have the image of man. Rather, God through Moses revealed that He allowed, in His infinite love and wisdom, for one of His own creation to bear His image.

Our Father's Heart

Send in by Ruben

It was the month of August 2005. I had turned my back on God. I was trapped in an addiction to a drug that I could call the worst out in the streets "ICE". My addiction had cost me the loss of all I had including the relationship with my family. I had reached the point of giving up on life. Well, having no one to turn to, I cried out to God for help. Three days later I was arrested and brought to the Lake County Jail where I was blessed to hear God's Word through volunteers like Ken, Gary, Lowell, Scott, Vince, Tom, Judi, and the encouraging words that Chaplain Pete Bandstra shared with me. After attending many services, being taught of my position in Christ, and through these brothers and sisters I was able to stand firm on the day I got sentenced to 25 years in prison. I thank God for the loving concern of these volunteers.

I was able to put all my confidence in my Savior Jesus Christ. I was able to hold fast to a few words that Chaplain Pete told me before I went to prison. "Ruben, it is an honor to be able to go into a mission field where we can't go." It was these words that God gave me that have helped me overcome many hard times and be able to help others on the way. Upon my arrival at my assigned permanent correctional institution I was blessed to have met Chaplain Ronald Evans, a man of God that has truly been there for me in times of trouble. Soon after I was given the opportunity to work as a Chapel Clerk at the prison's Chapel where I was blessed to continue a discipleship training course from Evangelism Explosion International. It was a ministry that I was encouraged to enroll in while at the Lake County Jail. I am grateful to be a member and trainer in discipling other men. Due to this foundation in Christ, I have been able to lead others to Christ. I have also been able to make wise decisions – like enrolling in education to get my High School diploma. I am also involved in the Law Clerk Certification program to develop skills I desire to use once I am released from prison.

I have much to be thankful for, but most of all I would like to say that I am very thankful for the mentoring of all the volunteers at the Lake County Jail, as well as my family in Christ here in prison like: Chaplain Skipper, Rob, Shayne, Prince, McKenzie, and sister Oliver who have helped me in reference to the Bible, which is something that has greatly strengthened my faith. Without this it would have been very difficult for me to accomplish or even get close to where I am today. It has been very helpful for me as I learned to face my daily tasks with a positive attitude. Considering my circumstances this has been a real blessing. I would like to say that in the past my lack of self esteem and personal insecurity were a problem to my dysfunction in society. Not having an education or any particular interest in helping myself, or others, hurt me terribly. The help that these Godly men and women have given me may not mean much to anybody else but it has made a world of difference in the way I perceive things. Their support has truly motivated me through my recovery. Their honest and Godly manner of communication is truly a life-changing experience that affected my life. I thank God for Sheriff Borders and Major Maas for allowing volunteers to come in and make a difference in our lives. But most of all I would like to categorically thank God for the men and women that are providing a way (through prayers and donations) for Chaplain Pete to continue in the Lake County Jail and Prison Ministry. Thank you very much. You truly are a blessing.

"If there existed only one man or woman who did not love the Savior, and if that person lived among the wilds of Siberia, and if it were necessary that all the millions of believers on the face of the earth should journey there, and every one of them plead with him to come to Jesus before he could be converted, it would be well worth all the zeal, labor and expense. If we had to preach to thousands year after year, and never rescued but one soul, that one soul would be full reward for all our labor, for a soul of countless price." (Charles H. Spurgeon)

This man was me, and I am very thankful for your help. Thank you for not giving up on me. I am now going on my fourth year in prison and I am very blessed to say that I have been able to share my faith with my family members and restore broken relationships of the past. Since I got sentenced the Lord has blessed me with reducing five years of my sentence. So I now have a 20 year sentence and I am very grateful to say that if it would take the Lord the rest of my sentence to prepare me to bring one more person to Christ it would be very well worth it.

Though I know I can't go back and make a brand new start, I can start from now and make a brand new ending. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him" Job 13:15. In Jesus Name!

My Dad

Send in by John P. Salamon

Upon my mother's death in 1964, I was 10 years old and prayed to my Heavenly Father for 23 years that my earthly father would accept the Lord and be at peace with himself. My father was a hard working , rough sort of a man who had some issues(who does not?) I always loved my dad unconditionally even through the tough times. I was 33 years old when dad's health dictated he needed more attention, in short , he came to Florida to live! After a couple challenging weeks we found a nursing home perfect for Dad. As Dad struggled with why he was still around - what was his purpose, it became clear the owner of the rest home and still great friend Jim Pegg led my Dad to the LORD! A changed man who finished living out a peaceful life. A truly wonderful ending for us as I know my earthly dad is just fine with my Heavenly Father! It is my hope that if you need help with anything go to your heavenly FATHER in prayer .

Happy Father's Day

Terrorist groups operating in churches (Could you be one of them?)

Sent in by Diane Treen

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Osama Bin Satan, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have also been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

Which cell group do you belong to?

Prayer is the best way to draw strength from Heaven!!

Prayer Corner

Sent in by Eileen Johnson

And when you pray say, "Our Father which art in heaven..."

Heavenly Father, I praise You that You are a God who is love. There is no love so gracious and measureless as the sacrificial love that You showed in sending Your Son to die for the sins of the whole world. Though I will never fully understand that kind of selfless love, my heart rejoices and I will be forever grateful. Thank You for the gift of salvation through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, I ask You to forgive me for the times I have doubted Your love. Please forgive me when I withhold Your love from others and wound their spirits. I am so sorry. Thank You for forgiving me.

Heavenly Father, I intercede for those who do not know You as their Heavenly Father. May they experience Your unconditional love and realize that they are a sinner and need a Savior. I pray that they will know how deep and wide, how strong and enduring is Your personal love for them. May they

know complete forgiveness--that there is nothing they could ever do that would take Your love from them. May they find their greatest joy and fulfillment in Your love. Help them see that Your love is changeless and eternal.

Thank You for being My Heavenly Father. I ask these things in the Mighty Name of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

From: [Prayers from a Mom's Heart](#) by Fern Nichols, pp. 14-17.

Part of the lyrics from "The Love of God", sung by Mercy Me.

Sent in by Cheryl Blake

Could we with ink the ocean fill

And were the skies of parchment made

Were every stalk on earth a quill

And every man a scribe by trade

To write the love of God above

Would drain the ocean dry

Nor could the scroll contain the whole

Though stretched from sky to sky

Floor Plan of Our Spiritual House

Sent in by Eileen Johnson

Taken from [The Great House of God](#) and [Experiencing the Heart of Jesus](#) pp. 185-207.

Both books are by Max Lucado.

Observatory (A Heavenly Affection)

Our Father who art in heaven,

Our Father is in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy Name

The resources of heaven belong to God to deal with our problems.

The God who created the heavens is able to answer our prayers.

God wants to be your dwelling place—your home.

The Throne (Touching the King's Heart)

Thy Kingdom come.

God is moved by the sincerity of our prayers.

We are really God's children.

Pray for God to occupy every corner of your life.

We have access to God's throne.

We have the privilege of making our requests to God.

The Furnace (Because someone prays)

Thy will be done,

God responds to the requests we bring him. **On earth as it is in heaven.**

Prayer doesn't hold a secondary role—it is essential.

The power of God is triggered by prayer.

You can talk to God because God listens.

Your prayers move God to change the world.

The Kitchen (God's Abundant Table)

Give us this day our daily bread

Don't be afraid to ask.

(daily provision)

God is committed to caring for our needs.

And forgive us our debts

Proper prayer reveals God to us.

As we have forgiven our debtors;

We are urged to talk to God (daily cleansing) about the necessities of life.

And lead us not into temptation

There is no menu in life.

But deliver us from evil

We must accept what comes (daily protection) with trust and thanks.

The Chapel (Relying on God's Power)

For Thine is the Kingdom

The pronoun is ***Thine not mine.***

And the power

Prayer teaches us to depend on God.

And the glory forever.

God wants us to begin and end our prayers

Amen. thinking of Him.

In worship, we take our mind off ourselves and set it on God.

Get to know me

By Ute Galloway



Suan Rohrdanz

Sitting in the Truth Project on Monday night, I felt disappointed that the interview I wanted to have with Dottie Freeman was not going to happen, until all of a sudden I realized that the interview God wanted me to do was not with Dottie at this time, but He wanted me to talk with Suan.

Ute: How long have you been coming to Trinity? I know it is a two parter?

Suan: We were here from the beginning for ten years, and we just returned to Trinity last year, in May 2008.

Ute: Why did you leave?

Suan: We left mostly to escape the turmoil going on. This was before Pastor Dave. We needed to get our kids grounded before they headed to college.

Ute: What made you come back to Trinity?

Suan: God, He opened the door for us to return to Trinity. We absolutely love it here, it was like coming home after a long time being gone. We had been at a church for nine years, but we could no longer stand by with the doctrine they were teaching, we had dealt with it as long as we could. The Lord opened up the door for us to return to Trinity, we came home!

Ute: You have been back for a year. How long did it take you before you started to work again for the Lord in Trinity?

Suan: We started our Sunday morning ABF in January 2009, before that we did the Truth Project in our home during the summer of 2008.

Ute: You teach the precept studies?

Suan: I have been teaching Precept studies for twenty-five years.

Ute: What got you started on that?

Suan: Barbara Christie, brought precept to our church at the Methodist church, it was then that I realized that I was not saved. I was always a good girl, I grew up in the church, I had a relationship with God, however I did not have one with Jesus Christ. It was through the precept class that Trinity was born. We needed more than just prayer books, I got so excited because I was learning the truth. That is what got me to start teaching, I felt very burdened to reach the people who, like me sat in church every Sunday but had no relationship with Christ. Because I had been there, I need to make sure that I can open the doorway for other Christian to walk through, because the only way you can get a relationship with Christ is to study His word. I am in love with the God of the Word.

Ute: Do you remember what precept study got you saved?

Suan: The gospel of John, it was then that I understood what He had done for me. My salvation came with that study, Christ's walk on earth, His crucifixion, and the sacrifices He made for me. Through that I realized that God gave me the gift of teaching, I went immediately following the class into precept training and I have been teaching ever since, The biggest thing I try to teach is that you need to walk in such a way that other people see the truth of Christ living in you. Your life can be so peaceful if you let the Lord lead you.

Ute: What is your favorite precept study?

Suan: Philippians, gospel of John, and Romans; however, the book of Philippians changed my life.

Ute: Is there a special passage, which stands out to you in Philippians?

Suan: No, it is the whole book of Philippians

Ute; Can you think of a scripture or passage which really spoke to you?

Suan: **Philippians 1:10:** ¹⁰*so that you may approve what is excellent and so be pure and blameless^d for the day of Christ,*

Philippians 2:5: ^{5(A)} Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,^(a)

Philippians 3:18: ¹⁸*For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.*

Philippians 4:6-7: ⁶ *do not be anxious about anything^d but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And^d the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Ute: Was there an obvious change in you, what made even Fred notice it?

Suan: There was not a drastic change, in my behavior but a big change in my heart. I ended up studying all the time. I used to bowl on Wednesday mornings. Barbara started a study on Wednesday and I told them that I could not come because I bowl on Wednesday morning, I decided to take out six weeks just to see what it was all about, I have not been bowling since.

Ute: What was it that drew you in?

Suan: To dig deeper into the word of God, it was then that I was able to see what Christ had done for me. That started my relationship with Christ.

Ute: Do you have a favorite verse?

Suan: **2 Corinthians 12:9:** ⁹*But he said to me," My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Ute: What is the next precept study you will do?

Suan: Isaiah, It will be on Wednesday morning. I have never taught at night, maybe I am old fashioned. If God wants me to teach at night, He needs to show me that it can work and I will do it.

Ute: Any advice for someone who wants to know God closer?

Suan: to study the word of God, and to really dig deeper into it. Do not be afraid, just trust God He will lead you. In

order to have a close relationship with anyone we must know their heart and spend time with them. To study God's word is to spend time with your creator, and come to know His heart.

International Cuisine

Sweet-Sour Barbecued Ribs

From the garvick.com website

6 lb Back Ribs; Cut in small serving pieces

1 1/4 c Ketchup

3/4 c Water

1/4 c Honey

2 Tbs. Worcestershire Sauce

4 tsp. Lemon Juice

1 sm. Onion

1/2 tsp. Salt

1/2 tsp. Pepper

Mix together the ketchup, water, honey, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, onion, salt, and pepper. Cook sauce for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Cook ribs for one hour over medium-hot coals, turning occasionally. Brush ribs with sauce.

Turn and cook for 20 to 30 minutes longer.

From the left field

CREATION EXPLAINED

Sent in by Don Galloway

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Creme Donuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled.

And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof. God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake," and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

God then brought forth running shoes so that His children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

Then Satan created HMOs

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell

and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the "What Would Jesus Do" bumper sticker, the "Choose Life" license plate holder, the "Follow Me to Sunday-School" bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car."

Favorite Verse

1 Thessalonians 5

The Day of the Lord

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Final Instructions and Benediction

¹²We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you who are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak be patient with them all. ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

²⁵ Brothers, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Editor's Comments

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God our Heavenly Father, the truth creator, the truth lover, the truth friend to all who are in need, the truth alpha and omega. Sitting in the Truth Project has made it clear to me all that God has done for us humans, not only our creation but also the continued love He gives us. Our Lord is awesome, and all He wants from us is a relationship with us through prayer, worship, and praise music and by studying His word. So take the time to crawl into His lap and relax. No one can hold you as tight as He can. Trust in Him with all of your heart and do not lean unto your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5