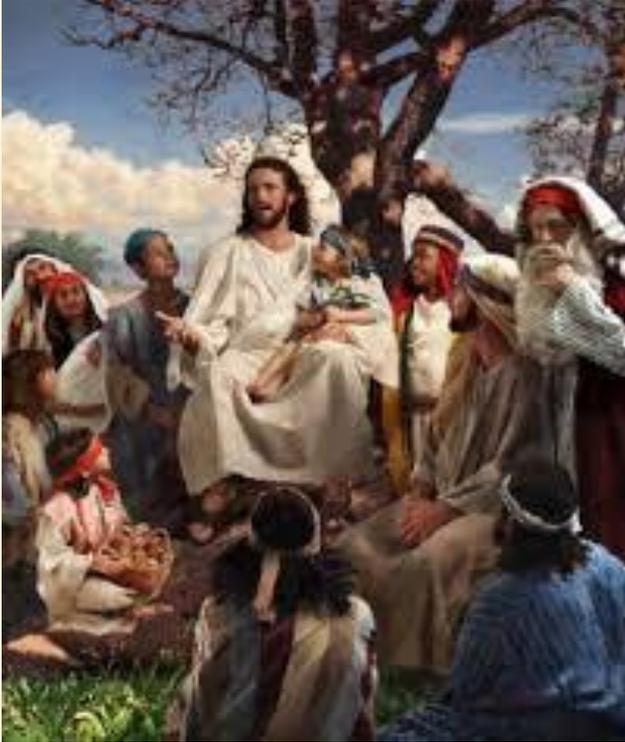


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Dear Reader,

It has been a while since our last Banner was posted and I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of you who have written and expressed your love and support for the school and The Banner. The longer I am involved in this school and its ministry, the more I realize how dependent we are upon one another. When I was pastoring a church or even a part of the school as a faculty member, I was dependent upon the members of the church or the rest of the staff and faculty. But now as president of the school, I know that if this school is to continue, it will be by us partnering with those in the body of Christ that He joins to us.

In Ephesians 4:16, Paul speaks of the importance of the “whole body being fitly joined together” for us to be complete in all that the Lord has for us. So once again, thank you so much for all your love, prayers, and financial support.

Our last issue of The Banner was about coming out of the pews and going into the trenches. Being back in the trenches, of society and the church world, has been a real eye opener for us all. **When we left to go to Pinecrest in 2006 the level of hunger for Revival or The Knowledge of God was very high here in this area of Virginia. When we returned back in 2013 something had changed.** It’s not that they do not still hunger for the Lord but everyone is so busy with life that the time the Lord is allotted, is maybe a Sunday Service but not much more.

I believe that the Lord is about to visit His people once again and this time His coming is in preparation of the harvest. Be encouraged because although it seems as if there is little interest, that will soon change and the churches, Bible schools and other groups will be overwhelmed by the wave that is about to come in. May we all join with the prayer in Revelations 22:17 which says, “The Spirit and the bride say come.” Even so come Lord Jesus!



God bless you,

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Below is a message, taken from a series of messages, preached by Walter Beuttler and transcribed by Pearl Ray, to the best of her ability, *just as he spoke them*. Walter Beuttler was a man who spoke with, what he called, “Beuttlerisums”. So when transcribing them she did her best to show his heart and character in these printed versions. In the very near future we will post, on our web site, several such articles. Also available for purchase will be the audio versions of each message. As you read or listen to the word that the Lord put in him your life will be forever changed. It will challenge you to get to know the Lord in a way you may have never even imagined that you could! This is because he not only preached this message about having a personal relationship with the Lord, but he actually walked it out in his own personal life.

# GOD VISITS HIS PEOPLE

**By Walter H Beuttler**

This morning around four o'clock the Lord awakened me with a very intense presence. So I got up and changed my ideas. Strange isn't it? So instead of speaking to you on what I had planned, I'm going to speak to you along the line of the Lord's visit. In the light of that, I have a hunch that the Lord would very much like to pay us a visit. That wouldn't be a bad idea, would it? So I want to chat with you along that line. Turning to Hebrews 2:6. This is merely to give us a beginning, that's all.

*But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Heb. 2:6*

To me it is very obvious from this, as well as other passages, that there is such a thing as the Lord visiting His people. *What is man that thou art mindful of him?* Or that You even think of him? Or the son of man that You pay him a visit? Naturally, we can have different ideas about the Lord's visit, and I'll mention a few of them just by way of passing giving different applications. Then we'll begin to bear down on one particular line of truth.

In I Samuel 2:21, we have the statement: *And the Lord visited Hannah.* All of us know the story. She received from the Lord the answer to her prayer after all natural possibilities failed to exist, or no longer existed—seemingly. She cried unto the Lord for her need (that can be any need), and in response to that intercession, that earnest prayer petitioning of Hannah, God responded. That response is clothed in the term 'visited.' *And the Lord visited Hannah.* In other words, the Lord visits

us, so to speak, in answer to earnest prayer. That would apply to any kind of legitimate need that we can imagine. The Lord visits His people in prayer.

Again in Zephaniah 2:7, *For the Lord their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.* Or turn away their bondage or bring them out of confinement. Are any of you this morning in confinement; solitary confinement; the confinement of circumstances or environment? Or if you prefer another line: spiritual bondage—no freedom in the Lord? Well, hallelujah! *The Lord their God shall visit them.*

I can't help but think back a number of years when on one particular Sunday morning, the Lord bore down on liberating us from our bondage. For a long time we called that day: Liberation Day. Folk were so free in the Lord. They were so set free from their timidity that in this particular service, we had two lines of students waiting to get to the mic. The lines on either side reached back more than halfway, the fellows here and the girls here. I had to sit there and say, "Now you're next, you're next, now you're next, etc. like a traffic cop."

Among them was a little half pint, one of those timid things, and did she let go. It was one of those days in which the Lord came to liberate from bondage. Don't put it past Him that He wouldn't do that again—and I'm not trying to reconstruct anything. But I know one thing: if you have any friend that loves to visit you, that friend likes to visit you again. If I know anything about Him, He likes to do it again, and then some more. Why not, if He likes it at all? And I think He does (in a whisper).

"Well, I don't feel like He's visiting us."

Did you ever get an unexpected visitor? What I don't like is when they come unexpected at ten o'clock at night. I don't mind Him. I would mind you! But He's different, isn't He? All right, the Lord visits by turning away captivity, liberating from bondage.

In Luke 7:15-16 – I’m still merely giving you different directions that what I have later to say can take.

*And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.*

*And there came a fear on all; and they glorified God, saying, that a great prophet is risen up among us; and That God hath visited his people.*

Luke 7:15-16

What kind of a visitation do we have here? I would simply say, a visitation of God in the supernatural manifestation of His power. One that was dead, sat up, and began to speak. I don’t know what he said, but if I were dead and sat up, I think the first thing I would say is, “Hi.” Now how they would react, I don’t know.

But the Lord has visited His people, a visit in supernatural power that raised the dead and manifested His power in meeting the needs of people and glorifying God. God still visits His people in supernatural ways. Wouldn’t be a bad idea, would it?

*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

John 14:21

Now here you have the Lord’s visit, I would call it, in a personal way. Now those of you that like to go to the library (and it will pay you to do it) and make a search of this word ‘manifest,’ wherever you can get a ray of light, you will be surprised what you will find. I know there are some things in the Pulpit Commentary; there are some things in other books. Different translators translate this word differently, and I like those translations. I use all of them. I haven’t memorized the

translation of this word, but I know it reads like this: *I will reveal myself to him; I will make myself known to him; I will show myself to him.*

You can go to the Pulpit Commentary and another Greek work of some kind and they'll tell you that this word 'manifest' in the Greek is so strong that it means nothing less than to make apparent to our natural senses. You check on it, look into it. It's so strong that it means nothing less than that the Lord will make Himself known to those who qualify, the qualification being love and obedience.

Now this is not the kind of a love when folks sit on a bench around here and hold hands underneath their coat. It's not that kind of a thing. It's the love that results in obedience, and to that kind of a person, the Lord has promised to visit them in a manner perceivable by their natural senses. You check on the Word, and don't forget that I did not write the Gospel of John. This is not the Gospel of Saint Beuttler. This is the Gospel of Saint John.

*And holy men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost.* And the Holy Ghost put in here a word 'manifest,' said to be by those who know hundred times better than I that it is so strong as to mean nothing less than to make apparent to the senses. And I'm not going to weaken this and water it down. Why should we water it down? Watered down food or watered down drink doesn't taste good. Take a glass of orange juice and try to spread it by making half orange juice and half water. See what it tastes like. You'd just as soon drink water. This isn't to be watered down. This is to be (slurped and enjoyment sounds). Yumm! Glory! *Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* And the Holy Ghost put in this word 'manifest,' and He made it just as strong as He could to let us know that there is such a thing as a personal visit from a personal Christ.

Now then, we'll proceed from here. I want to deal with attitudes. You know attitudes are of tremendous importance.

Have you ever thought of attitudes? Now we can hold certain attitudes toward everything, but here toward the Lord's visit.

Now suppose John and Myra lived 500 miles away, and Wife would say when I came home, "Say Daddy, you know we got a letter from John and Myra. They're going to be here next week."

"Oh really? Glory!" I wouldn't say, "Oh yea, them again?" Oh no!

How do we feel toward a visit from the Lord? How would you feel if the Lord paid us a visit this week?

"Beuttler are you trying to manufacture one?" You ought to give me a little more credit than that. Those things aren't manufactured, but they can be hungered for and had. When we have an attitude of desire, of yearning for His visit, I'll tell you, He says to Himself, "Why you know, I was going to go there, but over there, they're so expecting Me, I'm going to go there." Would you go where you're not wanted? I wouldn't. I suppose I'd go where I'm wanted most.

We had one of our graduates up at the house yesterday. He said, "Brother Beuttler, I want you for a weekend."

I said, "Well, I don't think there's one left. We'll have to see if we can't shift something." So we did.

He said, "You know Brother Beuttler, I remember what you said in class about preachers asking you to come give them a service sometime, but they don't want you." They say, "Come to my church sometime when you have time."

He said, "I knew you wouldn't come. I told you once to come and visit me, but I knew you wouldn't come, so I'm here to tell you that I want you."

So I said, "Okay, I'll come."

Folks say, "Come to my church sometime," and when you say, "All right, how would this date suit you?" They say, "Why I'll have to take it up with my board." That's the last you ever hear. But when they say, "Now look here, can you give me a date, be specific. Isn't there anything?"

That's when you can say, "Well, let's see, I guess we can make it." They're people who say they want you, but hope you're too busy.

I never will forget one of our preachers in Council Meeting. He came up in such a casual manner and said, "Well Brother Beuttler, I suppose you're all booked up for the year."

"No, I'm not. When would you like me to visit you?"

"Why, we'll see."

That's been 2 or 3 years ago. I've never seen. Now the Lord doesn't respond to that kind of an attitude. When there is an attitude, the kind that He responds to, don't tell me that He isn't readjusting His calendar to make room for us. I hope that by now you know me a little bit. You never know me all the way, I understand that. I haven't found out myself yet.

But the Lord will go through His calendar and say, "Well now, I have a date here, and I have a date there. My, but they're yelling down there. My, but they want Me. I've got to do something. I haven't got any date open, but I'll tell you something, I don't think these people are quite as hungry; I'm going to shove them down there, and I'll move these in here." He'll make room on His calendar for you. You convince Him that you want Him.

I hope the Jeremiah class will forgive me if I say this because I don't feel mean. They know what's coming. The other day toward the end of the class, there was something building up, a touch, and I was right in the middle of something. I knew where I was going, and I also knew when I get done with this, the Lord will give us a little word.

The bell rang sizz zz zz zz. They were beginning to pack up. So He said, "All right, run ahead. You could have had something, but you're more interested in something else. Go right along."

Then they sat there, all still as if to say, "Oh we'll wait." But it's too late. Please, I'm not critical when I say that, not at all. But to me it showed, and of course to Him, there were other

interests that had priority. When other things have priority, He isn't interested, except that He would receive priority. You give Him priority, and He will give priority to you. Did you hear that? You give Him priority, and He will give priority to you. I know you've heard it, but have you heard it in here (pointing to heart). You give Him priority, and He will give priority to you. You put that down on your notebook.

Here are some attitudes that I like to draw your attention to. One of them is in Mark 5:17, *And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.* Ah Oh!

What had happened was the Lord had cast out some spirits, and these spirits were dumb enough to run into a herd of swine. They should have known better. You know those swine ran down a hill and ran into the lake and there they drank too much water. The lake was too much for them and they drowned. When the people say that, "Oh Lord, please get out. Depart, go somewhere else. We don't want that." I'll put it this way: In this particular instance, the Lord was unwanted. Do you want Him?

"Yeah, we want Him, if He comes the way we want Him to."

Wait a minute. That's for Him to decide, not for us.

How did He come here? He came here in supernatural power, and the results of His working they did not desire. Presumably, they were more sorry for having lost those pigs than they were glad that one man had been delivered. Shall I put it this way: They were more sorry about an economic loss than they were glad about a spiritual gain? In other words again: They were more interested, they attached more value in this herd of swine than in one human being.

Presumably, they were scared besides, scared out of their wits. So they said, "Jesus, you better get out of here. We don't want that kind of confusion around here." God never puts on confusion, He just un-confuses the confusion. He was

unwanted. When He isn't wanted, He goes where He is wanted. So He went. Do you want Him?

I haven't come to the main thought yet. I'm clearing away some of the underbrush, or at least pointing it out.

*Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

Matthew 24:40-42

He came unexpectedly. What was their attitude? I don't know, possibly one of indifference. "Oh well, He doesn't come," people say. But two women shall be doing the same thing.

That brings back to my mind the scene in India where I watched two ladies in a home, made of cow manure and something else. It stands just the same. They were sitting on the floor grinding at the wheels, the stone like this (demonstrated how they did it), making their flour early in the morning. I thought to myself, *one shall be taken and the other left.*

They were both occupied, but one of them was not only occupied, she was preoccupied. It think that's the difference because the Lord said, *Occupy until I come.* There is a difference between occupying and being preoccupied. When we're preoccupied, the work dominates us like children at play.

Norma was playing with the boys over there and Mother calls, "Norma." No answer.

"Norma" (louder) No answer.

"Norma" (even louder)

Norma finally says, "Oh did you call?"

“Well sure I did. Haven’t you heard?”

“Just now,” she answered. They were so absorbed that they were all but dead. You know what I mean. We can be so preoccupied and be taken by surprise. Here He came unexpectedly. You know the Lord doesn’t seem to gear Himself to our machine. He seems to do just as He pleases.

Our 1951 revival started before semester change. Semester change brought a cessation to activities. We had to have our tests. Programs somehow had to be going on. And we let the students go home for a long weekend and wondered, “What will they do when they get back?” It rolled right on after they got back. We would have never chosen a revival right over a semester change. He did.

“Why did He?”

Oh that’s His business. I don’t ask, “Why,” I just move in.

Does the Lord ever take you by surprise? So unexpected? Hey, we can have one of the deadest, driest days in school, where it’s hard to breathe. We have those days, too many of them as far as I’m concerned. And yet, the Lord suddenly appeared on the scene and moved in. Don’t put it past Him to come unexpected.

I have seen visitations of the Lord start, not when a spiritual giant, so to speak as we would call it, is speaking; not some special evangelist, not some special from who-knows-where. No! The very day when you have a little half-pint behind this microphone that ordinarily hardly knows how to peep, and the peeps are short and faint at that and far between—and you never expect, except a little testimony and then closing the Bible and sitting down. We’ve had some surprises here, and He came right down. Why doesn’t He wait until somebody of stature (as we might call it) is there? Because He wants to show to everybody that *it’s not by might, nor by power*, not by this one, not by that one, but that it’s Himself.

That's why in the Old Testament, they used the ox goad. It was just a stick. Don't despise God's sticks, and the left-handed (you know the story) and the nobodies, so everybody has to say, "There's only one explanation—God." Praise God!

Two shall be doing an assignment, the one shall be visited, and the other one not. That happened to me in Bible school. I had a roommate with no interest in the things of God. He's out long ago. He didn't get very far. He had no interest. He was a good boy. I liked him as a roommate. I think one year, even asked that he be my roommate. But his interests just weren't where my interests were.

One evening I was sitting next to him at the table, and something stole over my soul. You know what I mean? Oh a presence! I said, "John, there's something up."

He said, "Ugh."

I said, "John, I don't know what it is, but something's going on."

He said, "I don't feel nothing."

I said, "Hallelujah John! Something's up."

Then we heard something in the washroom. I said, "John, listen. What's happening to the fellows?"

He said, "What are they doing?"

I went out and saw two fellows around each other's neck weeping, laughing at the same time (you know that strange mixture), under the power of God. Then when I saw there were others in the group, I let her go. Say, that was an evening. Did it break out! And then the flames came out of the girl's dormitory. I don't mean fire, I mean fire, the fire of the Spirit. For three days, we had such a visitation of the divine presence that we walked tiptoed. You were afraid to walk. We talked in whispers in the dining room. Whew! I've often thought and have once or twice said, "You can measure the spiritual level of a Bible school by the noise in the dining room." How's that for a compliment? Oh yes! Let there be a

move of that presence and see how things change in the dining room. We literally walked tiptoed. It was totally unexpected—in the evening. He’s quite a visitor, but I like Him.

*Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.* Did you get that? *Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.* How do you know He doesn’t come today? And I’m not speaking about the Second Coming of Christ. That’s not my topic. I’m speaking of the Lord’s visit.

“Well Brother Beuttler, what gives you the idea that He would?” I’ll tell you what gives me the idea: Because I didn’t select this message. I had something else on the agenda. I assume that if He says (in effect), “Now you talk about this,” He is not speaking this way to tantalize us like somebody mean would go to a little child and dangle a cherry or lollipop in front of his mouth and say, “You can’t have it, you can’t have it.”

“But may I just have one sucker please?”

“No, you can’t have it. Doesn’t it look good? Can you imagine how sweet it is? Isn’t it nice? How would you like to have that in your mouth, sticky and all? But you can’t have it.”

Wouldn’t that be cruel? That’s the way I was with our dog, Peter, when I was a boy. I tied a frankfurter on a string on my arm. The dog was under the table, and I’d let the frankfurter down on the string in front of his mouth. When he went after it, I’d quickly pull it up over and over again until the poor fellow actually drooled. Then I’d take the frankfurter and eat it myself. Oh that’s enough for a report to the cruelty society to animals.

Well, God isn’t that way. He doesn’t dangle a frankfurter in front of us just to make us drool and then say, “Ha, Ha, can’t have it.” No, God doesn’t do that.

Isn’t it logical to judge that if He says, “Now you speak on My visit” (not that He said it that way, just laid it on my heart), I’d conclude that He’s making an announcement? I’d conclude from that knocking (banged on desk) that He’s

knocking. What other conclusion would you want to draw unless I'm all off? Well if I'm off, then I'm off, but I happen to be on. Isn't it logical? He doesn't make our mouth water for nothing, "That was good saliva, wasn't it?" He doesn't tantalize like that.

I'd rather take this attitude: Now you talk about this. I want to see how they feel about it, as though you were writing to a person that you weren't altogether sure of. Well, I could write, and have done it: "You might be interested to know that I'm passing through Australia (I wrote that just recently) at such and such a time," and went on because the party told me to write them sometime. All right, now I'm going to wait and see what I get by way of reply. They know I expect to pass by. I expect to go to Australia and would be interested. I'd say no more, just that.

Now if he says, "I'd like Beuttler to stop off for some meetings," so he writes:

Dear Brother Beuttler, We were glad to receive your letter and I trust that you will find time in your schedule to pay us a visit.

Ah! Then I'll make time. But if they write: Dear Brother Beuttler, Glad to receive your letter. It's nice to hear that you're passing this way again. The Lord give you a real nice trip. I'd pass right by. Right? I wouldn't say, "Now listen here, I'll give you a week." Oh no! It's now up to them.

But if they say, "By the way, when you come this way, we hope you can give us some time," I'll stop. Oh yes.

Now with this thing here, I'll tell you what I think it is: Dear EBltes, I'm on my way through Pennsylvania. I thought you might be interested. I'm near EBl and I'm on my way somewhere, but I thought you'd like to know that I'm in the neighborhood. That's what I think it is. He says, "Now then, I'll just see what they write. I'll see how they react. I'll see what they say. I'll see what they say when they get to their homes. I just want to see."

*Just interested to say that I'm passing by?* Oh no! How about sending Him a telegram saying what? "Glad you're coming. Have a good journey."

He'll say, "I will," and journey right on. Of course this is some of that Beuttler mysticism you know. But it works. *Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

John 6:60, 66: There's a whole passage there and I don't want to take the time to read it all.

*Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, this is a hard saying; who can hear it?*

*From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*

John 6:60, 66

Now here the Lord came to visit them through truth. He was just speaking about that highly mystical and mystifying, yet truly spiritual truth. There is mystical truth. He talked about this highly mystical truth of eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Whew! Talk about mysticism! Whew! If that's the word for it. It isn't, but that's the word they use.

Here the Lord came with truth, truth beyond full comprehension, and they went their way. Can you imagine how He felt? He came to visit them with truth. They would have none of it. So they went back and walked no more with him. They failed to understand, and they failed to understand because they were out of sympathy with both Him and with what He had to say. Did you get that? They failed to understand the spiritual verities of enormous benefits so they never cried. Think that over sometime. It makes all the difference in the world.

*And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.*

John 20:14

Ah! Unrecognized—do you know it's possible for the Lord to visit us, visit His people collectively or individually, and fail to recognize Him?

Some years ago, we had a weekday chapel. I happened to be chairman. Just as the boy finished his message, I perceived the Lord standing there. I could walk down now and stand within an area of about one foot, and tell you where He was standing. I didn't see Him, but I perceived Him. It was so real that I could have walked up and touched Him with my finger and said, "Lord, that's You," as though a person stood there. Well, a Person did stand there. Obviously, the Lord isn't going to come in that presence at the end of the service just to walk out. There was only one reason that the Lord was coming to do something.

I watched this leader and he said, "Stand and be dismissed."

I said in my heart, "Oh Lord! Is he dismissing? Are we going to walk out on You?" Obviously he didn't notice what I noticed. So he went through his prayer and finally said, "In Jesus Name, Amen."

In the meantime I stood there, put my hand up acknowledging His Presence, whatever signal it might mean. I said in my heart, "Lord, I want You to know that if everybody walks out on You, I will not." That's right. I sat where John sits. When the boy said, "Amen," I had my eyes closed, but I could hear the rustling and the turning around in the seats. I wouldn't budge. I was supposed to walk out first. That used to be our order. The faculty member got off the platform first and walk out then the students followed behind. When we didn't move, they didn't move.

I knew a chapel full of eyes were looking at me, but I stood there, hands up, eyes closed in recognition of Him, of a Person there. I just stood. I must have been looking like a fool. Fool or no fool, He was there and I wasn't going to walk out on Him. Fortunately those students recognized something must be up. The Lord bless them real good. I don't know how long it was, but to me it seemed like an eternity because everybody was looking at me.

Suddenly the power of God hit this chapel in one clap, so to speak, and we were here until dinnertime and had a great move of God's presence that morning. The power just fell. All right, almost we failed to recognize Him and walked out. That wouldn't have been the first time of course. It's possible for the Lord to visit us and be in our midst to do something, and often because of other interests and prior interests, be totally oblivious to what's going on. As a consequence let Him stand alone, walking out, so to speak, grieved in heart with a bowed head in disappointment. Mary *knew not that it was Jesus*. He can come and remain unrecognized.

Now then I want to chat a bit about His personal visits. I don't think I better give you everything, just see how we'll get along. My! It's hard speaking this morning. It's uphill all the time. You have to push every word uphill. My! It's hard, like climbing a mountain and pushing a wagon in front of you trying to get it up there. We need a visit and how! And a good one, and a long one, and very soon we need a visit. I shouldn't have to push this thing uphill. Umph, umph, umph. It shouldn't have to go that way. It should roll.

How can a fish swim on dry land? He can be the best fish, but all he can do is wiggle and jump, kick himself around hoping to get somewhere somehow. Oh God! Visit us with streams of living water, waters to swim in. That's right. Praise God! (An effort of praise from audience) I'll keep on pushing.

*And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre; and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day.*

Genesis 18:1

Oh! I like that! Notice the Lord paid Abraham a visit. Please do get this. Abraham wasn't there sitting with clenched teeth and fists saying, "Oh Lord! Visit me. O God! Lord, I want a visit. Umph, umph." Why you would wind up in an institution or a hospital. Don't do that, ever. Abraham didn't do that. (Pounding on pulpit and talking in straining voice) He didn't say, "Oh God! Come down from heaven. We need a visit." No.

I think Abraham sat there. He didn't wear glasses so I'll take them off. He didn't wear a tie either, but I'll leave that. You know what I think? Abraham just sat there at leisure. I assume his heart was occupied with God. I think in light of some of the scriptures that probably he was thinking of a city that had foundations because that was the great aspiration of his life—to move toward that city, the city of God. I suppose his thoughts were on that, "Praise God! I've come out of Ur of the Chaldeans. It was quite a metropolis, but my God has a city for me."

I think he was just there meditating, thinking about God in perfect relaxation. He was all at rest, crossed his legs, just sitting there waiting for the heat to pass so he could go on traveling some more. He was at leisure. All of a sudden these three men came. He recognized them as the Lord. As far as I'm concerned, I'm inclined to think that was the Trinity. In any case, the Lord paid him a visit while he sat in the door of his tent at leisure without strain, without effort, without squeezing, without working, without doing. He just had a heart of anticipation contemplating Him.

The Lord visited Abraham when he sat. Hey! We're in the right position. We are sitting. Now you get me right here. He had a visit while he was at leisure.

*And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.*      Genesis 18:33

Did you notice that? Apparently Abraham was alone. Nothing else is said. He sat, he sat at rest, at leisure in the heat of the day in the door of his tent. He wasn't even in chapel. Oh! The Lord just came.

Maybe some of you are in the situation found in Matthew 14:25.

*But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was contrary.*

*And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.*      Matthew 14:24-25

Where were these disciples? They were in trouble. Does anybody qualify? Is anybody in trouble this morning? So were they. Is anybody in the dark? So were they. Is anybody in rough seas? So were they. Is anybody in fear? So were they. So what? He came to them walking on the sea. Do you notice that the very waters that jeopardized them and caused them to be filled with such fear? Those waters were the very element on which He walked. You didn't get that. The very thing which so distressed them became the very medium of His approach. He used the very waters that shook the disciples so in the boat, yet those very waters were the thing on which He walked to come to them. The very same waters that caused them such distress and fear and jeopardized their lives, those waters constituted the very element on which He walked to them. He visited them in the night, in the storm, in turbulence, in fear. The Lord visits His people.

*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

John 20:19

I think this is where we are. Now here He visits the assembled disciples. We qualify in one respect. We are assembled disciples. He *came and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace.* In verse 20 He identified Himself, *Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.* He comes to identify Himself.

Two more examples and that'll be all. Both of them are found in Luke 24. I'll not read the whole passage, but the idea is found in 13-15. You'll find there the disciples walking together talking about the things that had happened, all the misfortunes that had overtaken them as they viewed it. *Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.*

What I'd like to point out here is that the Lord visited them during a journey. They weren't in church. They weren't in chapel. They weren't in EBI. They were on a journey just walking along talking, "You know isn't it terrible what happened?"

"Yes, I thought that was a crime. Something went wrong. I don't know what we can do."

"I don't know. All of our hopes are dashed. Our plans are wrecked. I don't know what we're going to do next."

And a man walked alongside and said, "Hi fellows."

"Hi," they said.

"What's the trouble?"

"What's the trouble? Haven't you heard?"

He answered, "Heard what?"

"Why it's about this Jesus."

"Is that so? What about Him?"

“Well, haven’t you heard? They put Him to the cross. We thought He was the Christ. Then He died and was buried. He’s gone and we’re behind, left alone. Big fools we are now because we proclaimed He was the Christ and now we found out that something went wrong. We can’t understand it yet.”

“Umph! Strange isn’t it?”

“Yes, it sure is strange. And You haven’t heard? Where have You been?”

“Oh, I’ve been out for a walk.” And they walked along, the disciples and the Lord. They still didn’t know Him. They came to the place where they lived and slowed up and began to stop I suppose because it was town. They lived over on the corner. Jesus made as though He was going on further. He made as though He was going further. Can you picture the thing? He kept walking on while they began to linger behind because they had arrived. You watch this. That could happen this morning.

“Say stranger, where are You going?”

“Why, I’m going.” He didn’t know where He was going, but He was just going. He had no place to go, but He didn’t ask for a room, “Well, I’ll be going down a ways. I’ll be staying up yonder.”

“Oh no stranger! You come and stay with us. Don’t go. You’ll have time enough tomorrow. It’s too late. It’s getting dark and getting cool. You stay with us.” So He abode with them.

Why did the Lord make out as though He had gone further—and He would have? He was not going to pay them a visit until He knew they wanted Him. He would have gone right on, but they constrained Him, “Oh no! You mustn’t. Oh no! Not this late. You stay with us.”

He wants to be constrained. We can let Him just go by. “Are you going to go up yonder?”

“Yes.”

“Well, where are you staying, at the Hotel Commodore?”

“No, but I have a place.”

“Too bad. Goodnight!” He’ll go right on.

Will we constrain Him, “Lord, abide with us. Don’t pass by, don’t pass by, abide with us.”

“Well, why would He go on if He wants to abide,” you might ask.

“Because He wants to be wanted,” is the answer.

Picture a man and his wife we’ll say (or anybody) that like to stop off with some people they have a liking for. They stop at the house. They said to themselves, “Well we’ll ring the bell and tell them we’re going down to the park and do a little boating. If they invite us in we’ll stay. We hope they do, but we’ll try it.”

So they ring the bell and the people say, “How do you do,” a little cool, but “How do you do,” with that ultra-friendliness. “Where are you going?”

“Oh, we’re out for a drive.”

“Won’t you come in?”

“No, no thanks. We’re going down to the park for a little bit and do a little boating.”

“That’s too bad! It’s a nice evening all right for that. It must be real nice. It’s nice to see you. Goodbye.”

They don’t want you. They’re too glad to let you go by and maybe are relieved that you do.

But if you stop and they say, “You’re going boating? Oh no you’re not. You come on in. We just have a pot of coffee ready. (Or tea, if you’re an Englishman), and we’ve got some cake. No, you’re not going. Now you come right here you. Give me your coat and hat. And Suzy give me your coat. You’ve got lots of time to boat some other time. Glad to see you.”

They go out to the kitchen while you’re there and you say, “Hallelujah! We’re wanted.”

Who of us hasn't played that trick already? Now the Lord didn't put on a trick. He wanted to be wanted. They constrained Him. So He went in and began to speak to them. Then we're told that *He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and their eyes were opened, and they knew him.* He visited them on a journey. He visited them in the home, but before He identified Himself and opened their eyes so they could perceive Him, He wanted to be wanted.

*What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visiteth him?* The Lord today visits His people under all kind of circumstances and uses the very circumstances they're in as a means of conveying Himself to them. But folkses, He wants to be constrained. He wants to be wanted, for if we don't want Him, there are others who do. Shall we pray? Praise God!

### **Prayer**

Our Father, we believe that You are knocking. As it is written, *Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him and sup with him, and he with me.* Father, we pray that within our hearts shall be generated such a yearning, such a cry, such a constraining that Thou shalt feel constrained to visit afresh Thy people in this place for Thy glory. Amen.

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# The God Worth Loving

By Mark Waters

The Book of Job begins with a very important statement. It reads, "There was a man..." Job 1:1a. This is very significant. What is in view here is that God has a man! That is what creation is all about. God is in a quest for a man. God want a man in whom He can find His home. He wants a man in whom and through whom He can reveal all that He is. Man was created to be an expression of God in the earth. In man, God in all His character, beauty and glory, would be put on display. He would be the vessel who would declare before the universe that God is good. Man was created to be for the praise of God's glorious grace. The creation was meant to look at man and see what God is like. Creation would see what God has done for man, and who God is in man and come to a grand conclusion; God is good! God is gracious! God is glorious! God is an awesome God. There is none like Him!

As that first chapter unfolds we see something else. Satan knows the significance of God having a man and he sets himself in opposition to take away this man from God. He knows that if he ignores the fact that God has a man, that this man in union with God, would become his undoing. So Satan moves in as the accuser. He charges God and challenges His integrity and glory. He says that God is not lovable. He states that no one would love God for who He is. God has to buy man's love. Then Satan charges man before God. He says, "Man only loves You because of what he can get from You. You are undesirable and unlovely."

In so many words, God says to Satan, "You're on!" This man would become the place where the glory of God would be vindicated. Devastation came to Job's life. Everything he had was cruelly taken away from him. However when the chapter ends it is stated that Job worshiped God. He praised Him in the storm. Worship is adoration, respect, and awe poured out to the Lord. Worship is where we tell God He is okay. He is the God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He! It's where we tell Him that we do not understand everything He does, but He is okay, He's made no mistakes! "God, I do not understand all that has happened and this hurts. But one thing I know, you are good, you do all things well and are worth loving."

It was this man, in worship, that silenced the enemy and vindicated God's name and glory. God will have a people who will love Him for who He is, not just for what they can get from Him. Even when life turns on us and it looks like God has been unfaithful to us, we know that who He says He is remains true. No matter what we see, or do not see in life, our God is a good God! No matter what happens, God has forever declared his immeasurable love for us when He gave up for us, His greatest treasure, His Son. He need do no more. He need say no more.

"Here is love, vast as the ocean. Loving kindness as the flood. When the Prince of Life, our Ransom shed for us His precious blood." And in view of this One given for us, we join Job, and fall to the ground and cry with him, "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

## Rees Howells

In 1943, on October 17, at the 9 p.m. prayer meeting, Mr. Rees Howells shared about Mr. Jeffrey's, a fellow soldier for Jesus who took the Gospel to Africa. He compared Mr. Jeffrey's mission to Moses' mission. He then expounded upon Exodus 3 which illustrated Moses' heart towards God as well as that of Mr. Jeffrey's.

Mr. Howells preached, "Moses had turned aside, to hear, to look, and to observe. The very moment the Lord saw Moses turn, the scriptures tell us, "God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses!" Moses responded, "Here I am!"

Rees Howells confirmed in his notes from that evening that the Lord is calling and looking for men and women like Moses and Mr. Jeffrey's who will carry out His mission in the earth and not their own agendas. Concerning Mr. Jeffrey's, he describes him as a man who had "spent" his life for God. Of Mr. Jeffrey's he wrote:

"There are two million people he has affected. The Lord is going to give the Gospel to every creature – do I realize that? Every person in Russia, Spain, in the other countries? I never thought of this, but after Mr. Jeffrey's received the Holy Ghost, he was enabled to reach millions!"

Mr. Howells interceded faithfully for Mr. Jeffrey's and through his notes we are challenged to turn aside as Moses did to see what the Lord, our God, is doing! The moment we turn, He will call! As we surrender completely to the Holy Spirit and are able to say, "Not my will, but Thy will", we will know our mission and be empowered to accomplish it!

# The Cave of Adullam

God likes action better than words. He was not content to merely tell mankind ' "I love you," but became flesh and went to the cross to prove it. Likewise, He did not fill the Bible with theological essays but with the stories that illustrate His will and power.

One of these stories is the story of Adullam cave. David's hideout fifteen miles southwest of Jerusalem. The motley crew that gathered could not have expected to become a living parable of what God would want in the church many centuries later. They only needed hope, for in one way or another, they all were weak men.

## Weak Men

*"David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave of Adullam."  
(1 Samuel 22:1)*

According to Samuel the prophet, God had taken the throne away from Saul and given it to David. But the word of the Lord looked like a mistake. Saul kept the throne and sought David's life. David had to flee to Adullam and hide.

What was God's purpose that caused David so much trouble? God wanted a holy nation, in whom He could bring heaven to earth. Facing constant threats from enemies without and corruption from within, Israel had persuaded God to give them a king: Saul. But Saul would not obey God and he failed to protect Israel. God therefore sought a better king and chose David. Through David, God wanted to bring the peace, joy, and righteousness of heaven to His people.

Soon after Samuel prophesied that David would rule Israel, David brought down Goliath. Saul therefore set David over a band of soldiers and began sending them into battle, and David always won. But instead of being glad about all of David's victories, Saul resented them and turned jealous. Finally he tried to kill David, but David escaped to Adullam.



*“... And when his brethren and all his father’s house heard it, they went down hither to him.” (1 Samuel 22:1)*

Did David’s family join him at Adullam because they wanted to get involved in God’s purpose, or because they too feared Saul? The Bible does not say, but you be the judge: they had never stood for God’s purpose before – some of them had even tried to stop David from facing Goliath – But now they chose to hide with him.

Now David faced a major test. If he abandoned God’s will and fled to another country, his family could swear their allegiance to Saul and live safely at home. But as long as he kept God’s promise alive in his heart, he and his family could be executed for treason. Did he have the right to subject his family to such risk?

It was a difficult decision, but David and his family refused to abandon faith. Nevertheless, God would have to add others to their ranks if David were to become king.

*“ And every man in distress, and every man who had a creditor, and every man bitter of soul, gathered themselves to him. And he became*

*commander over them. And about four hundred men were with him.” (1 Samuel 22:1b-2)*

A handful of men sensed God’s purpose for David, sought him out, and joined him. They hardly seemed an army destined to fulfil a divine purpose, for each man brought problems of his own and added them to David’s. They came without weapons or armor – even David had no sword until he was given Goliath’s.

But God likes to fulfil His purpose through unlikely people. Here are the people He used.

**Those in Distress**-came from all classes of society, for distress is the tightening knot of anxiety and worry that plagues even successful people. Distress is the family trouble that drives people to drink, drugs, depression, or other forms of escapism. Distress is the agonizing grief that attends the death of a loved one. Distress has many faces, but visits us all.

Joining David’s army could not instantly cure distress, but at least it healed the worst distress of all: life took on new meaning for those who gave themselves to God’s purpose. Troubles and tragedies became stepping stones to better things in God’s will.

**Those in Debt**-lived in a worse economy than ours, if you can imagine such a thing. Israel had no provision for bankruptcy, which meant people sometimes had to sell themselves and their families into slavery to pay their debts. Facing this danger, some joined David at Adullam.

Wealthier men might have brought food and arms, but they could not even pay their own way. They staked their futures on the hope that as they gave themselves for God’s purpose, he would save them from slavery.

**The Discontented**-included prophets and priests who knew God was discontent with Saul’s compromises and Israel’s defeats. Like God, they longed to see more of heaven on earth. Like David, they believed they believed that God was both willing and able to work for His people-and if we believe God is love, we too must expect God’s intervention in the

world today. But are we willing, as they were, to risk our lives to get involved in God's purposes?

The discontented also included men of lesser vision who did not understand God's purposes at all. They only knew that life had treated them unfairly, and they were disgruntled with everything and everybody. It would be David's job to instill a higher purpose in these men, lest they latter should become a hindrance to God's purpose.

At least they disgruntled souls towered above their friends who were all talk and no action. Then, as now, it was easy to find those who excused themselves from God's will because of Saul's hypocrisy. Pretending to be grieved at the hypocrisy, they became the biggest hypocrites of all, and were useless to Saul, to David, and to God. They were content with Saul's kingdom because they could safely criticize him. Those who were truly discontent sought God's purpose and gave themselves for it.

Godly men and good-for-nothings, dreamers, and deadbeats rubbed shoulders in Adullam cave. Those who were distressed hoped for a better lot in life. Those in debt hoped to pay all honorably. The discontent hoped for Israel's safety and justice. **And God to dwelt in Adullam cave, hoping to find opportunities to bring heaven to earth for His people.**

## **Mighty Men**

*"These be the names of the mighty men whom David had." (II Samuel 23:8)*

David began at Adullam with a band of weak men but as he followed God's will over the years, God made them mighty. Some of David's mighty men may have joined David years after his band of renegades first assembled at Adullam – but mighty men do not join losers. His original band of weak men must have been wonderfully transformed. The book of Hebrews calls them men who "out of weakness were made strong."

God told the apostle Paul, *“My strength is made perfect in weakness.”* All over the bible, God has given examples of human weakness that He filled with His powers. Abraham faltered, but God taught him great faith. Gideon feared, but God gave him courage to face a great army with three hundred men. David sinned, but God led him to repentance and forgiveness. Jonah ran from God, but God had already prepared a great fish to restore him to obedience. Peter denied Jesus three times, yet God made him the boldest of the apostles. John wanted to call down fire on the Samaritans, yet God made him the apostle of love.

So God knew how to take the weak men at Adullam and to make them mighty. He required only two things of them: that they follow David closely, and that they give God time to work.

God arranged circumstances for David and his men that would develop them. He led them through troubles and triumphs, and taught them through easy times and hard. He filled them with heaven’s faith, courage, holiness, and love. Once He brought something of heaven to earth in them, He could bring heaven to earth through them.

Part of their training was a return to Adullam, so they could realize how wonderfully God had transformed them.

*“And three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time into the cave of Adullam. And the troop of the Philistines pitched in the Valley of the Giants.” (II Samuel 23:13)*

Times had changed. Years before, they had fled from Saul; now they were secure in David’s kingdom. Then Adullam had been a refuge for survival; now it was a headquarters where they could risk their lives for someone else’s safety. Distress had become success, debt had given way to plenty, and discontentment had become fulfilment. So now they were back at Adullam to fight for Bethlehem. The people of Bethlehem had planted and tended their crops, and suddenly at harvest time the Philistines had swooped into town to gather their crops and to make slaves of the people. When the people of Bethlehem cried out to God for help, he answered with David and his mighty men.

But what if David had never embraced God's will for his life? And what if his original band of outcasts had given up on God's purposes because they felt unfit to have anything to do with God? If they had never gathered at Adullam the first time to give themselves to God, they would never have made it to Adullam the second time, to be God's answer to Bethlehem's prayers.

Therefore their daily acts of self-denial in the time of obscurity paid off in triumph for Bethlehem and countless other cities of Israel. But had they shirked the discipline of the early days, God would have had no army with which to answer Bethlehem's prayers.

*"And David longed and said, 'Oh that someone would give me a drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem by the gate!' And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David." (II Samuel 23:15-16)*

As a boy, David had often refreshed himself at the well of Bethlehem when tending sheep. Now in the heat of battle, it was only natural for him to remember how satisfying the well had been then, and to wish he could drink from it now.

Meanwhile, his men had become as loyal as sheep to a shepherd. They might have resented his strange ways – for instance, when Saul was trying to kill David, David passed up two opportunities to kill Saul. But though they did not understand the way David led them, they understood the change in their own lives. They had come to him in weakness, but now they were strong.

The three mighty men who fetched the water had a loyalty that surpassed obeying orders. David had only sighed, but they picked it up. He would have never risked their lives to satisfy his whims, and they knew it. But they counted it a privilege to risk all, in order to bless David their king.

Picture these three men breaking through enemy lines – itself a military triumph – and filling their vessel with the precious water. Then, careful not to spill a drop of water, they crashed through the enemy's line

again, this time from the rear. Sweating and out of breath, they stood before the king and presented him the water.

David dared not drink the water. *“Is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives?”* He understood their loyalty, because their lives had changed wonderfully since they had begun to follow him. But he also understood that, not he but, God had changes their lives. Therefore he could not receive this drink offering, but had to pour it out to God.

## **But Can God Find a Man**

David and his mighty men have done their part on earth and now serve God in heaven. But today, countless Bethlehem’s cry out to God for help. Whether the cry of a struggling Christians or the unspoken pain of someone who has never even heard the name of Jesus, God hears. Whether the refined prayer of an archbishop or the unashamed grief of a child, God cares.

Meanwhile, a spiritual conflict rages as the armies of darkness seek to keep a blanket of despair and hopelessness over humanity. And God longs, *“Oh that someone would give me a drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem by the gate!”* He has tasted it before: it was the lives of the mighty men who risked all to satisfy the thirst of their Captain. God is love, and therefore thirsts for people who will become His hand outstretched to help needy humanity. But He knows no greater grief than to have no mighty men by whom to rescue them.

**God has set a mark for you, a purpose for your life.** He has appointed you for a Bethlehem somewhere, and if you refuse His will, there may not be anyone else to take your place. Jesus and the apostles used a Greek work for sin which literally means *“to miss the mark.”* You cannot miss God’s mark or purpose for your life without doing great harm to others, perhaps in ways you will never know. It matters not whether you have lived in the gutter or have been a respectable church-goer all your life: either way you can miss God’s mark for you. We all must find and fulfil God’s purpose for our lives.

What will you do? Will you ignore Bethlehem or will you let God transform you into his help for the helpless? **Will you refresh God's parched lips with a life poured out for Him: or must He go thirsty still?** For whoever gives even a cup of water to one of God's people has given it to God Himself.

It is simple for you to get into God's will for your life. The requirements are identical for you as for David's men:

(1) Come to Jesus in distress, in debt, and discontented. If you have never even thought to ask God His will for your life, let it distress you that your heart is so cold and hard, and that you are so far from your Maker. Let it distress you that a Bethlehem awaits your help, and you have never taken one step to pay your debt to God and to man. Do not let yourself be content with your life as it is, but let divine discontentment push you to Jesus.

Come to Him honestly, telling Him the truth about yourself. If you have ignored Him, He will forgive you. Even if you have refused His will stubbornly, He will give you a fresh start. He has come to call not the not the righteous but the sinners – those who are missing His mark to repentance.

(2) Commit Yourself to Jesus. The moment David's men committed themselves to him, they became part of his kingdom. This put them in a position to receive, with him, everything God had promised to do in their lives. They joined him in obscurity, but later reigned with him.

In order to obtain God's promises with David, they had to commit themselves to discipline. This discipline made it possible for God to replace their weakness with His power, and the same discipline will be necessary if you are to become mighty enough in God to rescue your "Bethlehem." Today is the day to begin. At whatever instant you are totally committed to Jesus Christ with no strings attached, then and only then are you a Christian.

(3) Follow Jesus. In an instant you can commit yourself totally to Him, and in that instant He accepts you, forgiving your sins and making you part of the kingdom of God. But that commitment is not real unless you follow Jesus from then on. It would have been wrong for David's

men to have expected lifelong benefits in his kingdom if they would not give him a lifelong commitment. Following David meant simply that they had to renew their commitment to him every day.

Jesus said, *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.”*

David’s men probably had days when they did not feel like following him, but they followed him anyway. Every worthwhile goal involves self-denial: getting a college education, keeping a good job, developing a satisfying family life. But the apostle Paul, a veteran of self-denial and cross bearing, had to say about following Jesus, *“Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”* Paul had learned that both in this life and in the life to come, the riches of God’s kingdom far outweigh the little sacrifices required along the way.

To come to Jesus and commit your life to Him, use His prayer as an outline, and fill in the details in your own words:

*“Our Father, who is in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.”* As you pray these words, you are asking God to bring heaven to earth in your own life, and through you. Commit yourself to His will as specifically and as clearly as you understand it.

*“Give us this day our daily bread.”* Ask God to begin to strengthen you today so you will be strong enough to help the people He has reserved for you, your Bethlehem.

*“And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”* Go into details as you ask God to forgive your sins, and go into detail as you ask Him to save you from any temptation likely to cause you to miss the mark He has set for your life. Once you are committed to Him, put your commitment into action and follow Jesus every day.

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Because many of our international applicants cannot afford the cost of tuition, Bethany offers a limited number of international scholarships each year to applicants who we believe have demonstrated a commitment to spreading the Gospel in their nations. Many Bethany students have returned to their countries and are currently active in the ministry-founding churches, starting Bible schools, clinics, and orphanages, and affecting their nations for Christ!

Your contribution enables us to extend scholarships to international students who otherwise could not afford to attend Bethany. Be a part of what God is doing throughout the world- consider contributing to Bethany's International

Scholarship Fund as part of your missions outreach!

### **STUDENT FEES**

*Tuition & Registration Fees \$742.00*

*Room & Board Fees \$1,314.00*

*Total Cost per Quarter \$2,056.00*

*Total Cost per Year \$8,224.00*

Payment can be made on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis or as a onetime donation. If you would like to designate funds to one of our international students, please contact Jack Picataggi for guidelines at 315-429-8521 or at [jack@bethanybtc.org](mailto:jack@bethanybtc.org). Funds that are not designated for a specific student will be used for the international students with the greatest need.

Bethany accepts credit cards and checks. If you are donating via check, please make it out to Bethany Bible Training Center and specify "International Scholarship Fund".

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### **DONATE**

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# Bethany Bible Training Center



Bethany is a school where you can come apart to learn God's voice, study His Word and pursue His heart while developing a life-transforming relationship with Him. At Bethany Bible Training Center, we invite the Lord to come and have His way in our lives and teach us His ways.

If your heart yearns to experience more of God, to separate yourself from distractions and to deepen your relationship with Him...Come experience Him at Bethany!  
Programs:

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