FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS QUICK, AND POWERFUL,
AND SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD...

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You Needed Me

Text Luke 21:17-36

We see a need to start on the sad part of life. There's only one thing worse than losing a loved one and that is standing before God and Christ and departing from them again. We know that after this life God has appointed each of us a time to answer the deeds done in this life. We will inherit a home of everlasting life or be delt an eternity of punishment and tribulation. My friends, let us decide now what we wish.

First of all, let us forgive and forget, for with what measure we meet it shall be met again to us; not once but 70 times 7. Isn't life to short to waist it on anger or grudges? Doesn't the day pass swiftly enough to erase the filth and jealousy of yesterday? And doesn't it seem foolish that you can't even love them that love you, for even the publicans can do this? Now that we can honestly show a clear conscience let us think about our self-sacrifice to God and Christ. In *John 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.* When we go about doing anything in this life, we must do it whole heartedly with all our effort or it won't get done. That goes for anything, losing weight, being happy, forgiving, and doing God's will. He would rather we be hot or cold than luke warm. For

no man once putting his foot to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of heaven. In *Jeremiah 29:13* "*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*" Not just an occasional glance, but a diligent search. Oh, but don't we sometimes take Christ for granted. Do we only pray when we need help or feel bad. Don't we need Christ more than that? Isn't Christ the best friend that we have? Someone who is always willing to listen if we need him. Yes, happy or sad he wants to listen. In *Mark 11; 24* "*Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.* comforting feelings to know that someone cares. Such is the superior feelings you get when you help someone in need, not because you have to, but because you really want to. Deep inside your heart you too can say, "YOU NEED ME".

"I cryed the tears and you wiped them dry, I was confused and you cleared my mind." So why should Christ care so much for you and me? Because he is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentence and be saved on the judgement day.

"I sold my soul, you bought it back for me and helped me up and gave me dignity, somehow you needed me." And isn't Christ the one who truely paid for our souls chance in heaven? For what shall a men profit if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall he give in exchange for his soul. Think about it!

"You gave me strength to stand alone again, to face the world out on my own again." Hopefully we are not in this bad of condition for most of us have christian brothers and sisters to comfort us, but isn't Christ and one a clear majority?

"You put me high upon a pedestal, so high that I could almost see eternity; you needed me." Christ has given us this pedestal to step upon and receive the rewards promised us. Where do you want to see eternity from?

"I needed you and you were there and I'll never leave, why should I leave I'd be a fool; cause I finally found someone who really cares." We are told in *James 5:16* "*Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*"

Like good friends I needed you and you needed me.

In Christian Love,

Bro. Bobby Lamb
Yakima, Wash.

God And I Made A Deal
But I Did Not Keep My Part
Text Matt. 21:23-33

Jesus said in Matt. 21, "A certain man had two sons: and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father?" In this article we want to notice a few things that we agreed to when we went into the Church and did not keep. (To those who do deep these, this does not apply.)

In Matt. 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (His part) "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me:" (my part) But I did not. I was too busy making a living or watching T.V., going to ball games, rodeos, and other worldly things. I couldn't find the time to search the Scriptures John 5:39, to see if I had eternal life: and when the preacher talked about these worldly things, I didn't like it for it seemed like he was talking at me. I forgot Matt. 28:20, where he asid, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:" and so I did not learn: In Matt. 12:33, Jesus said, "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt;" So I did not: because I would not take time to listen because the preacher hurt my feelings and I shut my mind, stopped my ears and went home with hurt feelings. For he knew I was doing those things and he should not have preached on them: Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God," IITim. 2:15, but I had to work and pay for all this worldly pleasure and feed my family and their wants, I had to satisfy. It kept me busy paying for all I made for food, family wants, my new home, car, boat, camper. and a lot of things I could have done without: (So I didn't study.) But I would say I know what the Bible says: And I couldn't give four or five Scriptures when called on to do so; Paul said in ICor. 15:1-5, "Ye are saved by the gospel if you deep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye believed in vain." (But I couldn't keep in memory.) I was too tired to study from working and enjoying life and the things thereof. I forgot IJohn 2:15-16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." (So I did not) IIPeter 1:5-11, says to add to your

faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity (love): but I could not see anything wrong with my life as it was for I had been baptized andcleaned it up so there could not be anything wrong with it but I did not learn that Paul said to be carnally minded was death, Rom. 8, for I did not know what carnal was so when the preacher preached on these things, I could not love him for he hurt my feelings. (So I did not add) Rom. 12:1-2, Paul said,"...*be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed...*" but I did not know the word conformed was to follow in the customs of the world and pattern after the world. So I went ahead and wore the same things the world did, went to worldly places. As always I found nothing wrong. For I had to have my pleasure of life or my wife would be angry with me because she liked those things: (So I didnot transform)

John 15:17, Jesus said- "*These things I command you, that ye love one another.*": but how can I love someone that is always telling me I am wrong?; so I just point out to him how wrong he is and get angry when he won't repent, so I didn't learn to be angry and sin not for I just stayed angry. And let the sun set many times on me when I was angry and sinned IJohn 3:4, so (I did not keep my part) James 1:27, "*Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and wisows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*" But I could not find time to visit. And helping the needy IJohn 3:18, was too much for I could not get enough for myself and mine because I was not content with such things as I had Heb. Ch. 13. I always wanted more so (I did not keep my part)

Matt.5:10-12, "*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:...Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:...*" but I could not, for who wants to be persecuted for being different from all others? IICor. 6:17, "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;...*"; the things the world does: but I have to work in the world and be among them on the job. So I can't be different so (I did not keep my part).

Jesus said in Matt. 4:19, "*And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" but when I tried to talk to people about the Church and its part in their lives, I found that

they would leave me and walk off or get angry at me for trying to put religion in their lives. For they had what they wanted, so I quit fishing for people and just sort of joined them. Matt. 6:20 Jesus said to lay up treasures in heaven. Fishing for men and getting them to repent and be converted would be laying up treasures in heaven but I could not for they would not listen. So I did not keep my part: for I was angry with the preacher, hurt at the members, for their lack of understanding so I just quit trying: Only went to church when I had a special day or not all: I did not keep my part, but I want my Reward.

Yours in Christ:
Bro. Lloyd Treat
Broken Bow, Okl.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country"
(Prov. 25:25)

We went to Randlett Okla. June first Sunday and held a one week meeting. We baptized one by the help of the Lord we had a good meeting and enjoyed our stay with the brethren there. The chruch here is as usual. Seems no one is interested in the truth but just a few faithful. We hope all everywhere is fine and blessed by the Lord.

Bro. Lloyd Treat for the church here-

Dear Brethren:

We would like to share with you our feelings about the successful meeting we had last month with brother Bill McCay. Our attendance was wonderful, thanks to the support from Yakima, Waterford, Lahabra, Fontana and the Gardendale, Texas congregation. Our activities were varied during the week, with many taking daily trips to Disneyland, knotts Berry Farm, beach outings and some going to the La Brea Tar Pits (Pre-historic Animal graveyard). Our association

with many we had not seen for a long time was great. The congregation here had made arrangements to have all of the evening meals at the church building. This gave everyone a chance to sit down at the close of the day and relax together before services. Bro. Bill certainly presented many good lessons from the Law of God. Our hands were slapped and we were also admonished, and that's as it should be. Fond memories will follow after this meeting. Thanks again to all visitors.

The Bellflower Congregation

We just concluded a meeting in Bellflower, Calif. and wish to take this opportunity to thank the congregation there once again for their great love and hospitality shown us and our son's family, Bill Jr., Cinde, Billy, and Christy. And we wish to also thank all those who came and gave their support to make the meeting a success.

Everything in Yakima is going along fine. We are blessed with warm weather the past few days. Our sand and ash is still with us.

We've also been blessed with many visitors over the month of July. Sister Charlotte Brockman and two children were here around the first. Bro. Bill Taylor and family were visiting us last Sunday also Sis. Lynell Forsman and son Kevin. This Sunday Bro. Jimmy Stapp and family and close friend Kathy Eaton who is now a new Sister in Christ were here from Oregon. We're always happy to have visitors.

Bro. Claude Perigen will be holding our meeting at Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-30th. Plan to spend some time with us.

In Christian love;
Bro. Bill McCay Sr.

Just A Little Contamination

One day a mother was scraping vegetables for a salad as her daughter came in to ask permission to go to an "adult" movie. The mother refused to grant her the privilege to see it. "But all the

kids are going," she said, "And their folks don't think it will hurt them."

As she talked, she saw her mother pick up a handful of the scraps and throw them into the salad. Rather startled, she shouted, "Mother, you are putting the garbage in the salad," "I know," the mother replied, "But I thought if you didn't mind garbage in your heart and in your mind, you wouldn't mind having a little in your stomach."

Thoughtfully the daughter began picking the peelings from the salad and smiled. "I guess I'll just stay at home tonight."

Drop A Pebble Into The Water

Drop a pebble into the water; just a splash and it is gone.
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on
Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on our to the sea.
And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute you forget:
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet.
And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred
And disturbed a life was happy ere you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave.
Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

James Foley

Births

Born to Bro. and Sis. Bob and Shirley Eldridge a baby girl. Their home is in Stillwell, Okla.

Born to Tony and Sis. Cheryl Heckart Twin girls on July 30, 1980.

BAPTISMS

Bro. Kevin Williams was baptized June 25, 1980. He is the son of Sis. Jo Williams of Yakima, Wash.

Bro. Dave Garcia was baptized July 24. He is attending church in Yakima.

Sis. Kathy Eaton was baptized July 27, here in Yakima. She is meeting in the home of Bro. and Sis. Stapp, 5932 N.E. Davis, Portland, Oregon.

1980 MEETINGS

Aug. 3-10	Port Orchard, Wash.	Robert Farley
Aug. 30-31 (Labor Day Week-end)	San Pablo, Calif. Maps and Directions will be mailed.	Al Way
Nov. 22-29	Yakima, Wash.	Claud Perigen