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Sunday Is Coming (Roger Shouse)

Acts 20:7 “And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.”

I love Sundays. I have always believed that Sunday is the best day of the week. For the preacher, it's also deadline time. Sermon written. PowerPoint finished. Class studied. Although in many ways, Sunday is a workday for the preacher, it's still a day for him to worship. Saints gather. The Lord is remembered. Fellowship is enjoyed.

You and I get to enjoy this blessing every week. We can take that for granted. Another Sunday. Another worship. Another song. Another prayer. Another sermon. Yes, another. How special that is. There are people today who would love to get to do what you and I enjoy. There are millions and millions on the other side, through

the door of death, who would love to come back one time to be able to honor the Lord and seek His merciful forgiveness.

Count down to Sunday begins. How can I make Sunday special? How can I make every Sunday special? Here are a few thoughts:

First, do just that, make it special. Years ago, we had what we called our “church clothes.” They were worn to church and nowhere else, not even school. Special

clothes went for a special day. Say a prayer on Saturday for Sunday. Get to bed early. Make decisions on Saturday that will make Sunday morning run smoothly. Figure out what you are going to wear. Find the shoes and Bibles. Get your contribution ready. Get the preparation done. Be thinking of Sunday, even on Saturday.

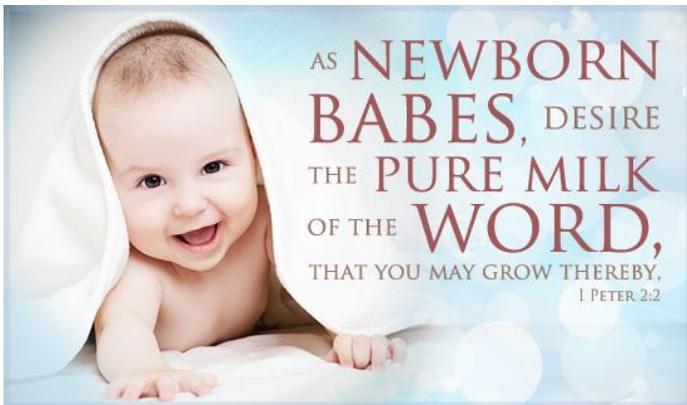
Second, try sitting in a different place in the building. If you are one who tends to sit in the back, then sit in the middle or even up front. If you sit on the left side, then sit on the right side. It may shock some folks. Some might



declare that you are in their seat, but you are not. There is no assigned seating. A change can bring a freshness to your worship.

Third, bring a pen and take notes. You'll remember better and learn more that way. Look at things in your own Bible. You'll see words that you may want to underline in your Bible. Come to learn, which means don't drag in tired, sleepy, and running late. Half of the worship may be completed before you are with it.

Fourth, stick around and greet others. That is how fellowship begins. It is the interaction with



others. It's sharing, caring, and connecting with others in Jesus. Put a smile on your face. Talk to those that you don't often talk to. Spend some time with those of a different age.

Finally, on your way home, keep the worship alive in your hearts. Talk about the songs, the prayers, and the sermon. Don't be a critic. Don't focus upon the mistakes. Look at the good side of things. Be thankful that you can be part of a church family. Remember how blessed you are and how good the Lord has been to you.

No Man Left Behind (Don Truex)

Desmond Doss was determined to serve his country during WWII. His conscience, however, would not allow him to carry a weapon. The Army did all it could to get him to quit. He endured cruelties that would have caused a lesser man to walk away, but he remained steadfast.

Assigned to the medical unit of the 77th Infantry Division, Private Doss was sent to the front lines of the war in Okinawa. He was surrounded by atrocities on a daily basis. He would not carry a gun, but he lived by the creed of the Armed Services, "No man left behind." He is credited with rescuing over 75 men on the field of a single battle. Mr. Doss is the only conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor in WWII.

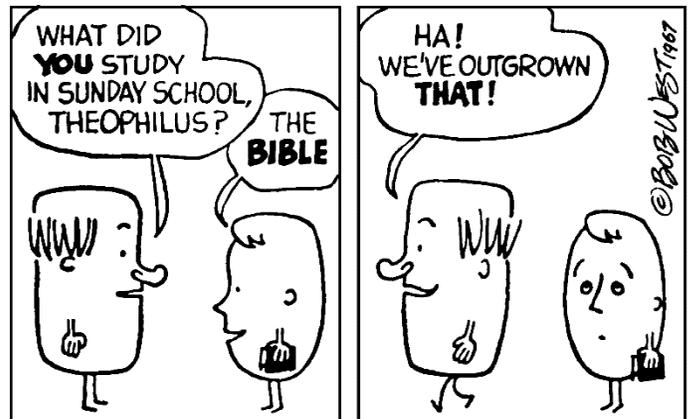
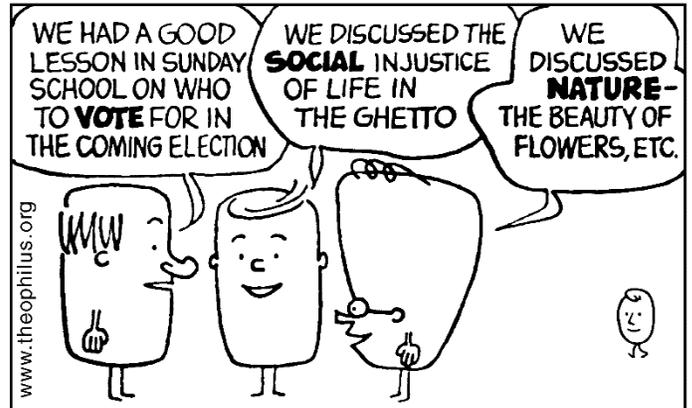
"No man left behind." Quite simply, our service-men will not leave a fallen comrade in the hands of the enemy on the field of battle. And neither should we.

In Ephesians 6, Paul argues that we too are engaged in warfare. We may not see flag-covered coffins or have funerals for those who die spiritually, but there are casualties, nonetheless. The battle takes place in our hearts. The loss of life is not just physical, but a soul ... a soul lost for eternity.

What a difference it would make if we would determine that “No one will be left behind.” It would cause elders to shepherd differently, preachers to preach differently, Christians to look at others differently.

The fact is, there are people who are discouraged, who need to be encouraged, lonely, who need company, weak, who need to be strengthened, and wayward, who need to be corrected. And too, there are those who are doing well who need to be appreciated, sacrificial who need to be esteemed.

“Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest,” said Jesus. Do you pray for the church you are a member of when outside the assembly? Do you pray for members who are young and particularly vulnerable? People who are in a distressing family relationship? People who are older and struggling with the debilitation

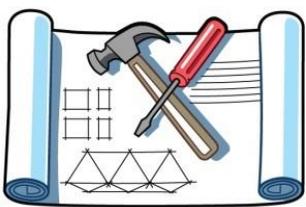


a young person who needs encouragement or an older person who needs company. Maybe it means taking the risk to go behind enemy lines to try to rescue a Christian who has been felled by enemy fire. Paul was right, “We who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength.”

What Of Tomorrow? (Author Unknown)

I do not know what still awaits,
Or what the morrow brings;
But with the glad salute of faith,
I hail its opening wings!

For this I know - that in my Lord
Shall all my needs be met;
And I can trust the heart of him
Who has not failed me yet.
Misfortunes test friends and detect
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assembly required

(HEBREWS 10:24-25)

of age? People who have left the Lord and placed their soul in eternal jeopardy?

And then, after we say “Amen,” we need to do what we can. Maybe that means befriending

Sentence Sermons

- He is always right who suspects that he makes mistakes.
- A mistake at least proves that someone stopped talking long enough to do something.
- The man who takes the time to explain his mistakes has little time for anything else.
- The only complete mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.
- It's alright to forget your mistakes as long as you remember their lessons.
- Do not be disturbed over being misunderstood; be disturbed over not understanding.
- Moderation in one's temper is a virtue; moderation in one's principles is a vice.
- They love the old who have not experienced the new.
- Misfortunes test friends and detect enemies.

Bees
cannot make honey
and sting
at the same time.



Five Ways To Make True Mends (Dee Bowman)

1. Be ready to listen. (Proverbs 27:9)
2. Practice patience. (Proverbs 17:17)
3. Be sincere. (Proverbs 19:6)
4. Be ready to help. (Proverbs 27:10)
5. Keep secrets secret. (Proverbs 16:28; 17:9)

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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

☞ Jamey Hinds, Hollywood, Florida; Roy Fenner, Panama City, Florida

☞ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri

☞ The saints in Nicaragua

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