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WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

From the Pastor's Desk

Matthew 6:19-21 - "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

I thought about this story after I had spent an hour on Facebook. It was told by a 103 year old named "Aunt Louis" who is a Vermonter.

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family.

The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche.

My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey.

But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries, and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history, or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present, and even seemed able to predict the future!

He took my family to the first Major League ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Oct. 1, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Oct. 5 – Bring Your Bible to School Day

Sponsored by Focus on the Family

Oct. 9 – Columbus Day

Oct. 11, 18, 25 – Weds. Night Bible Study resumes

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Praise and Worship Service

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study: Book of Revelation

(I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them.

Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends, or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular

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basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished.

He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? We just call him "TV."

He has a wife now. We call her "Computer." Their first child is "Cell Phone." Second child is "IPod." And just born a few years ago was a Grandchild: iPad.

Consider the words "Nowhere" and "Now Here." These words are the same in spelling. When used correctly, they can state:

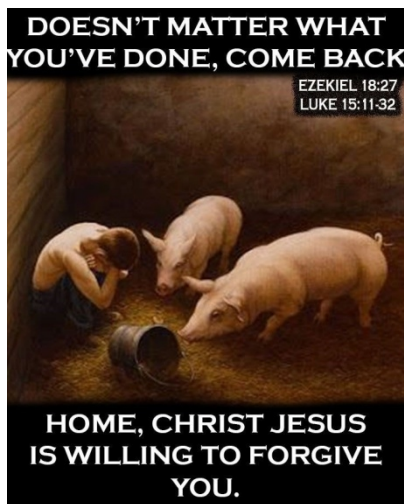
Life without Christ is going **nowhere**.

Life with Christ is **now here**.

God formed us; sin deformed us; Christ transformed us.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

✠ Pastor Al



Property and Space Patrol

The fire alarm has been renovated and new signage and fire extinguishers installed.

Mowing has slowed down because, well, the grass isn't growing as fast. Leaves are falling and it is hoped that the prevailing wind moves them farther down the road.

✠ Pastor Al & Pastor Jim



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Are You Kingdom Focused?

The following excerpt is from *Kingdom Focus* by Dr. Tony Evans, available from the Focus on the Family Publishing. Dr. Evans is an accomplished author. He is also founder and senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas.

“The kingdoms of this world would have us forget where our home is. But we, as members of the body of Christ, get our instructions and directions from another realm – from another King who is heading up another kingdom. You are a kingdom citizen. Once you understand and apply that truth, living with a kingdom focus will come more naturally.

“Satan seeks to keep you living in a state of forgetfulness. He wants you to forget that Earth is not really your home. If Satan can remove the thought of eternity from every item on your life’s itinerary, then he will get you to live only for right now.

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“Until you view things from God’s perspective, as His kingdom citizen on Earth, specifically placed here on assignment, you will confuse your priorities and misuse your time. It is when you learn how to align your focus with His kingdom perspective that you will discover the thrill that comes in not only reimagining but also living out a brighter tomorrow.”

Podcasts from Focus on the Family

Focus on the Family entered the podcasting scene in 2006 with “The Official Adventures in Odyssey Podcast.” These are digital audio files made available on the Internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device, typically available as a series.

New installments can be received by subscribers automatically. The term Podcast is actually a portmanteau of *iPod* and *Broadcast*.

Today Focus offers many different categories and all are geared to help you and your family thrive in Christ. Go to

<https://podcasts.focusonthefamily.com/>

In addition to the long-running “Odyssey” podcast, offerings include “ReFOCUS with Jim Daly” which is a weekly show discussing topics of current interest, “Crazy Little Thing Called Marriage,” “The Boundless Show” for young adults, “The Plugged In Show” featuring reviews of the latest movies, TV shows, and video games, and “The Official Average Boy Podcast” which includes funny stories by comedian Bob Smiley.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy birthday to these people who celebrate another orbit around the Sun:

10/1 Pastor Al Page



Hillside also wishes God’s blessing on anyone who celebrates a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, please let the editor know about it.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our

duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM.

For example, on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m., enjoy "The Brinkman Adventures," a lively well-done radio drama. In the wee hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, if you can't sleep, tune in to Praise & Worship music.

During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly. In the evenings catch the latest episode of "Adventures in Odyssey."

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Sermons are also recorded weekly and published on the web site as podcasts in mp3 format.

Submissions for Next Issue

Deadline is Oct. 25. Send news items to News Wrangler and Editor, Michael Frascinella, [mfrascinella at comcast dot net](mailto:mfrascinella@comcast.net).



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