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??? QUESTIONING FAITH ???

I have always enjoyed sharing my faith with unbelievers. It’s fascinating to hear people’s thoughts or objections to the truth of God’s Word and the gospel. Years ago, I remember one young lady saying, “Well, I believe in science.” I replied that I also believe in science, but science doesn’t explain where everything came from. She said, “Well, strange things can happen if you give it billions of years.” I walked away from that conversation realizing that people often hold beliefs devoid of factual evidence.

In the last 20 years, people have continued to doubt the Scriptures, but today, the idea of questioning everything seems to be a prized attribute. Schools teach children to question absolute truth, parents, upbringing, social norms and even their own gender identities.

There’s nothing wrong with having an inquiring mind; however, questioning without a starting point and a destination is as useless as bailing water from a perforated boat.

THE STARTING POINT: KNOWLEDGE

The reason Habakkuk asked particular questions is because he was operating on the basis of knowledge. Habakkuk knew from the Scriptures that God promised to deal with the sin of his people. He also knew from the Scriptures that God would preserve his people forever. Based on that knowledge he could ask, “God, why aren’t you dealing with the sin of your people. And, God, if you annihilate us, you’ll be unethical by breaking your promises.”

Today, some defecting from the faith are asking questions relating to God’s justice, or the validity of the Bible, or the historicity of the faith. However, most defect because biblical lifestyle ethics conflict with modern notions of freedom. People question God’s standards without really understanding the truth behind the standards, thus, we have questions without knowledge.

Why has this happened? I would trace it back to failure in our homes and churches to really teach the truth of God’s Word. For the past 30 years, churches have sought to entertain people in order to hold a crowd. Entertainment won’t sustain faith, and we’re seeing the fallout.

THE DESTINATION: TRUTH

Good questions begin with a basis of knowledge, and then should lead to greater knowledge and learning. Habakkuk asked great questions based upon his understanding of God and God’s covenants. God answered him in a couple of visions and confirmed that he indeed would deal with Israel’s sin. He would also deal with the Babylonians in time and would preserve his own people.

After God revealed this truth, Habakkuk humbly submitted to what he heard. In fact, in Habakkuk 2:20 God says, “*But the Lord is in his holy temple; let the whole earth be silent in his presence.*”

In other words, questions should lead to truth, and truth should lead to the silencing of questions. Habakkuk’s questions found the destination of truth. At the end of the book, Habakkuk’s faith was strengthened in the knowledge of truth. The proof is in the last two verses where he says, “*Yet I will celebrate in the Lord; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!*”

He knew this *before* he asked the questions and knew it even to a greater degree *after* asking the questions. When asked properly, questions should strengthen faith, not undermine it.

-adapted from an article by Mike Augsburger, Des Moines, Iowa, garbc.org

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ



We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you!

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”

Pray for our Church family:

Pray for those who mourn: David and the Winings family; Wanda Goodenough; and Jeff Mercer. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Keep Joy Gabel Filippone in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her husband Sam. Please pray for Lynette as she continues to recover from surgery, Jerry and Camelia’s daughter Christy who is suffering with severe back problems and Russ and Barbara Galbreath’s daughter-in-law Carla and has recently been placed on hospice care. Pray for the improved health of: Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Lynette.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins’ family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

Military:

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Father, thank You for the salvation You provided through Jesus. Help me to honor You by keeping focused on our Savior and His amazing love for me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Our Daily Bread, Dave Branon; August 2019

Read: Psalm 111

News:

Trustee/Congregational Business Meeting: Is scheduled for today following worship service. All are encouraged to attend.

Reminder: Our new email address is: **pscoc@outlook.com**. Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

In Search of the Lord’s Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

Scripture reading:
Malachi 2:17 - 3:2

You have wearied the Lord with your words. “How have we wearied him?” you ask. By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and he is pleased with them” or “Where is the God of Justice?”

“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” Says the Lord Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap.

Sermon Title:
“A Question of Defiance”

Birthdays:

Mae Britton:	1/3
Francis Pati:	1/5
Barbara Galbreath:	1/11
Ana Olea:	1/12
Sandi Pati:	1/13
Maria Olea:	1/19

Wedding Anniversaries:

R & L McDonald:	1/13
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Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

State and local mandates require wearing masks during indoor gatherings

Please bring your own bible

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:
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P.O. Box 2267
Palm Springs, CA 92263
(Checks or money orders - please do not mail cash)

God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

mychurchofchristradio.com

<http://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com>

Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado

*Individually wrapped **communion supplies** are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.*