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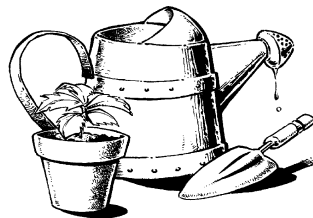
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MAY

John 9:3 This happened so that the work of God might be displayed.

Cause and effect, (what goes around comes around) is and has been through the centuries one of the tried and true counsels of wisdom passed on from the old to the young. This was actually printed above the door of Camp hill Prison Hole and showed to each inmate as they entered as a warning of how they must treat others. And there is human truth in this counsel. Divine truth, however, runs deeper.

Conventional “wisdom” dictates that blindness, birth defects, or any human tragedy reveals in its malfunction the reality that “what’s going around is coming around.” To this Jesus say emphatically no!

Every human situation is redeemable in Christ. Every tragedy, every difficulty, every hard edge can and does bring us to a place where the “work of God might be displayed.” That place, for you and for me, is at the foot of the cross. There God delivered healing and salvation in His Son. There what goes around and what comes around are stripped of their power to destroy, and what remains is life eternal in Christ Jesus.

We have had several deaths this past year at Zion and with that comes a lot of pain. If you have been laid low by some terrifying agony, take it to the cross. There the work of God will be displayed in your life.

I think this also holds true for Church’s in general. Zion has been through its share of pain but all is redeemable through Christ. If you look around at the Women's Guild workers, The Youth V.B.S. workers, lay readers, preachers, and so many other Zion ministries you see an energy, a passion for serving the Lord. We all have been hurt, but we all can be redeemed, rejuvenated, and enlivened through Christ our Lord. Amazing things are happening at the church and my explanation for it is simple. “Trust and Obey” and “Keep the faith.” We have! Amen!

In His Name
Pastor Tom

**Remember that a busy life
Makes prayer harder
While prayer make a busy
Life easier.
GOOD MORNING EVERYONE**



A note from a Mother

I gave birth to you, but you came with no instructions. All I knew was that I loved you long before I saw you. I know I made some mistakes and for that, I am sorry. But I was doing the best I could with what I knew. Everything I did for you, I did from Love. You are my child, my life, my dreams for tomorrow. I will always LOVE you and there is nothing that could ever destroy my love for you.

Have you ever considered that God has fallen in love with you ??

**He sends you flowers every spring.
He sends you sunshine every morning.
Whenever you want to talk, he listens
To you. He can live anywhere in the universe,
But he chose you, your heart.
God didn't promise days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow, sun without
Rain, but he did promise strength
For the day, comfort for the tears
And light for the way. Amen**

The real things haven't
changed. It is still
Best to be honest and truthful; to make the
most out of what we
have; to be happy
with simple pleasures
and to have courage
when things go wrong.
Kelly's Treehouse



Wash Me

The time was late,
Christ knew his fate.
He loved His own,
That love was shown.

With water clean,
To each drew near,
He washed their feet,
And dried them neat.

But Peter spoke,
Don't wash a stroke,
This is no good,
You never should.

The Lord was kind,
It's true you'll find,
If I don't start,
You'll have no part.

Then wash my face,
To show your grace,
And wash my hand,
So clean I'll stand.

The Lord replied,
It's not denied,
If I wash clean,
My love was seen.

You too must go,
To others show,
My humble care,
My love to share

O Lord, wash me,
So all can see,
Not me, but You,
In all I do.

Walter S. Greenwood, Jr

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Teresa Day, singer from Menno Haven Rehab,
She sang for Family night, May 13

Ask, Seek, Knock

The Lord said simply ask,
The Lord said always seek,
The Lord said boldly knock,
Although we're often weak.

He said it will be given,
He said it will be found,
He said it will be opened,
The blessings will abound.

A man does not give stones,
If children ask for bread
Nor if they ask for fish,
Will give them snakes instead.

If man who's bad gives gifts,
To those who he does love.
The greatest gifts we get,
Come down from God above.

So we should live each day,
As God expects us to
And always do to others,
As you want done to you.

Walter Greenwood, Jr.

IF YOUR STRUGGLING

You deserve to make self-care a priority.
Whether that means lying in bed all day,
eating comfort food, crying, sleeping,
rescheduling plans, finding an escape through
A good book, watching your favorite
TV show, or doing nothing at all -
Give yourself permission to
put your healing first. Quiet the voice telling
you to do more and be more, and today,
whatever you do, let it be enough.
Daniell Koepke

10 Blessings of God

- 1/ I have a home.**
- 2/ I ate today.**
- 3/ I have a kind heart.**
- 4/ I have good wishes for others.**
- 5/ I have water to drink.**
- 6/ I am content.**
- 7/ I am trying to become better.**
- 8/ I have a dream.**
- 9/ I have clean clothes.**
- 10/ I am breathing. AMEN**

FAITH is
When you praise God in
The storm, you trust
Him in the
Valley, and you
Follow Him in the dark.

Praise Him
AMEN
“Cardinal bird Lover”

DEAR GOD,
I CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE BUT
YOU ARE. PLEASE
WATCH OVER MY
LOVED ONES.
KEEP THEM SAFE
FOR ME.
AMEN

A Boring Day

This morning is so boring
Looks like a boring day;
There is nothing much to look at,
And I haven't much to say;
There's a peacock on my sneakers;
There's a penguin on my head;
There's a dormouse on my doorstep;
So I guess I'll stay in bed!
Ricardo Leader (June, 2002)

FAMILY PAGE

May Birthdays

May 6—Desire Zeger

May 24—Jenelle Wagner

May 31—Cole Frey

Prayers for Amber Pogue, Lois Picking, the family of Dan Smith, the family of Denise Foreman, the family of Susan Hileman (Pat Hileman's Daughter-in-law)

Thank You!

Dear Zion Family members:

I truly appreciated all the prayers, cards, flowers, and the visits from my caring ZION family during my knee replacement and rehab.

Thank you

Jane Johnson



May's News:

May 4— No Communion

May 7— Bible Study at 10am

May 7— Bells at 6pm

May 7 — Choir 7pm

May 11 —- Mother's Day Sunday

May 13 — No Woman's Guild Meeting

May 13—Family Night May 13 at 6pm bring a hot and cold dish; Women's Guild will provide the chicken; **please sign up on the bulletin board**

May 14—Bible Study at 10 am

14—No bells rehearsal

14—Choir at 6:30pm

14—Consistory at 7pm

May 15— UCCA meeting at First United Methodist Church

15—Paint Night with Patty at 6 at a cost of \$20

May 25—Diana Johnson will be out guest minister for the service

May 26 — Monday, Memorial Day

June 4— Bible Study ends and will start again in the fall

June 8—**Rose Rent Sunday** starts at 9:00am breakfast
(please Sign up - the cooks need to know a count)

July 6 the **hours change** at church—9:45—Church service,
No Sunday School just Fellowship time

COMMON SENSE

Be careful how you judge, the things that others do.
The judgment that you make, may end up judging you.
When someone needs your help, a mote is in his eye,
Remove the beam from yours, before you even try.
Don't give a holy thing to dogs without a care.
Or cast fine pearls away, to hogs so unaware.
Just why did Jesus Christ, say strange things such as these?
For if we serve the Lord, what we do then should please.
The Lord wants all His own to use plain common sense,
So actions thoughts and words do not make us look dense.
But show that we love Him; obey Him every day,
And life with Christ your Lord, will be God's only way.
Walter Greenwood Jr.

Sins of Omission (healing poem)

There are sins of commission,
And sins of omission, too;
We should keep this in mind
As we decide what to do.

Some people are busy
And seem to forget,
That Jesus has taught us,
The rules God has set.

We must always help others
No matter the cost;
Lest we blemish our souls,
And then all is lost.

No, he knows our weakness,
We might just as well know,
That God watches o'er us
Wherever we go.