

From The Pastor's Pen



Keep Digging!



Isaiah 58:11 "And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

During the 1930's, poverty swept across America like a great storm, ripping up dreams and scattering hopes to the wind. One such poverty storm hit a small part of Texas where a man named Yates ran a small sheep ranch. Struggling even to keep food on the table, Yates and his wife did all they could to survive. Finally, they had to accept a government assistance or lose their home and land to the bill collectors.

One day, in the midst of this horrible situation, a crew from a large oil company came and wanted to test Mr. Yates' land. With the farmer's permission, they wanted to drill a well on his property, promising him a major cut of the profits if they struck oil. "What do I have to lose?" thought Yates, and he signed the papers.

The oil crew immediately set up the machines and began drilling. Five hundred feet down, they came up dry. Eight hundred feet, dry. One thousand feet they sunk the

shaft, and still no oil. Finally, at a little over eleven hundred feet, they tapped into one of the richest oil reserves in Texas. The hole sprayed its black “gold” high into the air, and soon the well was pumping eighty thousand barrels of oil a day. Overnight, Yates and his family became millionaires. His property, once called Yate's Field, became known as Yate's Pool. And soon hundreds of oil wells dotted the land where once only sheep grazed.

Hmm. What if they had stopped at a thousand feet??

Do you know that there is a well of blessing within you that is just waiting to be found? However, the victory will only come when we dig for it. We need to keep digging even when the circumstances look their worst! We need to believe that there is a blessing with our name on it and not stop when we get discouraged and don't see the fruit of our labor! We need to expect great things and rich oil in the Spirit! Because this is what the Lord has for each one of us!

Your breakthrough is just under our feet! Be encouraged! Keep digging! God has more in store than you can imagine!

Adapted from devotion by George Whitten

Peace and blessings,

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