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Life Changing Power

The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

The Hebrew writer tells us that God's word is life changing. He used the graphic image of a two-edged sword to describe how deep it can reach into our spiritual being to change us from the inside out. The words he uses to describe it jump off the page. Living, powerful, sharp, piercing, discerning all describe its potential. God gave us His instructions to help us on our journey to become more like Him. It is His main physical tool given to us to transform our lives, and it will do what he sends it to do (Isaiah 55:11). What a blessing!

The question is are we allowing it to do its work? A sword in its sheath will never win a battle. Neither will a Bible on the shelf. We must take it out, read it, study it, and let it do its work within our lives. May God bless us as we do our best to let His word transform our lives each day.

John

It Was Your Right Hand

Psalm 44:3 It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

This Psalm is a cry for help. The Israelites have been defeated in a battle. They had to retreat and were plundered by the enemy. The neighboring people considered them a reproach and looked upon them with scorn and derision. Israel felt disgrace and shame. They were crushed; they were devoured and they were sold. The question asked was, "Why?"

The Psalmist thinks back to the accounts told by his parents and grandparents. Israel had been victorious so many times. Amazing stories of God's intervention are the history of this nation. They knew of Moses' victory over the Egyptians, Joshua's victory at Jericho and Gideon's 300 men victory. What was the common theme in all of these accounts? It was the presence of God. The writer gave all credit to God. Their sword did not do it; their numbers didn't accomplish it; their skills and strength didn't conquer the enemy but God did. Why then was God not present at this time?

The writer claims to have not forgotten God. He claims to be true to God's covenant. His heart has not turned back and his feet have not strayed. He stated, "Yet for your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." Because of Israel's relationship with God this has happened. Paul used this same thought in Romans 8:36. Good Christian people were losing their lives because of their relationship with God and not only that but Jesus lost his life as well. The good news is that God is present and still loves us. We will have first-hand knowledge of this in heaven.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Iris Anderson - recovering from surgery
- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown,
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress - Poplar Estates, Rm. 204
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell - Home
- Athaleen Cox
- Little Gannon Gilliam - now at home
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Charline Gossett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Helen Lusk - Life Care, Rm. 217
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403
- James Ed Pollard - Hillview NHC, Rm. 206
- Barney Roland - Hillview NHC, Rm. 101-B
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Darrell Brown, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman - hospice, Melissa Stutts - cancer, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Nell Hood, Anita and Dwight Brown - NHC Scott, Rm. 227, 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464, Tommy Hemphill, Sharon Hardison Terry - daughter of Edna Hardison, Clara Harvey, Life Care, Rm. 225B - aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219, Joan Hermsdorfer - aunt of Robin Weaver, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Little Gatlin Macer, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Clara Griggs-cancer-aunt of Donna Altobell - 202 Nowlin Court, Columbia, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Allen Brown, Ronnie Springer-leukemia, friend of John & Debbie Massey

Congratulations to Caleb & Kristyn Boyd on the birth of Anderson Matthew born yesterday weighing 6 lb. 11 oz. Proud big sister is Addy. Proud grandparents are Gary and Tonya Boyd. Proud great-grandparents are Johnnie and JoAnn Johnson.

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 9, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Rhett Heflin
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tommy Hight
 Tommy Skelley Cody Spires
 Barrow Brown Kyle Upchurch
 Sonny Hargrove James Bolton
 Jacob Pollard Ed Johnson
 Read: I Timothy 6:6-10.....Gary Boyd
 Sermon: When Will I Be Rich?.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Read: I Timothy 6:17-19.....Joe Macer
 Sermon: Commands For The Rich.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Kevin Mick
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

Coin boxes for the Tennessee Children's Home are in the foyer. Please feel free to take one and save your change for them.

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Jim Anderson, Dave Coleman
 Greeters: James & Roberta Bolton, Myrna Jett, Lisa Kelley
 Audio/Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Sharon Davis, Jennifer Davis
 P.M.....Teresa Lyle, Christy Skelley

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Announcements/Speaker.....Mike Lyle
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk