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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

This past Lord's day following morning services we had a memorial service remembering Billy Collins. Billy passed from this life on January 6th. Billy was a fixture here at Getwell for a number of years, always willing to help out in any way he was capable. We will miss William A. Collins, Jr. (Billy).

We were blessed this past Lord's day with a guest preacher, Michael Wyatt and his lovely wife, Susie. Michael is semi retired after 45 years in the pulpit. He received his Bible training at the Brown Trail School of Preaching. Brother Wyatt hails from Texas and he and his wife currently reside in Atkin, Tennessee. Brother Wyatt's association with Getwell dates back to 1976-1978 when he first attended the Spiritual Sword Lectureship. He was a speaker on the lectureship in 1998.

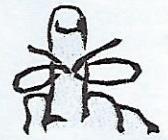
I have attempted to fill the pulpit in the last month. But it was good to have a more experienced and educated preacher in the pulpit. I am sure the congregation would agree.

Brother Wyatt spoke three times and the lessons were all excellent and sound. Two of the titles of his lessons stuck in my head; one was "Do You Have An Appointment?" Of course, speaking of the appointments God has set for us. The second title of his lesson was "Don't Give Up," a very uplifting lesson which we all need from time to time. We at Getwell appreciate Brother Wyatt and his wife, Susie coming our way.

In connection with my attempts at preaching, I want to thank Mike Hixson for sending me sermon outlines. With Mike's help I was much better prepared to preach God's Word.

Ron Wallace

RON'S REMINDERS



We Often Forget How Blessed We Are.

A few months ago, the position I had for many years was eliminated. With this sudden change, I had time to think about what I wanted to do next. After many prayers, God placed a new career in my path. I wanted a job where I could help others and feel good about what I did. I wanted to leave people with a smile.

Little did I know that with this new job I would meet people who would pray for me and I would see things that would help change my heart. In this job, I get to see firsthand what tornado destruction does. I get to talk directly to the people whose lives have been completely turned upside down.

The first week of December, our area was hit with a tornado. I had the opportunity to go to a town that had taken a lot of the wind damage. I also spoke with many families that had now been misplaced. A tree in a pool, a house with a tree through the bedroom where a man had previously been sleeping, and many other sights as we drove along the path of the storm.

One thing that stuck out to me was a house that had been destroyed. The entire side of it was gone. Most of the house was now sitting in its own front yard. I looked quickly as we drove by and I saw a Christmas tree laying on the side of the house. Ornaments and lights were still on it. A family who was ready for Christmas now has to make other plans.

It reminded me that nothing in this world matters except living for Christ. Everything can be taken away in a split second but no one can take away your love for Christ. The pool, the house and even the Christmas tree are all just items of the world that do not have true meaning.

Sometimes we catch ourselves worrying about the things on earth. We worry about our homes, our toys, our vehicles, and so much more. Sometimes we can even get caught up in spending money on these things just to have more things or better things than our friends and neighbors. But, in one simple second or one strong storm, all of these things can be taken away from us.

All of these things that we have built up here on earth are temporary. Eternal life with Christ is not. No one can take away love. No one can take away the love we have for God, our family, or our friends. We often forget how blessed we are.

Matthew 6:19-21 reads "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

This year, let's try to focus more on our spiritual life than the possessions we have on earth. Let's put serving God and helping others above our own desires.

God is good!

PICKING UP THE PIECES

There are so many things in life that have an impact on our outlook on life. Our experiences change us and although we may not be ready for change ... Change comes anyway!

Some of us know the feeling all too well. You become tired, depressed, overwhelmed, and even feel helpless. For a moment you might feel like you're walking on solid ground, but even that starts to feel as though it is crumbling and falling apart. When you finally get to a point where you've had enough of the ground shaking like a roller coaster ride, you want to get back on your feet and stand strong. You're ready to begin picking up the pieces of your life and moving forward.

But the question is... How? How do you pick up the pieces after you lost a loved one? After a divorce? During financial trouble? After feeling like you've hit rock bottom? Where do you begin?

First, there are some things we must come to terms with in order to move forward. We need to realize and understand that this is not the first and most certainly won't be the last time you feel like you've been broken and have to pick up the pieces. Job 14:1 says, "Man who is born of woman is a few days and full of trouble." Being a Christian does not exempt you from trouble. The sooner you accept disappointment and hurt as a part of life the sooner healing can begin.

Here are a few things to help when trying to pick up life's pieces ...

LEARN FROM THE HURT.

It can be hard to process a painful situation and learn from it. Learning may take a long time. Hurt does not have a time frame and some people heal faster than others. Sometimes it isn't until we go through an experience, feel all the emotions of the experience, and finally accept that it happened that we begin to learn. You cannot tell me when and how long it takes to get over a death or a failed relationship or another problem. Only time can tell that and don't rush the hurt, but be open to get past it.

MOVE PAST THE QUESTIONS.

A lot of people have a lot of questions as to why things have happened to them. There are many adults who still question why certain things happened to them in their childhood. Sometimes we want to scream the question out loud "Why me?" Life can be so full of confusion. However, the strongest people are those who by grace of God can move past their questions and find purpose.

TRUST GOD'S PROCESS.

Processing a situation or circumstance takes time. It

may even take years to come to a place of inner peace. Sometimes you may never get over a death or being an addiction or a divorce but God can give you enough peace to move forward and not stay stuck in the same spot. Loved ones die every day; it is a painful experience that some never forget. It feels as though you have been left picking up the pieces. Remember that God gives us grace and strength to help deal with it!

ACCEPT.

Accept that you may never understand why something bad has happened. We are not superhuman, neither are we capable of understanding all the things life throws at us. You can't begin moving forward until you realize you may never have an answer. Sometimes people spend their lives looking for something they may never find.

MOVE ON.

Once you process a situation, get through all your questions (with or without an answer) and accept the situation, you can move.

WAIT.

Sometimes in life you just have to wait. Waiting means to cease from trying to change things that cannot be changed by you. In other words, "What can you do about it?" Wait on the Lord and His timing.

TALK TO SOMEONE.

Sometimes a word of comfort, a reassuring hug or good advice is just what you need. Don't be afraid to share your feelings with people you trust. Let somebody in. Cry over your pain. It's okay to cry. Let out your feelings of pain and loss. I promise you'll feel better. Release it. Let it go and when you do you will begin to see and live life beyond the tears.

TELL GOD ABOUT IT.

When you've tried and tried, and cried and cried, and you still seem stuck, talk to God about it. That's exactly what He is there for. He's a burden bearing friend. He will give you peace that passes all understanding, unspeakable joy, love everlasting, and a life more abundantly. He said, "I won't leave you or forsake you." He'll always be there. Not only can He pick up the pieces in your life but He can also fit them perfectly together so that you can finally start living again.

Remain Blessed.

Fitz and Fontella Bailey, Think December 2021