

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

It is Your Choice -

Worry or Trust?

By April Coonfare



I see two different people in my mind. The one stays rattled, is always upset about something, cannot think straight and is so nervous she would almost make you nervous just watching her. The other is cool, calm, collected, going through life not stressing out over things out of her control, very peaceful and confident about her life. I ask you today, which person are you? Do you stay stressed out? Do you let things upset you easily? Are you nervous about the situations you are facing? Or are you cool, calm and collected? Do you have a peaceful spirit about you? The difference between these two people is the choice they've made. One has chosen to worry and the other has chosen to trust.

Proverbs 3:5 tells us to, "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*" Trust simply means a firm belief in one's reliability. The Bible tells us we should trust in the Lord. Trusting in God with all our heart is the opposite of doubting God and His Word. It is the basis of our relationship with God. Our trust is based on the promise that God is trustworthy. We can be assured that God loves us and will faithfully take care of us. Matthew tells us he has the hairs numbered. With a God like that why should we worry?

Our trust in God grows as we mature in our walk with Him. I have experienced things in my life that has brought me to my knees before the Almighty because I had no control over the situation and all I could do was pray.

He has brought back a family member, dear to my heart, that was backslidden in darkness, but was renewed and brought in to light again after 6 years of prayer and fasting. Don't give up in situations that seem hopeless!! God is working even if you can't see it! Trust Him!!

God puts us through things for us to get on our knees and trust Him.

When you stop to think about it, it's pretty awesome that the God who made the universe is concerned enough about us to take care of all our needs. Paul confirms this in Philippians 4:19 "*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*" All my need includes material and spiritual needs. I heard a preacher say you can't trust God when you're worrying and you can't worry when you're trusting God.

It is so wonderful to have a God that I can trust my life to. I don't have to make decisions; He is there to direct me as to what I should do if I trust Him. I don't have to worry, He has promised to take care of me. He will take the worry out of my life if I will only trust Him. It really is that simple. Only trust Him.

So what is it? Will you choose to worry or will you choose to trust? It's your choice.

March 2012



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“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”
Philippians 4:13



I don't think we realize how important memorizing God's Word and keeping it in our heart and minds can be. When I was in ICU there were times I would find myself saying "I can't do this anymore...I can't stand this." I began to counteract that negative thinking by repeating the above verse over and over, which tells me "I can," and why and through whom I can. I can't explain how much better that made me feel.

I am so pleased that our church is participating in Bible Quizzing this year! I am praying for it because I want to assure that our young people have knowledge of God's Word that will sustain them through tough times.

In the past five months I have went through a great ordeal, and the doctors told me that three times I had been in "the valley of the shadow of death" (Psalm 23:4), but God was with me and I am still here. I guess He isn't done with me yet. I have a work to do for Him and I am more determined than ever to do it.

In fact, although I know that God did not cause my pneumonia, and did not cause my lung to collapse, I firmly believe that He allowed it to happen so that I could realize that I had put so much on my plate that my time with Him had become more and more limited. I had taken on so many unnecessary responsibilities that I was wearing myself down, mentally, physically, and spiritually. I have already resigned from almost all of my positions and when I have this surgery I will be more fit to do God's work. I am going to devote the time I was wearing myself out doing things that will not last in the end, in getting to know my God better, and allowing Him to know me and to help me know myself.

Let's teach our children and ourselves how to please God by using His Word to know how to build our faith, and remember that we "can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

By Fran Lane



Pentecostals of Billings Offering Bible College Courses STARTS MARCH 11

God's people must be prepared for the challenges presented to us by our society and times. The vision of ExCeLL is to equip the church to accomplish this task. Paul expressed our goal well: "To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:12, 13 NIV).

For many people, the dream of attending a distant Bible college is only that – a dream. ExCeLL offers an unprecedented opportunity for training and study of the Word right in the local church. The program is not limited to ministers, and anyone who desires this level of learning is welcome to enroll. Even new converts have found that it provides a sound doctrinal foundation. Students earn Texas Bible College credit hours just as if they were enrolled at the campus in Lufkin.

Instruction is provided by the local pastor and/or his ministerial staff – able "word handler" (II Corinthians 4:2; II Timothy 2:15) who are "apt to teach" (I Timothy 3:2). A certificate will be awarded for the successful completion of each course, and a transcript will be available on permanent file.

Details

Each course is \$100, and includes manuals and course materials. The first course is Doctrine, and the enrollment deadline is Sunday, March 4th. The first class will be held on March 11th, and the course lasts for eleven weeks. All classes are at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see David Rennich.



Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour on March 10 as Daylight Savings Time begins.

**CELEBRATING HOME
FUNDRAISER FOR BIBLE
QUIZZING**

Through the whole month of March Donna Huffmon will be doing a fundraiser through Celebrating Home to help the Bible Quizzers raise money.

For more information please see Donna Huffmon

UpComing Events:

- March 11 - Excell Classes begin
- March 18- AM SOC Coin offering
- March 25 - 10 AM service only
- March 31- Quiz Retreat- Billings
- April 1 - Fool's Holiday (Creationism Focus)
- April 8 - EASTER - 1 service followed by Easter Egg hunt



CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tyler Sapp
- Louie & Dale Dauenhauer
- Michael Kruger
- Medicine Crow Family
- Marty McFate
- Carol Penrod
- Galen Walter

If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: coonfare03@yahoo.com



March 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 630 Quiz Practice	2	3 10 am Quiz Tournament Hardin
4	5	6	7 630 Quiz Practice	8	9 7 pm Youth	10 10am Outreach 6 pm Choir Practice
11 8:30 Excell Classes Begin	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 SOC Coin Drive	19	20 	21 630 Quiz Practice	22	23 7 pm Youth	24 10 am Outreach 5:30 Music 6pm Choir
25 AM Service	26	27 7 pm Leadership Training and Planning	28 630 Quiz Practice	29	30	31 Quiz Retreat

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Crunchy-No Fry Chicken

Ingredients

1/4 cup Swanson® Chicken Broth or Swanson® Chicken Stock

3/4 cup finely crushed corn flakes

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper

1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Heat the oven to 400°F.

Pour the broth into a shallow bowl. Stir the corn flakes, garlic powder, black pepper and red pepper on a plate.

Dip the chicken into the broth. Coat with the corn flake mixture. Place the chicken onto a baking sheet.

Bake for 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through



SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next couple of months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

Mark 1:35

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

WORDS OF INSIGHT



Psalms 91:4 “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”

Isaiah 21:5 “Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink; arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield”

1 Corinthians 2:5 “ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

SHIELD OF FAITH

Quench all fiery darts of the enemy and help me when I do not understand

“Lord you are the author and the finisher of my faith, Let my faith come from You, for You are faithful.”

SAINT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Alan Coonfare



- 1. Where are you originally from?** Born and raised in Billings, MT.
- 2. How did you come to find God?** I was raised in the church
- 3. How old were you when you were baptized in Jesus Name?** I was 10
- 4. How old were you when you received the Holy Ghost?** I was 10
- 5. What is your favorite scripture in the Bible?** Psalms 61, first verse I learned.
- 6. What has God done in your life, just this past year, that is a testimony to you.**
This last year He has kept me safe at work and there has been many times He was there as soon as I said just His name.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** Hunting, fishing, and playing sports with my son
- 8. Favorite type of food?** Italian and meat and potatoes



WHY WE WORSHIP THE WAY WE DO

If you have never had the opportunity to be in a Spirit-filled service before, you will discover that Biblical expressions of worship are still practiced today. Join in with us as we praise God together in spirit and in truth.

Biblical Expressions of Worship

We pray together aloud because in the Bible we read, "They lifted up their voice to God with one accord" (Acts 4:24).

We lift our hands in praise because in the Bible we read, "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord" (Psalm 134:2).

We sing with all our hearts because in the Bible we read, "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise" (Psalm 98:4).

We play musical instruments because in the Bible we read, "And all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments" (2 Samuel 6:5).

We clap and shout unto God because in the Bible we read, "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph" (Psalm 47:1).

We dance before the LORD because in the Bible we read, "Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs" (Psalm 150:4).

We testify publicly because in the Bible we read, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee" (Psalm 22:22).

We anoint with oil for divine healing because in the Bible we read, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14).

We allow the operation of the spiritual gifts because in the Bible we read, "When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation" (1 Corinthians 14:26).

TO BE LIKE AN EAGLE, By Larissa Timme



Isaiah 40:30 *“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”*

It is totally against our nature to stand still and do nothing when we are facing trials. Young people have a tendency to panic when the Lord does not move according to their time table; however, the waiting time is never a wasted time with God. And during these times, God is putting the eagle nature within us, He calls us to be like an eagle. Some of the characteristics of eagles are that

- They are fiercely committed. If they set their eye on a prey, they will get that prey no matter what.
- Eagles feed on freshly killed prey and don't eat anything that is dead. •They cannot digest things like bones and hair. If these items do get inside their mouths then it will impair their ability to fly. And the eagle will then hit its beak against a rock, until the bones or hair are out of its mouth. We should be the same way, once sin enters into our lives, we need to get rid of it right away. Also, when the eagle becomes sick, he stretches himself on the rock and lies in the sun. The sun rays absorb the poison from the sick eagle and he becomes strong again.
- They are also extremely focused- nothing distracts them.
- An eagle is the only bird that is not afraid of storms. In fact they enjoy them, because they ride the thermal currents of the wind and it bounces them up to new level. They can see when a storm is coming.
- The eagle goes through a molting process which brings great depression. The calcium deposits accumulate on the eagle's talons and beak, which becomes a painful phase that all eagles face. Because it has no strength to fly it walks like a turkey into a valley. Other eagles, who have already gone through this process, will fly above the valley and drop fresh food to give the hurt eagle enough strength to fly (their friends help them- if we see someone in pain then nothing should stop us from lending a hand). Once they have regained their strength, they will climb a mountain. Then it will fly upon a rock and beat the calcium deposits off its beak and talons. After this experience, the eagle will soar again with greater strength than ever before.
- The eagle's enemy is the serpent who robs the eggs from the nest. A serpent will never attack a full grown eagle for he knows what is ahead of him if he does. The eagle gets rid of the serpent in two ways: by catching him with his talons and using his beak to peck the serpent's head till he dies or removing his head off totally, and secondly an eagle will carry the serpent high up and drop him on a jagged rock a couple of times, causing him to die.

We are also to get rid of the sins in our lives and the Lord has given us the power to do that exact thing, Luke 10:19 says, "Behold, I have given authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you."

- Eagles get as close to the sun as possible. Eagles are the only creatures that can look directly into the sun. They have two sets of eyelids, which are always wet.
- And when eagles get worn out, they go to the rock and begin to pluck out their own feathers one by one. It is very painful but he is more focused on his progress, (as we should be). Then they find a stream to go wash in, and all the mud and dirt fall off. Fresh and clean he stands before the sun and begins to wait. It takes 40 days to regrow new feathers.

The Bible does not call us to be like:

Vultures- They enjoy the filth of life

They are attracted to things with problems. They love to tear things apart. They have the smell of death about them.

Cuckoo Bird- They do not like to work. Content to steal off other birds they will not build their own nest but will wait until one is finished by a different bird and will take over and lays its eggs and then leaves the babies in some other birds care. They will not take responsibility

Peacocks- They are flashy and showy. They have the look at me attitude so they draw attention to themselves.

Parrots- They can talk the talk but they can not walk the walk. They copy others. And they too tend to draw attention to themselves.

Crows- They spend a lot of time pestering the eagles. They are the most cunning and dangerous birds in the bird kingdom. They act like nothing else matters, very selfish

Chickens- They seldom fly, content with staying the same. They are fat and lazy. They seldom reach their potential, they spend their time scratching around the yard looking for worms And when a storm arrives they run into their house with all the other chickens, too afraid to face it.

Since God has called us to be like eagles we have to be careful not to become like our friends, but instead for our friends to be more like God.

As our youth leader as said before: we become like our friends. An eagle cannot spend time with Vultures, Cuckoo birds, Peacock, Parrots, Crows, and Chickens and not start to act like them.

Once upon a time: "An eaglet once fell from his nest and a farmer found him and took him home. He put him with the chickens. The eaglet began clucking and pecking at some grains on the ground as the chickens did, since he thought he was a chicken, as he was growing along with them. Once the farmer's friend visited the farm and when he saw the eagle among the chickens, he said to the eagle, "You are an eagle, you are meant for the heavens, what are you doing here with the chickens?" Hence he picked the eaglet and threw him in the air. The eaglet flapped his wings, but fell to the ground and went back with the chickens. The next time, the friend visited the farm, he saw the same eaglet with the chickens again. He now took the eaglet to the top of the barnyard and threw him in the air, the eaglet again flapped his wings and fell to the ground and again went back with the chickens. The farmer's friend was sad. When the farmer's friend visited the farm for the third time and saw the eaglet still with the chickens, he felt really sad and this time he took the eaglet to the top of a mountain and threw him high in the air. The eaglet, very frightened, flapped his wings and fell downwards. As he was falling down, he flapped his wings harder and harder until suddenly he soared up into the sky and disappeared. He had learned to fly."

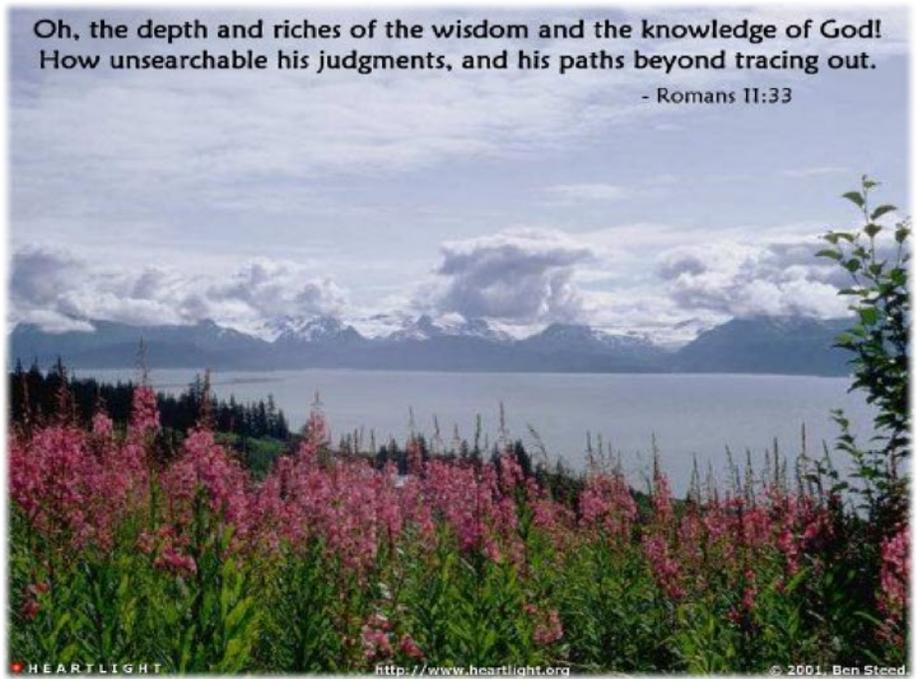
When we become like an eagles we are no longer content to live with mediocrity, but begins to act like Jesus and live a victorious and overcoming life. He becomes like an eagle who mounts up and rides on the air currents with hardly any effort. You are called to be an eagle, not a crow or a chicken. You are made for the heavens!

**Check out SOLD OUT Youth Group
Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!**



Oh, the depth and riches of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out.

- Romans 11:33



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5-Matthew Walsh

7-Edward Sermon

10-David Laverdure/ Deanna Timme

FINDING JOY IN LIFE

“That my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full” (John 15:11).

Everyone wants to be happy. Many times, though, we do not understand the difference in happiness (often equated with possessions) and joy, which comes from our walk with God. Rather than seeking happiness as the world defines it, we would be much wiser to discover joy as promised in the Word of God.

The joy process begins with our salvation experience (Isaiah 12:3). Joy comes through the power of the Holy Ghost working in our lives. “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:13).

After our initial salvation experience, we learn that to keep the joy vibrant we must develop a strong relationship with the Lord, or what the scriptures call abiding. In John 15 Jesus refers to Himself as the True Vine. The strength to be productive came from the life within the vine, not from the branch itself. If broken off, the branch soon withered and died, good only to be gathered up and burned. To keep our branch firmly attached to the vine we must obey God’s Word. “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love” (John 15:10; also read I John 2:3-6).

Ponder This...

“It is not faith in Christ that saves you (though faith is the instrument); it is Christ’s blood and merits.”

-Charles H. Spurgeon

“Christ distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship.”

-Max Lucado

“I’ve long since stopped feeling guilty about taking ‘being’ time; it’s something we all need for our spiritual health, and often we don’t take enough of it.”

- Madeleine L’Engle

If you would like a private Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.

