



LET'S VISIT

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PEACE OF MIND

A young man once made a list of the things he would like to possess in life. He listed health, love, beauty, talent, power, riches and fame. He showed his list to a wise man, a man much older in years. The older and wiser man read the list and replied, "An excellent list, well digested in content and set down in an order that is not unreasonable. But it appears, my young friend, that you have omitted the most important element of all. You have forgotten the one ingredient, lacking which, each possession becomes a hideous torment, and your list, as a whole, an intolerable burden." The young man asked what the missing ingredient was. The old man took a pencil and crossed out the young man's entire list. Then underneath he wrote down just three words - peace of mind. The young man was Joshua Liebman. He became a Rabbi who wrote the book, "Peace of Mind". The book stayed on the New York Times best seller list for over a year. It sold more than a million copies.

Over the years, numerous books have appeared on this subject. They are a part of a category of books known as self-help books. All of them have had large sales. You see, more than any other thing. . . more than health, more than power, more than riches. . . mankind wants to have peace of mind.

But, you do not have to read a "self-help book" to find peace of mind. Jesus summed up the entire subject in just eleven verses. It is a part of His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter 6:24-34. In that passage, the basic principle that Jesus sets forth is that no man can serve two masters. We cannot serve God and the world.

A divided mind is fighting against itself and cannot be at peace. Our inner war must be ended by our complete wholehearted decision. Life you see

demands many decisions. Jesus wants us to realize there is basically one decision. Settle that one decision and we settle them all. That decision is choosing between God and mammon. That word mammon represents the desires of our body. God represents the longings of our soul, our spirit. We must make up our mind which is the most important. Then we give ourselves wholly to it. Then we will have peace of mind.

Do you remember when Jesus said to remember Lot's wife? That reference is in Luke 17:32. She is the perfect example of indecision. The example of one who could not make up her mind. She was a part of a family that gave us our greatest prophets. She had within her the faith of her family. She knew God. From childhood she had known the meaning of prayer. Yet, along with her husband she moved into Sodom. Sodom was "mammon", it was the world. More importantly, Sodom moved into her. She wanted God but she also wanted Sodom. Finally the day of final choice came. She made a start toward God, but looked back to Sodom. She was reaching for the stars with one hand yet she was fingering the mud with the other. Her heart was a divided heart. She ended with misery and destruction. We must make the choice for ourselves. We cannot serve God and the world.

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There

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Evil – Up Close And Personal

For The Pantry. . .

June 14 – Potatoes (Box)



**June 7, 2026
\$ 2,722.00**

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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we choose our master, we will not have peace of mind. Within each of us there are two forces. Both of these are struggling to be the master. One of these is the call of God. His ideals, the desire to be good and godly. The other is selfish desires, the worldly. We may choose the low life, but even then we will not have peace because God will never leave us alone.

There are three elements that make up this decision. The first of these is commitment. Remember when Jesus steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem in Luke 9:51? He heard the voice of inclination, the voice of God. There was no wavering, he steadfastly set his face. With that commitment there was no question. The issue was settled. We must realize most of our troubles grow out of indecision.

Out of commitment comes the second element, courage. If you had looked into Jesus' face, had you seen his eyes, you would have seen no fear as he headed toward Jerusalem. We must make the commitment and with the commitment comes the

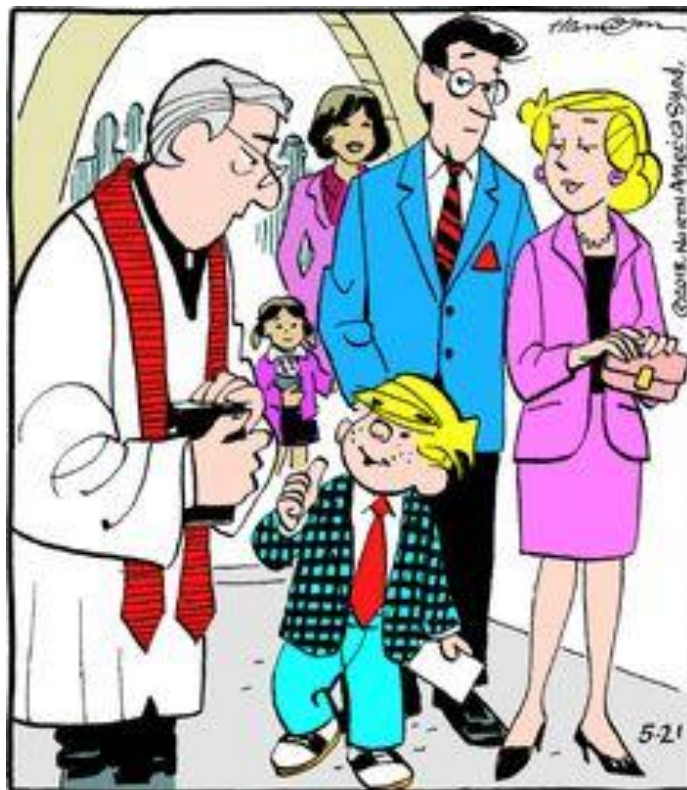
courage to see it through. We are afraid only until we decide.

As a result of commitment and courage comes calmness. As Jesus hung on the cross, he spoke calmly. He said, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." When I believe in God, I can commit my life into His hands. I can believe he can and will carry me through. Believing in God, being committed to God, I find courage and calmness. Jesus said we cannot serve two masters. So, we need to make our commitment.

As you read the passage in the Sermon on the Mount, notice that Jesus tells us not to be anxious over the things of this life. Jesus tells us to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. He doesn't say we will be denied the things we want in life. He says they shall be added unto us. The Psalmist said, "I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. . . "(Psalm 37:25). Come to think of it, never have I.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"GREAT SERMON! YOU DIDN'T GO ON AND ON AND ON THIS TIME."



September 13, 2026



We will not be having a Wednesday night meal during the month of June. Our next Wednesday night meal together will be on July 30, 2026

What Is True Happiness?

What happiness is, no person can say for another. But no one, I am convinced, can be happy who lives only for himself. The joy of living comes from immersion in something, more accurately, anything that we know to be bigger, better, more enduring and worthier than we are.

People, ideas, causes, above all other things these offer the one possible escape nor merely from selfishness but from the hungers of solitude and sorrows of aimlessness.

No person is as uninteresting as a person without interests. The pitiful people are those who in their living elect to be spectators rather than participants; the tragic ones are sightseers who turn their backs deliberately on the procession.

Existence is a strange bargain. Life owes us little; we owe it everything. The only true happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose.

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Mike Lout is hospitalized at UT Tyler as of this writing.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) Leslie Adams (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; Peggy Baylor (Tim Bradshaw's mother) Debra Clifton (friend of LaResa Livingston) Coleen Dickerson (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) Hugh and Pat Fletcher (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) Joyce Fontenot (Debra Pate's mother) Pat & William Ford (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) Dot Grant (Friend of Debra Pate) Suzi Hogan (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) Albert Magby (Melonie Bradshaw's father) Karen McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher) Doug "Goob" Milford (cousin of Amanda Molloy) Gene Perkins (Tim Perkins aunt) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle); Heather Simmons Stewart (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; Stephen Wiggins (preacher at San Augustine) Max Windham (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

- September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"
- December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
- December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party





Across The Preacher's Desk

James would write these very poignant words in James 4:14, "Whereas ye knew not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away". The most dangerous word in human speech is "tomorrow". In fact, if you want to really make God laugh, tell Him what you are going to do tomorrow.

Often, we jokingly say, "never do today what you can put off until tomorrow". While, with many things in this life, that is an attitude that we can get by with, in our dealings with God and the eternal destiny of our soul, it can be tragic.

Governor Felix heard Paul preach in Acts chapter 24. Paul reasoned with Felix of righteousness when he was unrighteous, with temperance when Felix was intemperate and of judgment to come when Felix sat in judgment of others. When the sermon came to a close, it had such an impact on Felix that we are told that Felix trembled. However, he sent Paul away and said he would call for him in a more convenient season. He wanted to put off serving God until tomorrow. Tomorrow never came for Felix.

There are numerous examples in the scriptures of those who waited until "tomorrow" and it was a tragedy for them. The foolish virgins in Matthew 25, the rich farmer of Luke 12 and those in the parable of the Great Supper recorded in Luke chapter 14.

The great word in the Bible is today. Today is when we must be serving God. Are we?

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**