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A MIRROR FOR THE SOUL

A mirror is probably one of the most honest things there is. It doesn't lie. Every time one looks into a mirror there is an accurate reflection of exactly what we are. About the only way to make a mirror lie is to distort it. Even then, the reflection is not flattering.

James says looking into the Bible one can see self in his natural face. This means bare bones, nothing doctored up. An actor can be made up to appear very different than natural, but that becomes hypocrisy. The word hypocrite is an old word for an actor, one who pretends to be someone else. The Bible rips away the veneer of pretense and lays bare what we are in God's view.

The Mirror of the Soul reveals the origin of the soul (Genesis 2:7). It equally tells us the great value of the soul (Matthew 16:26). The mirror God gives us also shows us our personal defects and shortcomings (Galatians 5:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:1-5). Most important of all it shows us the eternal destiny of the soul (Matthew 25:46).

The mirrors we use sometimes get smudged and dirty. Good housekeepers will clean them with diligence. A dirty mirror tends to blur our vision of what we actually look like. When clean, a better and accurate image is reflected. The word of God is ever clean and pure (Psalm 12:6). It never fails to show us what the Lord thinks of us.

James pictures one who, after seeing self in God's mirror, instantly walks away and forgets what was seen. The tenses show that one takes a look (once) then instantly ignores it, and continues to avoid the mirror. The only one blessed is the honest person who sees self as God sees him, makes whatever corrections are needed, and does what God would have him do. Take a good look at yourself in the Bible. What do you see? What does God see?

Mark Your Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 A.M. Bible Study

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 SSSS

Sew N Sew

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Ladies Bible Study

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

BIRTHDAY

May 22: Daisy Creswell

ANNIVERSARY

May 24: Mark & Emily
Harris

RICH OR POOR

A father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent two days on the farm of what he considered a very poor family. On their return from the trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad," the son answered.

So the father asked, "What did you learn from the trip?"

The son replied, "I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. We have servants that serve us, but they serve each other. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless! Then his son added "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we really are!"

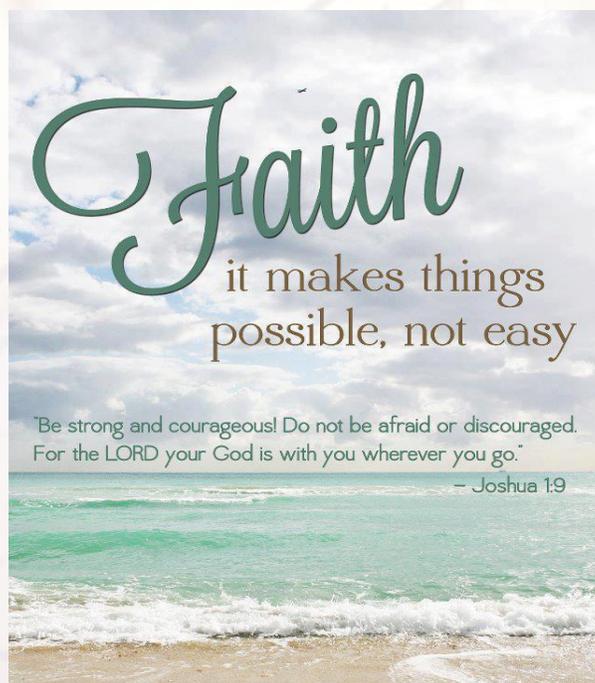
Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? This boy was able to appreciate everything God has given us! I hope we all recognize what money cannot buy!

Gary Herridge

I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)

Courage or Foolishness

**It takes a lot of courage
To put things in God's hands,
To give ourselves completely,
Our lives, our hopes, our plans,
To follow where He leads us
And make His will our own,
But all it takes is foolishness
To go the way alone!**



A FEW LESSONS I LEARNED IN AFRICA

Christians share a common bond in Jesus that transcends locations and cultures. Although I was on the other side of the world, there was instant friendship and fellowship each time I met another member of the body of Christ. Though we spoke different languages, we could still communicate Christian love very easily.

It's OK for life to move at a slower pace. Nothing gets done quickly in Tanzania. While that runs counter to American culture, there is much to commend taking life at a slower pace. After a few days of adjustment, I began to appreciate and enjoy the laid-back environment in which no one was being pressed by arbitrary deadlines. It made me think about Jesus, a man who was always busy yet never seemed to be operating at break-neck speed.

Christians who leave their native countries to live in foreign ones for the purpose of enlarging the borders of Christ's kingdom deserve our respect and gratitude. I met and grew to love and appreciate seven special Americans who left everything they had ever known to move to Tanzania to reach people with the saving message of Jesus. I don't think I have the mettle to do that, and that heightens my respect for those who do.

There still are people in the world who want to study the Bible and will stop what they are doing to do so. Where in America can you walk into a business, ask the owner if he would like to study the Bible, and have him invite you to sit down right then and study with you? It happens every day in Tanzania.

Contentment in life is possible. You don't need luxuries to make you happy. Some of the happiest people you'll meet live in mud huts with no indoor plumbing. The poorest Americans have far more material possessions than most Tanzanians. And we want more. But as wealthy as they know Americans are, not one person ever asked me for a penny.

God's creation is stunningly beautiful. Neither verbal descriptions nor pictures can adequately capture the beauty of Tanzania. All I could do was stand in awe of the creation and the Creator.

by Eddie Parrish

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ATTENDANCE

May 14, 2017

Bible Study - 11

Morning Worship - 66

Evening Worship - 16

Please Remember in Prayer

DelanDa Bloodworth, Ed Young, Jeff Beard, Perry Lunsford, Evelyn Pullin, Joyce Collins, Carol Batton, JoAnn Houston, Kay Curtis, Johnny & Janie Vinton, Jean & Steve Griffith, David & Mark Smith, Janice Browning, Myrtle Baker, Pat & Sheila Morrison, Donald Dickerson, John & Susan Duncan, Richard Butler, Ann Clark, Vennis Vogt, Donna Caughron, Lupe Alvarado, Teresa Bosco, Judy Haertner, Eddie Vaughn, Shara Tietz, Patrick Nitsch, Patrick Krueger, and Brian Stine.

Announcements

Please continue to pray for Kathy Dennison and her family.

Wiley Berryman is continuing his radiation treatments five days a week. Please remember him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Steve Griffith as he recovers.

Bud Haggerty has been having a hard time. He enjoys having visitors. We were glad to see him and his daughter at church Sunday! He still needs a ride to services. Please let us know if you can help.

Ann Clark is in Remarkable Healthcare Room #104B. She is recovering from her surgery. She loves visitors! She was looking great this week.

Please continue to pray for Mara, she is Lanell Jones' granddaughter. She had tubes put in her ears and her adenoids removed.

Ines Rodriguez will have surgery in the next few weeks. Mike has asked for prayers for her.

Mack Woodward has been doing well recently. Please continue to pray for him.

Serena Stine was in the hospital for a few days and had minor surgery. No visitors allowed but please remember her in your prayers.

Penny Neal fell and bruised her face. She thanks you for your prayers.

Linda Gayle asked for prayers for her three friends: two who are in critical condition and her other sister in Christ who went to be with our Lord.

We were so glad to see JoAnn Houston, Bob & Janis Browning, Ed Young, Alice Williams & Bud Haggerty recently!! Praise the Lord for giving them all the strength to join us in worship!!!

This congregation will be sponsoring a historical Christian Evidences class at the Library in June. The class will focus on the historical nature of the bible and at least three thousand will be invited. Your help in with this outreach to the community will build your ability to "go and make disciples."

If you were not able to have your picture taken for our new church directory this past week, we are trying to get an alternate time set up. We will let you know soon. We think there is a possibility in June.