



GOD Is Just a Prayer Away

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**KEEPING ED'S LEGACY ALIVE
REMEMBERING FEBRUARY 14, 1943**

February 14, 1943, Ed began preaching while still in Cincinnati Bible College, at Genntown, Ohio a village outside of Lebanon, Ohio. About four months later he came to the Hollowtown Church of Christ in Hollowtown, Ohio. He began the radio ministry in November 1962, and remained actively preaching up into his 90's. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** For your faithful gifts; the GIJAPA radio broadcast continues and will as long as God's people support it!

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Communion Meditation
John 12:1-2

“Jesus therefore six days before the Passover came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So they made Him a supper, and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him.”

When Jesus came to the tomb of Lazarus He said, “Take ye away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, “Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.” Jesus saith unto her, “Said I not unto thee if thou believest thou shalt see the glory of God,” and they rolled away the stone. After Jesus prayed He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus come forth!” He that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes; and his face was bound about by a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

Lazarus had been dead four days, and his body had begun to rot, and Jesus raised him from the dead. We also were dead in sins according to Ephesians 2:1, “And you did he make alive, when ye were dead in trespasses and sins.” And not only, were we dead; we were all dead in a similar manner as Lazarus. David said in Psalms 38:4-5, “Mine iniquities are gone over mine head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.” We also were not only dead in

trespasses and sins, but our sins made us stink before God.

Those who are Christians, belong to the same fellowship as Lazarus. But when we heard the gospel; believed it, repented; were buried in baptism, and arose to walk in the newness of life as stated in Romans 6:4-6, then it was not long until we found out that Jesus Himself had made us a supper - the Lord's Supper - and we also have a personal invitation to sit at the table with Him. E.B.

A GREAT MIRACLE

A Communion Meditation

In John chapter six is the story of the great miracle where Jesus fed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes. Jesus saw a great multitude coming unto him and said to Philip, “Whence are we to buy bread that these might eat?” Jesus said this to prove him for he knew what he would do. Philip looked over the crowd, made a few quick mental calculations, and came up with the two hundred penny worth figure. Jesus was asking about bread and Philip thought about money. Philip thought like modern day American Christians. If the Lord speaks of sending the gospel around the world, our first thought is how much money it will take.

Andrew said, “There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two fishes, but what are these among so many?” Jesus said, “Make the men sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place, and the men sat down in number about 5,000. Jesus break the loaves, gave thanks, gave to the

Apostles, and the Apostles to the multitude, and they were filled, with twelve baskets with broken pieces left over.

There is no question in our minds that this was one of the major miracles of Jesus. It is the only miracle that is recorded by all four of the gospel writers, with the exception of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit must have had some special reason for repeating it four times.

However as great a miracle as it is, there is another event similar to it; that takes on even greater proportions than feeding 5,000 with five small loaves and two fishes, which took place about the time of the Passover.

About one year later at another Passover the Lord Jesus would institute the Lord's Supper. He took a small amount of bread, and a cup of the fruit of the vine, and gave to the Apostles. According to Paul He told them, "As oft as we do this we show forth His death until He comes."

Starting on the day of Pentecost there were 3,000 who continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread. In the fourth chapter of Acts the number was increased to 5,000. Then in Acts, the sixth chapter, the number of disciples in Jerusalem alone was multiplied. The multiplication was not such a simple example as two plus two, but the number was multiplied exceedingly.

And then the number grew to such an astronomical numbers as it is recorded in Revelation the seventh chapter when John said, "After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and tribes, and peoples and tongues; standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes and palms in their hands." Then this multitude which could not be numbered was identified as: "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Since we are told in the twentieth chapter of Acts that the disciples assembled every Sunday for the purpose of breaking the bread; what an overwhelming thought it is to realize that the Lord Jesus Christ in the last 2,000 years has been feeding the loaf, and the cup ever Sunday to a number that no man can number. So as we come to the Table of the Lord today, and eat of the bread, and drink of the cup, let us remember this is a greater event than when the Lord fed the 5,000. E.B.

THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

Galatians 6:14

A Communion Meditation

God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. At the crucifixion, Jesus went out bearing for Himself the cross. Paul tells us: "How God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." On the cross Jesus felt that He was guilty of every sin ever committed. He felt the guilt of every lie, every murder; He was every homosexual, every abortionist, every pimp, every drug addict. He was numbered with the transgressors, that we might be numbered among those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

We think of the cross as something beautiful. We have gold crosses, chrome crosses; it makes such a nice decoration. Actually the cross is ugly. When Peter first learned

about the cross, He said, "Be it far from thee Lord, this shall never be unto Thee."

Many feel the same way now. When they sing, "On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross;" that is what they really mean. Get that cross as far away from me as you can get it. If the cross could be thrown into the water like a fishing raft with a motor on it, or trimmed down into baseball bats, or made into bowling balls, it would be better. But the Old Rugged Cross is unacceptable.

A sign on the wall of one church where I preached, advertised the coming appearance of a noted line backer to appear before the young people. I casually inquired why? An elder told me: "Well we must have something to draw the young people." Well discretion was the better part of valor, but I thought that is strange. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me." And then I thought that gospel song must not be true. That song that says: "Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power."

But then I remembered the secret of the power of the cross, when I thought about the rustic preacher who preached a sermon with all kinds of grammatical mistakes. Someone asked him after the sermon: "Preacher, where in the world did you go to College?" The preacher said, "I ain't never been to College, but I been to Calvary." Have you been to Calvary for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you freely trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? E.B.

LETTERS



Dear Evangelistic Assoc,

I am writing you because I received your Bible and Bible study and I want to say I thank you. I am in prison at Grimes Unit in Newport, Arkansas. Just waiting to get out, I want and need prayers, found out in September I have cancer. I am 29 years old and I have 13 children - 12 girls and one son. I only have 5 daughters living. We all need to keep praying for our troops. I am an Iraqi Freedom Vet of the US Marine Corps. Semper, FL. Thank all who are and still serving this country.

Lance Cpl. Johnny

Dear sister Bousman,

As you can see I am a person in prison at this time doing 13 years 4 months down. I am about to turn 32 years old. For 10 years on the streets I went to church. I went a different way as I got older. I want to turn back toward that way, but I do not have a Bible. Hopefully you can find it in your heart to send me a Bible and Bible studies. I'm working on finding myself again.

Sincerely Tremayne, Varner Super Max prison in Grady, AR

In response to a letter printed in October GIJAPA Newsletter:

"God is the judge; He puts down one, and exalts another." Psalm 75:7. It is God who has graciously given us gifts that resulted in our being in high command - whether it's running a business or ministry. Therefore, He asks, as a

result that we operate with sensitivity and keen judgment. The Apostle Peter wrote that prayer should be prayed for all men and Paul wrote to Timothy to pray for those who are in authority over us, which includes President Obama.

Rudolph from Durham, NC

My name is James, an inmate at the East Arkansas Reginald Unit. I have been listening to the "God Is Just A Prayer Away" radio station—KAAY. I would like to ask you to send me and my best friend, Leroy, a Bible and a Bible study course. It is hard being a good Christian in here, but we're trying. I want to let you know that Ed Bousman is one of our best broadcasters.

We are praying for you all and the Church. Keep sending these reading material and scriptures.

Precious one in Christ,

Is it over for America? Your program on Sunday evening (WWVA-9:30 - WRVA-9:30) is all that is left. Why don't people want to retain God in their knowledge! Don't get discouraged; during the week I honor God by keeping your theme song on my lips. God truly is "just a prayer away."

Williamsport, PA

Dear Mrs. Bousman,

Please find the enclosed tithe so that many more may come to know God. I pray that 2013 will bring prosperity to GIJAPA so that it might successfully continue its outreach to people all the world, and its support for Christians everywhere. I especially pray that it will enjoy growth here in the US. We are experiencing a most unfortunate decline in our country at this time. I pray that US citizens will turn to their local radio station and GIJAPA to be the sort of comfort and guidance that I have. Hallelujah!

Mark from Henrico, WV

Dear GIJAPA ministry,

I have been listening to the radio broadcast for a few years and did not realize Mr. Bousman had passed away. Discovering this I hesitated to send an intended donation but thought I still listen to the broadcast on WRVA in Richmond, VA so I need to do it. I haven't been able to send anything and promised myself that if I was given extra money for Christmas bonus at work that I would send a tithe to GIJAPA. Thank you for continuing the broadcast. I listen every Sunday night on my way to work and it has been a blessing to hear this old time gospel message - something that is not heard much these days in many of our churches. May God continue to lead this ministry to accomplish HIS will in the days ahead.

Wyona, Richmond, VA

Thank you for your Bible study and the Bible you sent me; the study has helped me open my heart to God more than I could have thought. My parents always talked about God when I was young but until now I never realized how much having Christ in ones' life was so important. I went to Church because I was supposed to, now I want to go because I'm drawn there and my heart belongs there. Thank you again for everything. Please send my certifi-

cates to my parents' house, we are not allowed to keep them here - just a Bible and lessons we're working on. God bless you and everybody involved in sending and grading these Bible studies.

Dennis, New Castle Correctional facility in New Castle, IN

Dear Sister Naomi,

We are glad to hear from you today and we do hope you, Eric and Melanie are fine.

We have received 3 boxes of used clothing today. We really appreciate your love and concern for us and the Lord's work on this hard soil. The work is going on nicely with several of that Pentecostal church members keeping on coming to worship with us. That Pentecostal preacher converted, is very good and loves evangelism. He moves everywhere with me to preach but the only problem encountered is that he has lost his Pentecostal sponsorship. This is a sad news for us but our God is great and God will provide. Please anytime you get Bibles we need more for the work here. This is very important for us, for without your help, we have nowhere to go..We wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year in the Lord. Thanks to the entire family through Christ.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of the Most High God, London Corner Church of Christ, The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Ms. Bousman,

My name is Janet and I am currently in Hawkins Center for Women in Wrightsville, AR. I began receiving your Bible studies and newsletters during a time in my life that I really needed to be closer to God. With the help of your studies, books and newsletters you've sent me I have become closer to God. I was in the regular women's unit in Newport, AR. I used everything I was learning to get me through that time. I finally gave my entire life over to God and then the doors started opening for me. I was accepted into the Work Release Program in Wrightsville, AR where I'm currently housed. I study every day, and it is not easy in this program, it is a challenge and a struggle to get through each day here. But reading the Bible and the other materials you have sent me has helped me to keep a positive attitude. I hope to be released from here soon and my goal on the outside is to help spread God's word. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely, Janet

Mrs. Bousman,

I'm in prison her at Shreveport, LA, I have turned my life over to Christ and made Him Lord over my life. For 30 years I thought I could live on both sides of the fence, thanks be to God, the Holy Spirit has shown me in the Word the truth. I'm learning to do God's will not Martin's. I have a small prison Bible, and a nice person here in Group A, showed me the Bible you sent him. Would there be any way that I could receive a Bible like that along with your studies. I promise to study it and share God's word out of it.

God bless. Martin

Hello Madame NAOMI! How are you? Pray you keep on doing well as GIJAPA relies on you so much, & hope things are working well for you too. Our children in the churches say "Hi" to you. They love you so much because of your cloth-gift to them. I am doing OK. Madame, the storm is so terrible. I think half a million were killed and lost. It is the worst typhoon that passed through in the Philippines this year & again it was done by the time families would have enjoyed together with the Holiday Season as last year when hundred of mortalities got drown also. Please include our country men in the south in your prayers at GIJAPA. We are not affected as we live in the northern part of the Philippines. But we know how hard it is to be in that situation. Madame, we will have Christmas celebration in the churches next week. Both adult & young ones look forward for that great event in different local congregations. We begin now to receive some speaking engagements set by our members for their families & friends in their houses. I am sure they (especially our children) would be elated & appreciative also with the clothing, literature, & Bibles we will distribute to them for the HOLIDAY SEASON. Again, Thanks a lot Madame NAOMI & to All GIJAPA for what you are doing in the Philippines for the LORD. We could not survive as local churches without you. We do a lot of walking & suffer some health & storm setback but we keep on keeping on. Please keep on holding GIJAPA Commitment in the LORD for the World especially in its RADIO Ministry. May GOD Bless You All as we look forward for the year 2013. My Family and our Brethren & Children salute You All!

Ed Domingo, Evangelist, Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines

Dear sister Naomi.

We send you warm greetings in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christmas and new year wait is over. We send you our love and pray that you had a wonderful Christmas day and a happy blessed new year. God continue to bless you

and be with you and all your family in 2013. Your prayers and support has played an important part and as the driving force to advance the Lord's Church. My family and I are well and Messenger Church of Christ is fine and growing. The major challenge we face in evangelism is the high demand of Bibles in our local language. As you know, half the population in Zambia are youths aged 15 years old and above, who struggle with a variety of problems, fear, concerns, and challenges leaving them searching for hope. As the Church, our 2013 plan will be stronger in delivering the message of hope to the young people, looking for hope, meaning, worth, forgiveness, love, belonging and truth. We are asking for more prayers for the congregations of the Lord's Church in Chief Mumena's Kingdom. Next year 2013 to 2014, we plan to establish another church in Kawama area, a new shanty compound 4 kilometers from the town. We have already baptized four couples from this area. They are strong and walk 4 kilometers every Sunday to come and worship with us. Unfortunately there is no school to rent to start to worship in this area and no plots have been allocated for the Churches yet. (Most of the Churches of Christ are renting the class rooms at schools for worship.) We thank God for this. Average Sunday worship attendance for Messenger Church of Christ is 60 -65, baptism in October-December 2012 - Two. Kandemba Church of Christ Sunday average worship attendance is 11-15 including children. Thank you so much. God bless you and be with you all and your family in 2013. Blessings in Christ.

John Maseka, Church minister / Evangelist in Zambia

THE UNKNOWN FUTURE

Life is a book in volumes three-
The past, the present, and the yet-to-be.
The past is written and laid away,
The present we're writing every day,
And the last and best of volumes three
Is locked from sight - God keeps the key.

~ Author Unknown ~



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