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**BIBLE LESSON TEXTS**

*Sunday September 6, 2020*  
**Centurion's faith Matt 7:24-29** Your faith can make you whole (well) too.

*Wednesday September 9, 2020*  
**Widow's son Raised Luke 7:11-1746-**  
God cares when we hurt & are sad.

**Are you interested in GOD'S SALVATION PLAN?**

Divine Love: ..... John 3:16  
God's Grace: ..... Ephesians 2:8  
Christ's Blood: ..... Romans 5:9  
Holy Spirit's Word: ..... Romans 1:16  
Sinner's Faith: ..... Acts 16:31  
Sinner's Repentance: ..... Luke 13:3  
Sinner's Confession: ..... Romans 10:10  
Sinner's Baptism: ..... Acts 22:16  
Christian's Love: ..... Matthew 22:37  
Christian's Work: ..... James 2:24  
Christian's Hope: ..... Romans 8:24  
Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10  
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**Happenings** in God's Family

Living in a Rubber Room (Part 3)

Among all the pain that a person may experience, emotional pain is perhaps the greatest. A stubbed toe stops hurting in a few moments, a small cut, a few days, a broken bone, several weeks, but emotional pain can last for years, decades, and even an entire lifetime. When we risk sincerely loving another person, we risk the consequences of a lifetime of emotional pain, but we also risk gaining great joy as well. True love produces both possibilities. Why must there be negative consequences to bad choices? So that love can be shown to be genuinely love, and not just an insincere expression.

Is love worth the risk? Rejecting the possibility of having love in our life is just another "rubber room," a place where we will be protected from emotional pain, but at the loss of real relationships, which everyone actually desires most in this world. When we refuse to love others, we also fall into a profound self-absorption, a selfishness from which we will never recover. But to learn to love, we must risk suffering, and to risk suffering, we need a world that is not safe, sanitized, and preventative of all harm. Is it worth it to love anyway? Yes. As the poet says, "Tis better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all." A world with no risk, is a world with no love, and who wants to live in that world?

Love brings people together instead of separating them. Love causes us to draw nearer to God and to one another. Love gives us that which we long for most in this world, meaningful relationships with other people, and most of all, with God Himself. Love "binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14 ESV).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

<b>September 6, 2020 Servants</b>	
Announcements: John David Thomas	
<b>AM Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Johnny Thomas	Scott Overstreet
Jody Thomas	Derrell Patterson
<b>Lord's Table</b>	
Blake Tyndell	Jimmy Smith
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
<b>September 13, 2020 Servants</b>	
Announcements: John David Thomas	
<b>Am Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Scott Overstreet	Scott Hobson
Monty Crawford	Dave Conley
<b>Lord's Table</b>	
Blake Tyndell	Jimmy Smith
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jimmy Smith Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

Birthdays	
Steven Oliver	Sept 10
Kaden Seagraves	Sept 10
Donald Johnson	Sept 11

Please Pray For these in need	
Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Sara Jo Vance
Billy Johnson	Jay Mills
Juanita Higginbotham	Charles Lansford
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Keith & Helen Clark	Meg Shelton
Juanita Shelton	Marie McPherson
Helen Francis Davis	Gayle Floyd
Amanda Georgakis and family	Callie Perkins' and Danielle Tyndell's

<b><u>OUR FAITH IN ACTION</u></b>	
<b>SUNDAY, August 23, 2020</b>	
AM Worship -----	77
PM Worship -----	43
Contribution-----	\$4,866.00
Average to Date -----	\$3,089.39
Budget -----	\$3,100.00

**Ladies' Bible Class** will resume meeting per the regular annual schedule on the Wednesday of the week after Labor Day. This is September 16, 2020. Class is at 10:00 am.

*Excerpt from Who is at the Controls?  
Allen Webster*

.....allow Christ to rule life. He stands at the door of every heart (Revelation 3:20), but will never force entry (cf. Luke 24:28-29), He drafts no soldiers, and presents no subpoenas for His mediatorship (Matthew 22:37; 2 Corinthians 5:14). One who come to Jesus must renounce all (Revelation 12:11), take up his cross, and follow as closely as he can in the Master's steps (Luke 14:26-27: 1 Peter 2:21-22).

The choice is difficult, but it is never regretted (2 Corinthians 7:10). His truth sets us free (John 8:32); His life is abundant (John 10:10); His rule is not burdensome (1 John 5:3). Joshua gave God his life (Joshua 24:15) and was never disappointed. Paul gave Christ his heart and never looked back (Acts 9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; cf. Luke 9:62).

The truth is, "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other" (Luke 16:13).

Who is at your controls? House to House, Heart to Heart, Vol 25, #8, page 2

Be a Light

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ( Matthew 5:14-16)

How can we "shine" in such a way that the Lord is given glory? How can we be the light that Jesus expects to be?

For one thing, Jesus tells us, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

That is to say, we should continue to show kindness to those who have been unkind to us—to be kind even when others would not be—and to earnestly pray for their righteous welfare!

We must show mercy to those who need it—those who need forgiveness, friendship, or even food (cf. Luke 6:36; Matthew 18:33-35).

Additionally, suffering with faith brings glory to God. When others see a loving and trusting faith that continues to praise God even in the midst of a trial, a righteous light shines for the Lord (1 Peter 3:15).

In all of this, we must make it all about Jesus. If we connect our faith to our actions and tell others who Jesus is...what He has done...what He is doing...what He expects...we will be the light the Lord loves!

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