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"Let us choose the *Old Paths* once again for the Light to shine upon the faces of men."

THE IRON PEN

Total Surrender

(Taken from my Outline on January 31, 1996)

By Dr. Frank J. Townsend III



I can't even fathom that time just passes so quickly. I put together this little outline — *Total Surrender* on January 31, 1996.

ROMANS 7:1-25

Dead to sin, alive unto God.

(Vs. 1) "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?"

Concupiscence = ROMANS 7:8 = 1. Desire for that which is agreeable, Esp., to the senses; any longing of the soul what will give it delight. 2. Ardent desire; hence sexual lust.

Vs. 8. "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

ROMANS 8:1-17

He that has suffered in the flesh.

(Vs. 17) "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

(read I PETER 4:1-5)

ROMANS 12:1-2

The perfect will of God calls for a sacrifice of your body.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

EPHESIANS 5:1-17; EPHESIANS 6:5-8

HEBREWS 12:1-8 (Verse 1) "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"

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YOU WILL MAKE IT! ALL SAFE!

ACTS 27:44 "And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land." Here is divine deliverance.

The ship finally crashed on the rocks and broke in pieces. Some could swim, others got ashore on pieces of wreckage. Note, the ship had to be broken up before they could get to shore on broken pieces. So God sometimes has to take every human means of deliverance away from us before He can undertake. God promised Paul that all with him would be saved. God always keeps His promise! —J.C. Brumfield.

AMERICA'S GOD and COUNTRY

Book by William J. Federer

RUSH HUDSON LIMBAUGH III

(January 12, 1951 — February 17, 2021)

My wife and I remember the first time we heard Rush Limbaugh on the radio many years ago. We both thought the same thing: "He is a conservative radio broadcaster," one that we need to hear. —Bro. Frank.

Rush Limbaugh was an American radio personality, conservative political commentator, author, and television show host. His viewers best knew him for the hosting of The Rush Limbaugh Show, which was nationally syndicated on AM and FM radio stations. He also hosted a national television show from 1992 to 1996.

Rush is the author of the best-selling books, *The Way Things Ought To Be*, 1992; and *See, I Told You So*, 1993; and the publisher of the *Limbaugh Letter*, which receives natural notoriety.

Born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Rush went from being a Top-40 deejay, to becoming a successful radio talk-show host at KFBK in Sacramento, CA, to being heard in over 616 markets across the country.

In the book, *See, I Told You So*, Rush Limbaugh communicates in his straightforward style: "Well, folks, let's allow our real, un-doctored American history lesson to unfold further. If our schools and the media have twisted the historical record when it comes to Columbus, they have obliterated the contributions of America's earliest permanent settlers—the Pilgrims. Why? Because they were a people inspired by profound religious beliefs to overcome incredible odds...."

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THE OLD CROSS and the NEW (Part I)

For the most part, people believe they are going to heaven. Yet so many have deceived themselves. They don't know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Below is a portion of the gospel tract **THE OLD CROSS and the NEW** by A. W. Tozer. Part II will be in the April, 2021, Issue of the Old Paths Publication.

All unannounced and mostly undetected there has come in modern times a new cross into popular evangelical circles. It is like the old cross, but different: the likenesses are superficial, the differences fundamental.

From this new cross has sprung a new philosophy of the Christian life, and from that new philosophy has come a new evangelical technique; a new type of meeting and a new kind of preaching. This new evangelism employs the same language as the old, but its content is not the same and its emphasis not as before.

The old cross would have no truck with the world. For Adam's proud flesh it meant the end of the journey. It carried into effect the sentence imposed by the law of Sinai. The new cross is not opposed to the human race, rather it is a friendly pal and, if understood aright. It is the source oceans of good clean fun and innocent enjoyment. It lets Adam live without interference. His life motivation is unchanged; he still lives for his own pleasure, only now he takes delight in singing choruses and watching religious movies instead of singing bawdy songs and drinking hard liquor. The accent is still on enjoyment though the fun is now on a higher plane morally if not intellectually.

The new cross encourages a new and entirely different evangelistic approach. The evangelist does not demand abnegation of the old life before a new life can be received. He preaches not contrasts but similarities. He seeks to key into public interest by showing that Christianity makes no unpleasant demands; rather, it offers the same thing the world does, only on a higher level. Whatever the sin-made world happens to be clamoring after at the moment is cleverly shown to be the very thing the gospel offers, only the religious product is better.

The new cross does not slay the sinner, it directs him. It gears him into a cleaner and jollier way of living and saves his self-respect. To the self-assertive it says, 'Come and assert yourself for Christ.' To the egotist it says, 'Come and enjoy the thrill of Christian fellowship.' The Christian message is slanted in the direction of the current vogue in order to make it acceptable to the public.

The philosophy back of this kind of thing may be sincere, but its sincerity does not save it from being false. It is false because it is blind. It misses completely the whole meaning of the cross.

The old cross is a symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt, violent end of a human being. The man in Roman ties who took up his cross and started down the road had already said good-bye to his friends. He was not coming back. He was not going out to have his life redirected; he was going out to have it ended. The cross made no compromise, modified nothing, spared nothing; it slew all of the man, completely and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck cruel and hard, and when it had finished its work, the man was no more.

Please read Part II of the Old Cross and the New next month.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lyrics: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)
Composer: William M. Ranyan (1870-1957)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not: As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided — Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me!

*Thomas Obadiah Chisholm was an American songwriter which wrote several prominent Christian hymns. He was born in Franklin, Kentucky on July 29, 1866 in a log cabin. His boyhood, up to the age twenty-one, was spent on a farm and teaching at district schools. For five years he was the associate editor of his local weekly newspaper, the *Franklin Favorite*. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

*It is written that prior to his conversion, he had done versifying, contributing to the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, and was chosen poet for the Kentucky Press Association. His first hymns were sent to Fanny Crosby for criticism, who returned them with kindly suggestions and such words of commendation as to encourage him in the work. His first success was "O, to be like Thee."*

In writing, he aimed to magnify the Word, incorporating as much Scripture, either literally or in paraphrase, as possible, and to avoid any flip-pant or sentimental themes; choosing subjects from the inexhaustible store house of the Bible.

"Having been led, for a part of my life," he tells us, "through some difficult paths, I have sought to gather from such experience material out of which to write hymns of comfort and cheer for those similarly circumstanced."

Thomas O. Chisholm was ordained to the Methodist ministry and in 1903 joined the Louisville Methodist Conference. His health failed after a one-year pastorate at Scottsville, Kentucky, and he spent the next five years with his family on a farm near Winona Lake, Indiana.

After 1909, he became a life insurance agent in Winona Lake and continued this same work when he moved to Vineland, New Jersey, in 1916. He retired in 1953 and spent his remaining years at the Methodist Home for the Aged, Ocean Grove.

In his lifetime Mr. Chisholm wrote more than twelve hundred poems, more than eight hundred of which have appeared in religious periodicals, with quite a number being used as hymn texts. He died in 1960.

Publication of Hymns

*Thomas O Chisholm, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* and Other Song Lyrics and Poems (Vineland, NJ: Glendale Press, 1956).*

For a partial record of his published hymns, see his 1956 book, although some pages only say "Published as a hymn." Cross reference these citations against the database at Hymnary.org.



WOMEN IN THE HARVEST

The WOMEN IN THE HARVEST publication began back in October of 1998. I founded this publication, hoping to be a blessing and encouragement to the women in the harvest.

Wisdom for Women: Disobedience will render much regret. —*Sis. Linda.*



LEARN WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU

By Mrs. Linda K. Townsend

Women, I believe, know of many sufferings in life. Have you ever gotten to the point, or have been told by medical staff that there is “no hope.” Well I am here to write that where there is breath there is hope. I believe getting to the point where you think there isn’t hope is when God begins to work; we need to trust more.

I read part of a little book recently. The couple (now with the Lord) were prepared to travel a great distance to get medical help. Then beyond comprehension the wife was told by her doctor she had “no hope.” Her days were numbered. Could you imagine how she and her husband felt, and just having a baby it tripled their fears.

God worked in their hearts. Things were quickly put into perspective. It was all about trusting Him. It wasn’t the time to just give up. It was the time to fight to live. God, the great Physician, did a mighty job that only He could accomplish for the medical problem at hand.

The young woman got well and lived ten more years; all the while looking for a cure. Our God is a great God! I can only begin to imagine the joy in their lives when she went on to live and serve God for a decade longer. How great is that? It’s beyond awesome!

Sometimes we feel helpless in the midst of a storm. Yet God is still our helper. He hasn’t forsaken us! Things happen for a reason. We aren’t to play the blame game or get bitter. We are to be better Christians and learn from our trials and tribulations. Let not your heart be troubled as such a familiar passage, but it has made an indelible impression upon our hearts. There is hope beyond measure.

I would like to add *We Never Know* when someone will leave this world and go into eternity. People need to be prepared and know the Lord Jesus Christ.

I JOHN 5:13 “These things I have written unto you that believe on the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

In this year alone there have been a number of deaths of people we’ve known. They had no idea they would die unexpectedly. Were they prepared to meet God?

Don’t be hoping you know the Lord Jesus Christ. Know so!

PSALM 45:1 “My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.”



DELIGHT IN THE SCRIPTURES

By Sushannah (Jasmine) Townsend

I have zoomed in (once again) on the word Delight this month. I am sharing some of the *scripture* references with you. —*Sis. Jasmine.*

Genesis 34:19

Numbers 14:8 “If the LORD delight is us...”

Deuteronomy 10:15; 21:14; I Samuel 15:22; 18:22;

I Samuel 19:2; II Samuel 1:24 II Samuel 15:26;

II Samuel 22:20; II Samuel 24:3

I Kings 10:9; II Chronicles 9:8

Nehemiah 9:25; Esther 2:14; Esther 6:6, 7, 11

Job 22:26; Job 27:10; Job 34:9

Psalm 16:3 “But to the saints, that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.”

Psalm 18:19; Psalm 22:8

Psalm 37:4 “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

Psalm 37:11 “But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

Psalms 37:23 “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.”



MEGAN’S MUSINGS

By Megan E. Townsend

Okay! This month of March, 2021, I’ve been musing more about life. —*Sis. Megan.*

Musing... Living for Jesus, that’s all that matters is from a song my grandmother (my mom’s MUM) used to sing. I purposely spelled her mom as MUM because that’s how it is spelled in England. (My mom told me that). Anyway with the Death of a friend’s brother, I mused about Life, especially mine. I am just spinning wheels when I don’t Live for Jesus. I mused that is the most important thing that Christian’s can do. Take *your* time with Jesus!

If we don’t live for Jesus and serve Him, we are not doing a whole lot with our lives. Just a little walk with Jesus through the *scriptures* serves more purpose than romance novels. Doesn’t it? For sure!

Musing our days away can be wasteful at times. We need to focus more on God and remember that He loves us more than anyone else. He really does! So let’s try to be more faithful in reading the Bible, and praying.

Musing still.... Guess what I am doing? I’m memorizing ISAIAH Chapter 53. Jasmine is memorizing it too. We’ve almost learned half of it so far. I am taking time with Jesus. It helps me to stay focused more.

TAKE YOUR TIME

• Take your time—or time takes you and
• drains your strength away. Take a minute,
• maybe two, throughout your busy day—for
• slowing down to meditate—from worldly
• things apart—in a quiet place to wait with
• a receptive heart. Take your time to think
• about the greatest things of all—take your
• time to work it out before the curtains fall.
• Why the worry? What’s the hurry? Take
• your time and stroll.... Slacken pace to
• see the view. Take *your* time or time
• takes you. —*Patience Strong*



**THE UTMOST FOR
HIS HIGHEST**
By Oswald Chambers

Are You Exhausted Spiritually?

I THESSALONIANS 5:23 “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Exhaustion means that the vital forces are worn right out. Spiritual exhaustion never comes through sin; but only through service, and whether or not you are exhausted will depend upon where you get your supplies.

Jesus said to Peter: “**Feed My Sheep,**” but He gave nothing to feed them with. The process of being made broken bread and poured out wine means that you have to be the nourishment for other souls until they learn to feed on God. They must drain you to the dregs. Be careful other souls learn to draw on the life of the Lord Jesus direct, they have to draw on it through you; you have to be literally “sucked” until they learn to take their nourishment from God. We owe it to God to be our best for His lambs and His sheep as well as for Himself.

Has the way in which you have been serving God betrayed you into exhaustion? If so, then rally your affects. Where did you start the service from? From your own sympathy or from the basis of the Redemption of Jesus Christ? Continually go back to the foundation of your affections and recollect where the source of power is.

You have no right to say— “O Lord, I am so exhausted.” Be exhausted for God, but remember that your supply comes from Him. “...: **all my springs are in thee.**” **PSALM 87:7.**



CHRISTIAN LIVING
By J.C. Brumfield

Whatever you think, both in joy and in woe,
Think nothing you would not want Jesus to know.

Whatever you say in a whisper or clear,

Say nothing you would not want Jesus to hear.

Whatever you sing in the midst of your glee,
Sing nothing God’s listening ear would displease.

Whatever you write with haste or with heed,

Write nothing you would not want Jesus to read.

Whatever you read, though the page may allure,

Read nothing, unless you are perfectly sure

Consternation would not be seen in your look,

If Christ should say, solemnly, “Show me that book.”

Wherever you go, never go where you would fear

God’s question being asked you,

“What doest thou here?”

**“For ye are bought with a price:
therefore glorify God in your body,
and in your spirit, which are God’s
(I CORINTHIANS 6:19,20)**

J.C. Brumfield, D.D., was born in The United States in September of 1907. He died on April 20, 1974. He served as a pastor of the Faith Baptist Church in Yorba Linda, California. For many years he also ministered widely to children through radio. He wrote 15 primary works — The Susie and Johnny Series.

Mr. Brumfield’s book, *Comfort for Troubled Christians*. This book is still popular and a help to troubled Christians. (It was published by Moody Press). Small in size, it is a book that has impacted many souls. He wrote:

God’s children can be joyous and victorious even in the midst of the fire of trial and suffering. In sickness and poverty, persecution and trial, abuse and betrayal, heartache and disappointment, God’s child can have a perfect peace that passeth all understanding.

He dedicated his book to saints in affliction, with the humble prayer that His comfort might be a precious reality.



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PSALM 122:6

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:...”

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